



NROs Update

NATIONAL REPORTING
OBLIGATIONS' NEWSLETTER

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NRO automatic reminders system

At a meeting in July 2014 NROAG established the development of an automated IPP reminders system as one of the short-term goals. The CPM-11 adopted in April 2016 the NRO Work Plan, including the system.

The IPPC Secretariat worked on this issue for several months and as a result the system became functional in July 2016. The first automatic reminder sent out was a reminder about the accuracy of Contact Points' details.

Automatic reminders will be sent out regularly throughout the year to the email accounts of all IPPC Official Contact Points with the following frequency:

- ◆ **every 3 months:** Contact Point (contact details);
- ◆ **every 6 months:** Pest reporting; Emergency action;
- ◆ **every 12 months:** Description of the NPPO; Entry Points; List of Regulated Pests; Legislation: Phytosanitary Requirements/Restrictions/Prohibitions.

Additionally, **every 3 months** information will be sent out about files used in the reports which stopped working and links or URLs which might need updating. **Once a year** a reminder to check contact details of the IPP editors will be sent out.

For strictly bilateral NROs (e.g. non-compliance) no automatic reminder will be sent.

The Year of Pest Reporting

This series of newsletters Vol. 3 (01-12) will be published from April 2016 to March 2017 and will mainly focus on issues relevant to national pest reporting. Please make sure you read them all.



Creating a pest report on the IPP (Part III)

Creating a new pest report - steps from 10 to 16 (previous steps you can find in June and July issues of NROS UPDATE)

10. A field **"Hosts or Articles concerned"** refers to plants or plant products which have been affected by the pest you are reporting. Fill in this field with relevant plants names or names of plant families or description of plant groups or products of concern.

11. A field **"Geographical Distribution"** refers to the areas where outbreak of the pest you are reporting has occurred or which are affected by the measures. Indicate at least your country's name and the name of the region/s concerned preferably specifying where within your country they are situated.

12. A field **"Nature of Immediate or potential danger"** refers to a type of danger that the pest you are reporting is posing. Indicate here information regarding that danger, e.g. if the pest is already regulated in your country or not.

13. A field **"Contact for more information"** refers to a person who can be contacted in relation to the contents of this report. Indicate a person's name and their email address.

14. A field **"Issue Keywords"** refers to key words that could describe best the contents of the report. You need to type here preferably one word (e.g. pest, outbreak, measure, trade, export, import, etc.) and wait for the system to display a drop down selection of relevant words. You need to select an appropriate word or words from that list.

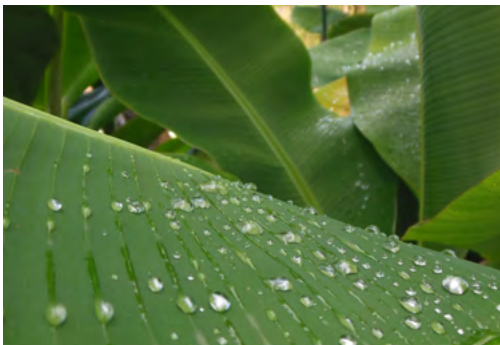
15. A field **"Commodity Keywords"** refers to plants or plant products affected by the pest you are reporting. You need to type here preferably one word (e.g. fruit, plant, wood, pallet, etc.) and wait for the system to display a drop down selection of relevant words. You need to select an appropriate word or words from that list.

16. **"Files"**: here you have a possibility to attach documents to your report. In a field "Description" you insert a title of a document you would like to attach. To upload a document you need to click on a button "Choose File" and then select a document stored on your computer. You can add several documents by clicking on a button "add another" and follow the same procedure. To remove the document you need to click on the button "remove".

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Did you know?

The IPPC Secretariat is working now on [The Guide to National Reporting Obligations](#) with the aim to have it available in French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese.



Statistics on Pest Reporting on the IPP (data valid: 31 July 2016)

Pest Reports			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	12	48
Asia	25	8	41
Europe	45	15	144
Latin America & Caribbean	33	16	81
Near East	15	0	0
North America	2	2	120
South West Pacific	13	9	100
Total	182	62	534

Pest Reports		July 2016	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	-	0	0
Latin America & Caribbean	-	0	0
Near East	-	0	0
North America	Canada	1	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0

Changes among Contact Points in July 2016

In July 2016, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:
Angola, Costa Rica, Ghana, Moldova, Switzerland, Turkey, Yemen.



Think before your travel – understand the consequences of your actions

How often do we travel and buy wooden curios, flowers or agricultural products to take home to your friends and family? THINK before you do this – you could be taking pests back to your country that could result in a very significant negative economic, food security or environmental impact.

Prevention is better than cure
Be responsible for your actions!

THE ACRONYM FINDER

CP	IPPC Contracting Party
CPM	Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IPP	International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int)
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
NPPO	National plant protection organization
NROs	National Reporting Obligations
NROAG	National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group
OCP	Official Contact Point of a Contracting Party to the Convention
RPPO	Regional plant protection organization

USEFUL LINKS

The role of the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/role-ippc-official-contact-points/>

A nomination form for the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ippc-official-contact-point-notification-form/>

A nomination form for the IPP editor

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ipp-editor-nomination-request-nppos/>

Guide to National Reporting Obligations (Version 1.1, May 2016)

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>

General info on NROs

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/>

NROs UPDATE: previous editions

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-official-contact-point/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-organization-of-the-nppo/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-nro-year-of-the-pest-reports/>

Summary of NRO reports provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/>

List of IPPC Contact Points

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/>

Summary of pest reports provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/pestreport/>



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