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## Workshop on NROs for Asian region

The IPPC Workshop on National Reporting Obligations for Asia took place on 5-9 September 2016 in Beijing, China. The workshop was jointly organized by the IPPC and Asia & Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC). The meeting was attended by 25 participants from 16 countries of the Asian region.

During the workshop, the NRO related topics were addressed: changes to the IPPC information exchange since 2011; NRO statistics for the APPPC countries; future NRO-related activities to 2020; NRO on-line training material; NRO Year of Pest reporting; and the importance of networks.

Participants presented new NRO reports of their countries and worked on the development of national NRO work plans towards 2020. The workshop also included a hands-on demonstration and training on NROs data entry. During this session participants uploaded the new NRO reports on the IPP website. There was also a separate session dedicated to APPPC website.

The IPPC Secretariat intends to organize at least one Workshop on NROs for each FAO region within the next five years in cooperation with relevant RPPOs as well as FAO regional and sub-regional offices.

## 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.

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### Creating a pest report on the IPP (Part IV)

Creating a new pest report - steps from 17 to 19 (previous steps you can find in June, July and August issue of NROs UPDATE)

17. **"Websites**": here you have a possibility to attach links to websites relevant for the report. For example that could be a link to your national or regional website with more information about the outbreak. In a field underneath "Url for more information" you insert an url address of a relevant website. You can add several links by clicking on a button "add another" and follow the same procedure. To remove the link you need to click on the button "remove". If you use this option remember that these links should be functional over the time. As website's addresses change very often remember to update the link once it happens.

18. **"Notification to Countries, RPPOs, IOs, Liaisons or Secretariat"**. Here you have a possibility to inform other countries, Regional Plant Protection Organizations, international organizations or the IPPC Secretariat about the report you will have uploaded. If you choose this option an automatic email with a relevant link to the IPP will be send to an official email address of an Official Contact Point of a chosen country or a RPPO.

To use this option you need to check the box (by clicking on it) under "**Notify**" and then select from the lists a chosen country and/or organizations. You can select more than one country or organization from the lists.

To notify the IPPC Secretariat you need to check the box (by clicking on it) under "Notify Secretariat".

19. When you have finished filling in the form remember to save the data by clicking on the button labelled: "**Submit**" at the bottom of the page.

For more detailed information about pest reporting, please go to <u>the</u> International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure No 17: Pest reporting and the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure No 8: Determination of pest status in an area.

Remember that not all fields described above are obligatory to complete in order to technically submit the report to the IPP - in fact currently only the title is necessary. Therefore, you can fill in as many or as few fields you find appropriate for your report, however, preferably insert as much information as possible and available. The report can be updated with new information at any time once more data becomes available.

### Did you know?

Since August 2016 there has been an increase in numbers of pest reports uploaded on the IPP by countries. You can see the list of all pest reports here.

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Pest Reports				
Region	Number of contracting parties		Number of reports	
Africa	49	12	48	
Asia	25	8	43	
Europe	45	15	144	
Latin America & Caribbean	33	16	81	
Near East	15	0	0	
North America	2	2	130	
South West Pacific	13	9	100	
Total	182	62	546	

Pest Reports		August 2016	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	Japan, Republic of Korea, Thailand	2	1
Europe	-	0	0
Latin America & Caribbean	Barbados	0	1
Near East	-	0	0
North America	USA	10	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0

## **Changes among Contact Points in August 2016**

In August 2016, the following countries nominated new Contact Points: Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia, Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago. 3

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## 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

СР	IPPC Contracting Party
СРМ	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

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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