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Phytosanitary.info

Background

The phytosanitary.info website makes practical resources available to contracting parties and to the general public. The web page was developed through IPPC Capacity Development activities as an output for the support component of the Implementation Review and Support System project and to host products developed under specific projects.

In 2011, an inventory of available technical resources in all languages was made, through a call for resources posted on the IPP directed to all IPPC contracting parties, RPPOs and relevant organizations. The first call in August 2011 yielded in nearly 300 technical resources in terms of manuals, reports, handbooks, guides, diagnostic protocol and etc. The technical resources will be reviewed by the relevant subsidiary body(ies) and appear publically in Phytosanitary.info site after approval. Diagnostic protocols, pest information factsheets, pest risk analysis material and bilateral agreements are exceptions from the review. The published phytosanitary technical resources included in the phytosanitary.info website are not endorsed/adopted/agreed by the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures(CPM). Over 200 resources are currently available on the page. Resources on the page include the newly launched Roster of Consultants, project and activities databases, and the e-learning course on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).

The Roster of Consultants, which is a web-based database of service providers on phytosanitary issues and will offer information on self-nominated experts with competencies in developing phytosanitary capacity. This roster is intended to help national plant protection organizations, organizations/institutions and other stakeholders find the expertise they need to successfully implement phytosanitary capacity developments projects and activities around the world.

Status and update Dec 2012-May 2013

- The work of the IT design and IT functions have been carried out through collaboration in the IPPC Secretariat, mainly with the Information Exchange team. In April 2013, the web page was integrated to the new IT- platform of Drupal. Due to some external hacking attempts, a IT security test was performed by FAO IT-division. Actions for improvements will be taken accordingly based on the report received.
- During CPM-8 a side session titled “Meet the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) and learn more about the phytosanitary technical resources page” was held by the IPPC Secretariat. 23 delegates participated. The participants had the opportunity to



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meet some of the members of the CDC and a brief introduction to the structure, rules of procedures and Terms of Reference for the CDC was presented. The phytosanitary technical resources web page (www.phytosanitary.info) was demonstrated with explanations on how to find and contribute phytosanitary technical resources.

- The IPPC Secretariat has received a significant amount of technical resources (Diagnostic Protocols, Pest information factsheets etc) from the regional plant protection organisations in North America (NAPPO) and in Europe (EPPO). These are available at the resources page.
- In the first CDC meeting in December, the CDC made a request to make a call for template (formats) for the notification of non-compliance and emergency actions. Based on the information from the survey on the ISPM 13 “Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency actions” an invite was sent out to the contracting parties which have informed that they have a generic processes in place for reporting or responding to notifications of instances of non-compliance. The call was made in the end of April, 2013. A generic template (format) will be developed to function as a resource (available at the resources page) for contracting parties which still don't have the processes in place.
- In April the launch of the Roster of Consultants was performed and a news item was published on the IPP web site in the end of April. The IPPC Secretariat is currently receiving requests from expert who would like to be considered to be listed in the roster.
- Positive feedback received on the phytosanitary.info website. The Regional Plant Protection Organization, OIRSA, will update the activities database to share information on their upcoming activities in the Latin America region during 2013.
- Disclaimer, discuss the link to the IPP. Include different logos for the technical resources.

Future actions- suggestion

- Discussion on the objective of the page- are all our needs fulfilled? More functions needed? The CDC is welcome with their suggestions and opinions on this matter.
- Invitation will be sent out the NPPOs, RPPOs, scientific institutes, development cooperation agencies, etc for them to promote the Roster of Consultants.

Support document for the Regional IPPC workshops 2013
Update on the Phytosanitary.info



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- Communication and promotion material: Suggestion of an updated manual, highlight project or workshop “news item” or “project/activity of the month” to make the projects and databases more attractive. Send out an email to NPPOs and RPPOs.
- Improvements of the site, long-term is to find an improved lay out, short term the categorisation of the technical resources.