

Diagnostic protocols:

1. Are they useful or not useful?

More relevant question might be ‘Are they being used?’ Countries present at the workshop had not had chance to consult about this issue before the workshop. They considered that some countries or laboratories may not know about the IPPC protocols. They also noted that the scope of DPs may not be under the plant quarantine service, it may be another organization (e.g. university or other laboratory).

2. Which protocols are used frequently?

The pests covered by the IPPC protocols (only three at the moment) may not be regulated by the countries, so this might affect the answer.

3. Who uses them?

We are not able to comment on whether the IPPC protocols are used, but diagnostic protocols are used by Official quarantine laboratories, universities and research institutes .

4. Which protocols should be developed with priority?

Fruit flies of relevance to the NE region –spp (including *Bactrocera invadens*, *B. zonata*, *Ceratitis cosyra*, *B. dorsalis*, *Dacus frontalis*, *D. ciliatus*).

The Current DPs are:

Thrips palmi

Plum pox virus

Trogoderma granarium

DPs out for Member Consultation:

Tilletia indica

Guignardia citricarpa