



The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

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Outline

- The Convention (IPPC)
- Implications of the SPS Agreement
- Organizational framework
- Standard setting
- Information exchange
- Technical assistance





The IPPC

- Multilateral treaty for international cooperation in plant protection
- A standard setting organization
- Identified in the WTO-SPS Agreement as the authority for plant health standards





Purpose of the IPPC

...to secure common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control

(Article I of IPPC)





Scope of the IPPC

- International cooperation in the protection of plants and plant products from harmful pests
 - plants: agricultural plants, forests and wild flora
 - plant pests: invertebrates, diseases and weeds
 - harm: includes indirect effects such as those from weeds
 - not limited to trade





Scope of the IPPC

- Extends to items capable of harbouring or spreading pests, such as:
 - storage places
 - conveyances
 - containers
- Includes biological control organisms
- Provision for research or other purposes





History

- Original IPPC adopted in 1951 and entered into force in 1952
- Revised in 1979 and amendments entered into force in 1991
- Revised again in 1997 and amendments entered into force in 2005
 - consistent with SPS principles and expectations
 - formalizes Secretariat and standard-setting
- 170 contracting parties (as of May 2009)





Key principles of the IPPC

- Sovereign right to regulate
- Measures - only when necessary
- Measures should be:
 - consistent with the risk, technically justified and the least restrictive
 - non-discriminatory
 - transparent (published)





Key obligations of the IPPC

- Set up and administer a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)
- Designate an official IPPC contact point
- Conduct treatments and certify exports
- Regulate imports
- Cooperate internationally
 - share information on pests and regulations
- Develop and take into account phytosanitary standards




IPPC contracting parties

English Africa (as of May 2007)

Country	IPPC	Country	IPPC
Botswana	X	Namibia	✓
Eritrea	✓	Nigeria	✓
Ethiopia	✓	Seychelles	✓
Gambia	X	Sierra Leone	✓
Ghana	✓	South Africa	✓
Guinea-Bissau	✓	Swaziland	✓
Kenya	✓	Tanzania	✓
Lesotho	X	Uganda	✓
Liberia	✓	Zambia	✓
Malawi	✓	Zimbabwe	X
Mozambique	✓		





Relationship between the IPPC and the SPS

- members **shall** base their phytosanitary measures on international standards or justify deviations through risk analysis
- members **shall** play a full part in the relevant standard setting organization
- relevant standard setting organizations are Codex, OIE, and IPPC

(Article 3 of the SPS, Harmonization)





Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures

Should be:

- consistent with international standards
- justified based on scientific principles and evidence
- harmonized to the extent possible
- Transparent, notified, non-discriminatory
- only to meet the appropriate level of protection





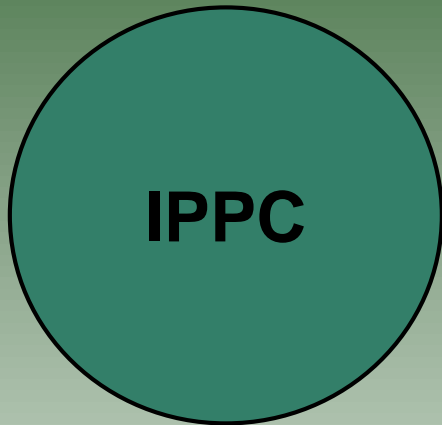
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The SPS makes complementary provision for phytosanitary protection in a trade agreement

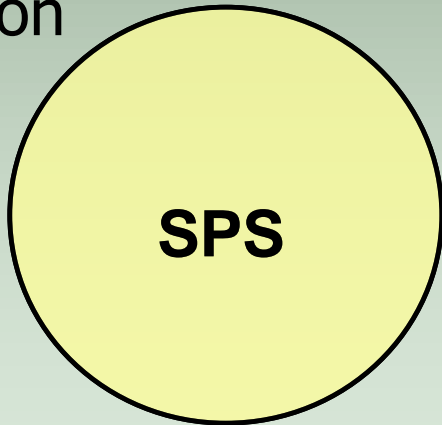




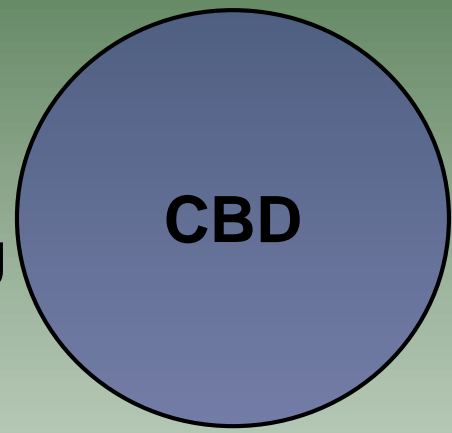
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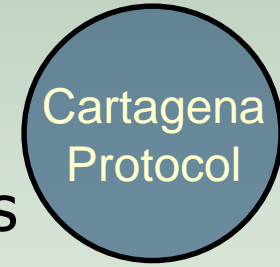
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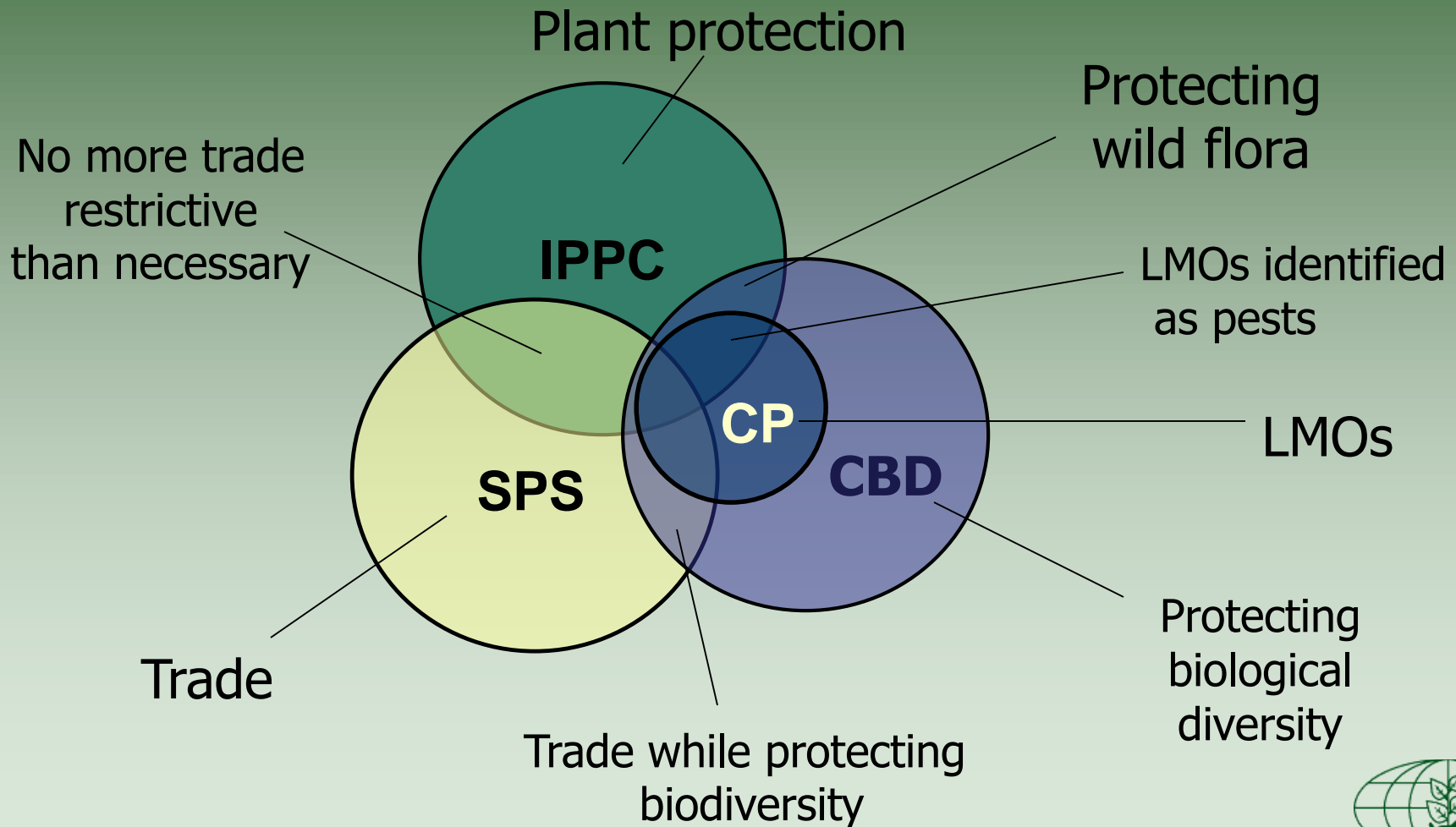
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LMOs



International regulatory framework





Bodies established under the IPPC

- Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (Article XI)
- IPPC Secretariat (Article XII)
- Regional Plant Protection Organizations (Article IX)





Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

- Governing body for the IPPC, works by consensus
- Reviews global plant protection needs and sets the annual work programme
- Develops and adopts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)
- Promotes technical assistance and information exchange activities





CPM

- Membership: Contracting parties only
- Observers: Countries that are not contracting parties, Regional Plant Protection Organizations and international organizations
- Meets annually, the next meeting is:

CPM-5

22-26 March 2010

Rome, Italy





IPPC Secretariat

- Established in 1992
- Hosted at Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy
- FAO funded
- Part-time Secretary
- 3 professional staff
- 1 administrator
- Extra budgetary fund
- 8 professional staff (all short term)





IPPC Secretariat activities

- Implements the work programme
- Supports the production of ISPMs
- Facilitates information exchange
- Provides input into technical assistance programmes
- Facilitates dispute settlement
- Represents the IPPC (e.g. WTO-SPS, CBD)
- Coordinates with RPPOs





The IPPC Secretariat and other regulatory bodies

- IPPC Secretariat participates in meetings and activities of other regulatory bodies, such as:
 - SPS Committee
 - OIE
 - Codex





IPPC Secretariat and international organizations

- IPPC Secretariat participates in meetings and activities of relevant international organizations, such as:
 - Convention on Biological Diversity
 - International Atomic Energy Agency
 - International Seed Testing Association
 - Montreal Protocol
 - Standards and Trade Development Facility





Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)

- Observers to the CPM
- Currently the CPM recognizes 9 RPPOs
- Meet annually
- Governments that are not contracting parties to the IPPC may belong to an RPPO, and some contracting parties do not belong to an RPPO





Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)

- APPPC: Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission
- CA: Comunidad Andina
- COSAVE: Comité de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono Sur
- CPPC: Caribbean Plant Protection Commission
- EPPO: European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization





Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)

- IAPSC: Inter-African Phytosanitary Council
- NAPPO: North American Plant Protection Organization
- OIRSA: Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria
- PPPO: Pacific Plant Protection Organization
- NEPPO: Near East Plant Protection Organization





Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)

- RPPOs develop regional standards
 - RPPOs identify regional needs for standards
 - Standards are developed and implemented regionally and often become the basis for international standards (ISPMs)





CPM administrative bodies

- Bureau
- Standards Committee
- Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement
- Informal Working Groups
- Expert Working Groups and Technical Panels



CPM administrative bodies

- Bureau
 - Consists of CPM Chair and two Vice-Chairs
 - Current Chair :Ms. Reinouw Bast TJeerde
 - Current Vice- Chairs: Mr Chagama Kedera Kenya and Mr. Mohammad Katbeh Bader (Jordan)
 - Acts on behalf of the CPM between sessions





CPM administrative bodies

- Standards Committee (SC)
 - Oversees the standard setting process and standard development work programme
 - Approves specifications for ISPMs, reviews and recommends changes to draft ISPMs, ensures consistency among ISPMs and recommends ISPMs for adoption by the CPM
 - Group of 25 international technical experts from the 7 FAO regions
 - Meets two times per year (usually in May and November)





African members of the Standards Committee

Standards Committee members are international experts, not national or regional representatives

- Olufunke Awosusi (Nigeria)
- Michael Holtzhausen (South Africa)
- Lahcen Abaha (Morocco)
- Arundel Sakala (Zambia)





CPM administrative bodies

- Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement
 - Activities include:
 - Development of dispute settlement procedures
 - Maintenance of roster of phytosanitary experts
 - Promotion of dispute avoidance
 - Provision of information for the effective preparation of a dispute settlement
 - Group of 7 international experts from the 7 FAO regions
 - Meets annually, usually just before CPM





CPM administrative bodies

- Other working groups
 - Focus Group
 - Working group which focuses on a particular issue of concern identified by the CPM.
 - Informal working group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (SPTA)
 - IPP Support Group
 - Provides support for the International Phytosanitary Portal and information exchange activities





CPM administrative bodies

- Expert working groups (EWGs)
 - Working groups that draft ISPMs, usually meeting only once to work on a specific issue
 - Consist of experts nominated by NPPOs or RPPOs, selected by the Standards Committee (SC) and approved by the Bureau
 - A steward (usually a member of the SC) guides the EWG and the draft ISPM being developed
 - ISPMs drafted are submitted to the SC for review and evaluation





CPM administrative bodies

- Technical Panels (TPs)
 - Five have been established on:
 - Diagnostic protocols
 - Forest quarantine
 - Fruit flies pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence
 - Phytosanitary treatments
 - Glossary of phytosanitary terms





CPM administrative bodies

- TPs provide the Standards Committee (SC) with specific draft ISPMs and advise the SC on specific technical matters
- Experts are nominated by NPPOs or RPPOs, selected by the Standards Committee and approved by the Bureau
- A steward (usually a member of the SC) guides the TP and the draft ISPMs they develop
- ISPMs drafted are submitted to the SC for review and evaluation





International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures ISPMs

- Adopted by the CPM
- Implemented by countries
- ISPMs currently adopted: 32





IPPC standard setting work programme PROCESS

- Biennial call for topics for ISPMs has been sent to NPPOs, RPPOs, and international organizations
- SPTA and SC provide recommendations on topics to be included
- CPM decides which topics are added to the work programme and corresponding priorities for development
- Expert working groups / Technical panels draft ISPMs
- Standards Committee reviews drafts
- Member consultation on drafts (regular or fast track process)
- Standards Committee incorporates comments
- Adoption by the CPM





Input into the standard setting process in 2009

- expert working group to draft a standard on PRA for plants as quarantine pests: 25-29 May (discussion papers)
- call for experts: 1 June 2009
- Regional workshop for the review of draft ISPMs:
- call for topics: 31 July
- Standards Committee (drafts available to contact points): November 2009
- Adoption of ISPMs: Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-5): 22-26 March 2009





Draft ISPMs sent to CPM-4 for adoption

Regular process

- Amendments to ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*).
- Appendix to ISPM No. 5 on Terminology of CBD in relation to the Glossary
- Revision of ISPM No. 15 (Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade)
- Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk

Special process

- 14 irradiation treatments





Most recently adopted ISPMs CPM-4 (April 2009)

- ISPM No. 5 (2008): Glossary of phytosanitary terms
- ISPM No. 30 (2008): Establishment of areas of low pest prevalence for fruit flies (Tephritidae)
- ISPM No. 31 (2008): Methodologies for sampling of consignments



Opportunities for country participation in the standard setting process

- Suggestion of topics for new ISPMs or revision of existing ISPMs
- Provision of comments on draft specifications for ISPMs during member consultation
- Nomination of experts for expert working groups and technical panels
- Provision of comments on draft ISPMs during country consultation and participation in regional workshops on draft ISPMs
- Participation in the CPM





Information exchange

- Contracting parties provide:
 - Official contact points
 - Official information on pests and phytosanitary measures
- IPPC Secretariat:
 - Provides official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
 - Facilitates information exchange
 - Maintains the IPPC website





International Phytosanitary Portal the “IPP”

www.ippc.int

- Official website of the IPPC, containing information such as:
 - Official contact points
 - Official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
 - Phytosanitary information from countries




International Phytosanitary Portal

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP). At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, IPPC, IPPC Publications, National, and Calendar. A search box is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with several sections. On the left, there is a 'Welcome to Georgia' section. In the center, there are sections for 'IPPC Hot Topics', 'Convention (IPPC)', 'The Commission (CPM)', 'Standards (ISPMs)', 'Standard setting', 'Information exchange', and 'Dispute Settlement'. On the right, there is a 'Recent IPPC News' section. The bottom right corner features the IPPC logo.

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the official web site for the International Plant Protection Convention

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The **IPPC** is an international treaty to secure action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control. It is governed by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (**CPM**) which adopts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (**ISPMs**). The CPM has confirmed the IPP as the preferred forum for national IPPC reporting and the exchange of more general information among the phytosanitary community. The **IPPC Secretariat** coordinates the activities of the Convention and is hosted by FAO.

Welcome to Georgia
as a new IPPC contracting party in March 2007.

All National Information

- NPPO Contact & Information Points
 - contracting parties
 - non-contracting parties
- News
- Statistics

Basic reporting

- Pest Reports
- Phytosanitary Regulations
- Lists of Regulated Pests
- Points of Entry
- Emergency Actions
- Description of NPPO

Optional reporting

- Rationale for phytosanitary requirements / IPPC

IPPC Hot Topics

- 2nd CPM Rome, March 2007

Convention (IPPC)

- Convention text
- Benefits of membership
- Contracting parties
- Adherence

The Commission (CPM)

- About the CPM
- 2nd CPM Rome, March 2007
- CPM/ICPM reports
- Report of 1st CPM

Standards (ISPMs)

- Adopted ISPMs
- Draft ISPMs for country consultation
- Specifications for ISPMs

Standard setting

Information exchange

- IPP/Information Exchange Workshops

Dispute Settlement

- Dispute Settlement Manual
- Form to initiate an IPPC dispute

Recent IPPC News

News: [All IPPC](#) [RPPO](#) [NPPO](#)

04/04/2007 **Update: IPPC survey of bark on ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging**


03/04/2007 **New documents for CPM-2 (March 2007)**

20/03/2007 **Pest risk analysis training material**

19/03/2007 **Comments on draft ISPMs for CPM-2**

04/01/2007 **Comments on 2006 draft ISPMs now available**

13/12/2004 **USA to fund two**





Technical assistance

- IPPC staff provide phytosanitary support to:
 - FAO technical cooperation programmes (TCPs)
 - Ad hoc workshops (e.g. WTO, SPS)
 - Programmes of other regional and international organizations (e.g. IAEA, APO, APEC)





Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

- Questionnaire to help countries identify limiting factors and assistance required
- Self-diagnostic technical assistance tool
- Helps to form national strategy
- Available for download on the IPP or on CD-ROM upon request to the IPPC Secretariat





Priorities from PCE evaluations

- Promote awareness
- Upgrade national legislation
- Sustainability
- Develop regulatory framework
- Implement operational and management procedures
- Training and improvement of technical skills





Review

- The Convention (IPPC)
- Implications of the SPS Agreement
- Organizational framework - CPM, IPPC Secretariat, RPPOs, other bodies
- Standards (ISPMs) and work programme
- Information exchange
- Technical assistance and the PCE





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