



# The IPPC & The SPS-Agreement \*

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\* “Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and  
Phytosanitary Measures”





# WTO system

## SPS Agreement

**“Members shall notify changes in their sanitary or phytosanitary measures and shall provide information on their sanitary or phytosanitary measures in accordance with the provisions of Annex B.”**

## Article VII: Transparency





# Relationship to the SPS

## *Art 3 of the SPS* (**Harmonization**)

- members shall base their SPS measures on international standards or justify deviations
- members shall play a full part in the relevant standard setting organization
- relevant standard setting organizations are CAC, OIE, and IPPC





# 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





## *Enquiry points*

- 3. Each Member shall ensure that **one** enquiry point exists which is responsible for the provision of answers to all reasonable questions from interested Members as well as for the provision of relevant documents regarding:**
- (a) any sanitary or phytosanitary regulations adopted or proposed within its territory;**
  - (b) any control and inspection procedures, production and quarantine treatment, pesticide tolerance and food additive approval procedures, which are operated within its territory;**



## ***Enquiry points cont.***

**■■■ provide relevant documents on:**

- (c) risk assessment procedures, factors taken into consideration, as well as the determination of the appropriate level of sanitary or phytosanitary protection;**
- (d) the membership and participation of the Member, or of relevant bodies within its territory, in international and regional sanitary and phytosanitary organizations and systems, as well as in bilateral and multilateral agreements and arrangements within the scope of this Agreement, and the texts of such agreements and arrangements.**





# ***Notification procedures***

## ***5. ...Members shall notify the SPS-Secretariat:***

- > publish regulations**
- > publish a notice on introduction of new regulations**
- > notification on changes on regulations, and**
- > -on products affected by new regulation, and**
- > -on objective and rational**



**The SPS makes provision for phytosanitary  
protection  
in a trade agreement...**

**The IPPC makes complementary provision  
for trade  
in a protection agreement.**







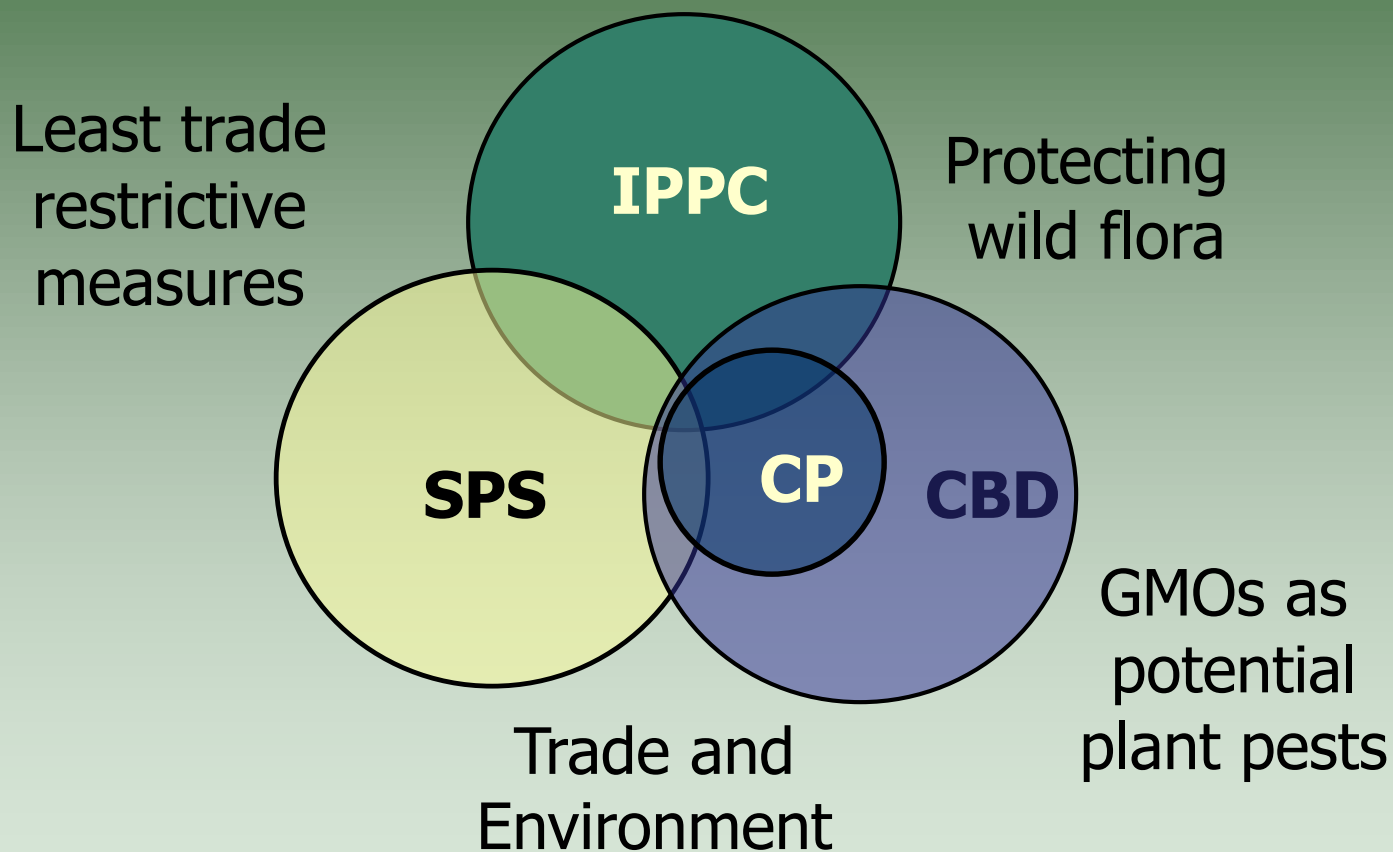
# Scope

**“The coverage of the IPPC definition of pests of plants includes weeds and other species that have indirect effects on plants. Therefore the scope of the Convention applies to the protection of wild flora resulting in an important contribution to the conservation of biological diversity.” (ICPM 2001)**





# International Regulatory Framework





## Relationship to the IPPC

- **GMOs (LMOs) to the extent that such organisms may be considered pests of plants [CP <-> IPPC]**
- **Biosafety as it involves Pest Risk Analysis, biocontrol, and the application of phytosanitary measures**
- **Alien invasive species to the extent that these include *pests* of plants and plant products [CBD <-> IPPC]**





# Environmental Hazards

- **Expert working group on elaboration of environmental risks**
  - **Reduction/elimination of endangered or threatened native plant species**
  - **Reduction/elimination of keystone species**
  - **Reduction/elimination of plant species that is a major component of native ecosystem**
  - **Changes to plant biodiversity causing ecosystem destabilization**
  - **Impacts of control programs**





# Implementation

## SPS Enquiry Point

- separate from IPPC
- narrower than IPPC

## Different process from IPPC

### *Overlap*

## Need for coordination and cooperation

### *Meeting IPPC obligations?!*

