



NROs Update

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NRO element at the 2017 IPPC Regional Workshops

During the 2017 IPPC Regional Workshops participants were asked to carry out a verification exercise regarding the IPPC Contact Points details correctness by completing a form. The form was enquiring about the correctness of: a name of the contact point, their title, a name of the organization and its address, and contact emails as presented on the IPP.

As a result a substantial number of data was updated on the IPP so as to best reflect the current situation. At the same time, a lot of data was confirmed as accurate. It is a good sign of understanding among IPPC contracting parties of the importance of communicating to the IPPC Secretariat any changes regarding the Contact Points.

It should also be noted that nearly all data (such as addresses, emails, etc.) regarding a Contact Point - apart from Contact Point's name and title - can be updated by the Contact Points themselves after logging in to the IPP. The procedure is described in the Guide to NROs.

Those Contact Points or IPP editors of countries which did not participate in any IPPC Regional Workshop who would like to do the exercise are welcome to send a completed form to the IPPC Secretariat. You can find that form here.

The Year of Phytosanitary legislation

This series of newsletters Vol. 4 will be published during the period: April 2017 – March 2018 and will mainly focus on issues relevant to reporting phytosanitary legislation. Please make sure you read them all.



The IPPC NRO Workshop held for the South-West Pacific

The IPPC National Reporting Obligations Workshop for countries from the South-West Pacific region was held in Nadi, Fiji on 10th and 11th August 2017. It was the second workshop in the new series after the Asian NRO Workshop held in 2016. The Workshop was jointly organized by the IPPC Secretariat and the Pacific Community (SPC), and supported financially by the FAO-China South-South Cooperation Programme and the Australian AID. The Workshop was attended by 29 participants from 21 countries belonging to the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO).

During the two day Workshop participants were made familiar with basic information on NROs and the latest developments in NROs, such as:

- ◆ Public and Bilateral NROs;
- ◆ General and specific NRO rules and procedures;
- ◆ NRO Guide, factsheets and leaflets;
- ◆ NROs UPDATE newsletter;
- ◆ the NRO Year of Phytosanitary legislation;
- ◆ new NRO oversight body;
- ◆ NRO automatic reminders;
- ◆ NRO statistics.



The Workshop included a hands-on training of the IPP data entry and upload of reports brought by the participants. Reports uploaded included national reports on phytosanitary legislation in the form of pdf or other files and/or links to national website regarding legislative acts currently in force. Participants were given guidance and practical advice connected with issues such as compiling of a report, contents of a report and upload of a report on the IPP.

Valuable feedback from participants regarding improvements to reporting and the IPP website was collected. It will serve as the basis for future work and improvements in the NRO area.

In general, the Workshop disseminated knowledge on NROs while raising awareness among participants; improved the number of reports and their quality; assisted with experience sharing between participants and trained participants in reports upload on the IPP. The IPPC Secretariat will hold more regional NRO workshops subject to availability of funding.

[You can find materials prepared for the Workshop here.](#) The Workshop was held in English.



Did you know?

All new NRO learning material, including the NRO Guide, table summaries, leaflets and factsheets, is available in French.
[You can find them here](#) (click on files marked: „Fr”).



Statistics on Phytosanitary legislation on the IPP (data valid: 20 September 2017)

Phytosanitary legislation			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	50	28	84
Asia	25	18	116
Europe	45	32	101
Latin America and Caribbean	33	22	131
Near East	15	8	38
North America	2	2	10
South West Pacific	13	15	71
Total	183	125	551

Phytosanitary legislation		July-August 2017	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	Burkina Faso, Togo	4	1
Asia	Myanmar	2	2
Europe	Belarus, Serbia, Slovenia	0	12
Latin America and Caribbean	-	-	-
Near East	-	-	-
North America	United States of America	0	1
South West Pacific	Australia, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Tuvalu	7	13
Total		13	29

Changes among Contact Points in July and August 2017

In July and August 2017 new Contact Points were registered for: Grenada, Kuwait, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Wallis and Futuna.



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

CP	IPPC Contracting Party
CPM	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 organization

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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