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<b>Prepared by the IAGPRA</b>
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1. The International Advisory Group for Pest Risk Analysis (IAGPRA) is a small independent group of pest risk analysts, mostly working with National Plant Protection Organizations, with expertise in plant pest risk analysis and related matters. Over the years, this group has provided expert advice and support to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat on pest risk analysis (PRA) related issues, in particular with respect to building capacity for PRA.

2. Recent activities: The most recent activity of IAGPRA has been to draft an IPPC guide on pest risk communication for national plant protection organizations. The IPPC recognises that pest risk communication is an interactive process allowing exchange of information between the NPPO and stakeholders to inform each other about a pest risk. Through exchange of information stakeholders can contribute significantly to informing NPPO decision making and the development of phytosanitary regulations. The guide first explains why it is important to communicate the risk about plant pests for the benefit of plant health. It then identifies the principles that underlie good pest risk communication approaches. The key factors to consider when planning effective pest risk communication are considered before concluding with advice and examples of how to communicate pest risk in practice.

3. IAGPRA has developed a PRA page on wikipedia:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pest\\_Risk\\_Analysis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pest_Risk_Analysis)

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4. You can find out more information on the IAGPRA web page on the IPP<sup>1</sup>
5. Looking ahead, IAGPRA hopes to further increase communication between PRA workers, sharing information on the approaches taken and the challenges faced so as to learn from each other.
6. Experts who are interested in joining or assisting with the work of the IAGPRA are welcome to submit their names for consideration by the IAGPRA Chair, Alan MacLeod (alan.macleod@defra.gsi.gov.uk). Experts can also be invited to participate as co-opted members for specific tasks. The work of the International Advisory Group on PRA is conducted primarily by electronic communication.

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<sup>1</sup> IAGPRA web page on the IPP:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/liason/organizations/internationaladvisorygroupestriskanalysis/>