



## IPPC Technical Resources

# Establishment and Operation of National Plant Protection Organizations

### Why are NPPOs important?

Contracting parties to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) commit to preventing the introduction and spread of plant pests. Establishing an effective national plant protection organization (NPPO) is key to fulfilling this commitment, and is an obligation for all contracting parties to the revised IPPC (1997).

There are many options and arrangements to consider when designing or improving the structure and function of an NPPO to be compatible with the IPPC and the needs of the country. The IPPC Secretariat has therefore produced two information manuals and a range of training materials on this topic.

### What information is available?

**NPPO Establishment:** This manual and training kit provide information to support the setting up and maintenance of a functional NPPO as the competent and legally responsible body for regulation of plant protection issues, as outlined in the IPPC. The materials provide options on suitable legal frameworks and policy requirements for setting up an NPPO structure, and suggest mechanisms to ensure appropriate financial and human resources, build stakeholder collaboration, and put enforcement measures in place.

**NPPO Operations:** This manual and training kit covers the operational procedures and actions that will contribute to the proper functioning of an NPPO. Topics include the management of phytosanitary programmes, reporting obligations and national capacity development.

These materials were produced to provide information to support contracting parties to improve their efficiency and effectiveness to protect plant resources from pests, and to fulfil their rights, obligations and responsibilities as contracting parties to the IPPC. The information is designed to address the key elements and considerations that need to be taken into account when contracting parties set up a new NPPO, as well as review and upgrade their NPPOs in line with IPPC obligations (as updated in 1997). The materials give broadly applicable information for users to adapt to their own specific needs.

### Get involved

This is part of a series of technical resources developed by the IPPC Secretariat under the direction of the IPPC Capacity Development Committee (CDC). In addition, hundreds of materials contributed by others are available on the Phytosanitary Resources Page. See overleaf for more information on the range of materials available and how the Manual on Establishment and Operation of National Plant Protection Organizations was developed.

The IPPC Secretariat and CDC aim to continually improve the technical resources and seek collaborators to:

- ◆ Design capacity development activities, including workshops and projects based on the IPPC Technical Resources
- ◆ Develop training of trainers programmes
- ◆ Provide financial or in-kind contributions towards the cost of translation and printing of the IPPC Technical Resources
- ◆ Give feedback on use of the current materials (see link overleaf)
- ◆ Contribute case studies, relevant manuals, standard operating procedures and other resources information to the Phytosanitary Resources Page
- ◆ Contribute to development of future IPPC technical resources.

# Phytosanitary Technical Resources

The Phytosanitary Resources Page ([www.phytosanitary.info](http://www.phytosanitary.info)) includes over 300 technical resources that are freely available. These include e-learning modules, manuals, training materials, diagnostic protocols, videos, advocacy materials, photographs, a roster of consultants and databases of projects and activities. The materials support the implementation of the IPPC and its standards, and are in line with the capacity development strategy approved by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures. The materials also support efforts to fulfil objectives of the IPPC's adopted Strategic Framework (2012–2019).

The resources fall into two categories – Contributed Resources and IPPC Technical Resources.

- ◆ Contributed Resources can be contributed by anyone, in any language, and are reviewed by the CDC for consistency and relevance to the IPPC.
- ◆ IPPC Technical Resources are developed by the IPPC Secretariat under the direction of its Capacity Development Committee (CDC).

## How are the IPPC Technical Resources produced?

**Identify needs:** The Secretariat and CDC identify the need for resources to support implementation of the IPPC. This process includes analyzing the responses to the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) surveys, and building on experiences with capacity development projects.

Once the needs are established the next step is to identify where there are existing resources available that meet those needs, and where there are gaps.

**Collect and make available existing resources:** The IPPC Secretariat issued a call to identify existing materials that could be made available or adapted. The Secretariat received hundreds of training materials, manuals, diagnostic protocols and standard operating procedures in response to this call.

The IPPC Capacity Development Committee reviews contributed materials in line with a set of criteria, including consistency with the IPPC. Suitable materials are made available on the Phytosanitary Resources website ([www.phytosanitary.info](http://www.phytosanitary.info)).

Additional suggestions of materials (in any language) are continuously accepted to be considered for inclusion in the page.

**Identify gaps:** Once the extent of existing material is known, the gaps can be identified and IPPC Technical Resources developed to fill those gaps.

**Prioritize which new materials to develop:** The CDC sets priorities to develop new IPPC Technical Resources that are globally relevant, not already available, and emphasize NPPO management.

**Develop and peer review new materials:** The IPPC Technical Resources are developed with input from technical experts, and peer reviewed by additional experts and organizations and by the CDC, using existing materials as references when relevant.

**Publish, use and improve IPPC Technical Resources:** IPPC Technical Resources are available at [www.phytosanitary.info/ippc-technical-resources](http://www.phytosanitary.info/ippc-technical-resources), and additional materials are in development. The CDC encourages national and regional plant protection organizations, and all involved in phytosanitary capacity development, to use and contribute to these materials.

**Get involved:** See overleaf for suggestions of how to get involved.

**Feedback is welcome** through: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/factsheets-IPPC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/factsheets-IPPC)

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