

# Plant Health and Environmental Protection

**IPPC Secretariat  
2018 IPPC Regional Workshop**



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# Relevance of environmental protection for IPPC

## Reference to environmental issues in ISPMs:

- ISPM 3: Biological control
- ISPM 5, Supplement 2: Guidelines on the understanding of “potential economic importance” and related terms including reference to environmental considerations
- ISPM 11: PRA for IA plants, LMOs and environment

## CPM Recommendations on environmental issues:

- R-01: [LMOs, biosecurity and alien invasive species](#)
- R-02: [Threats to biodiversity posed by alien species: actions within the framework of the IPPC](#)
- R-03: [Replacement or reduction of the use of methyl bromide as a phytosanitary measure](#)
- R-04: [IPPC coverage of aquatic plants](#)

**Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG) member since August 2014 (9<sup>th</sup> BLG meeting)**

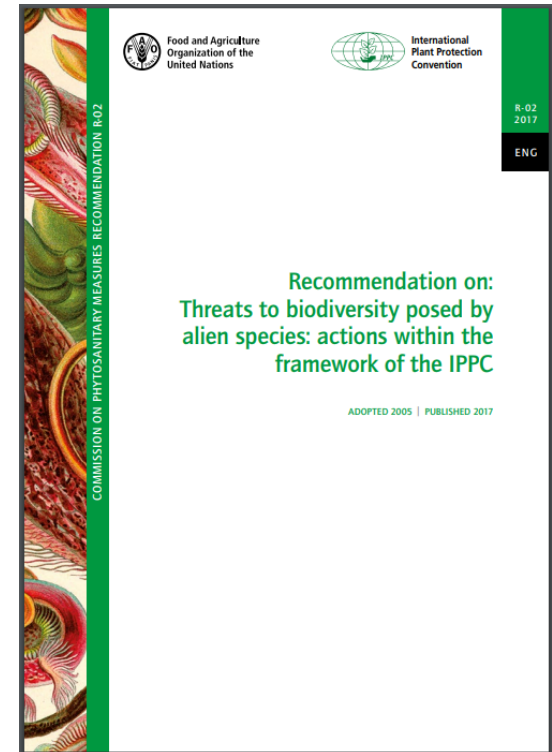


# CPM recommendation R02 on Alien Species

CPM (2005) adopted the recommendation on **Threats to biodiversity posed by alien species: actions within the framework of the IPPC.**

Addressed to: CPs, NPPOs and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

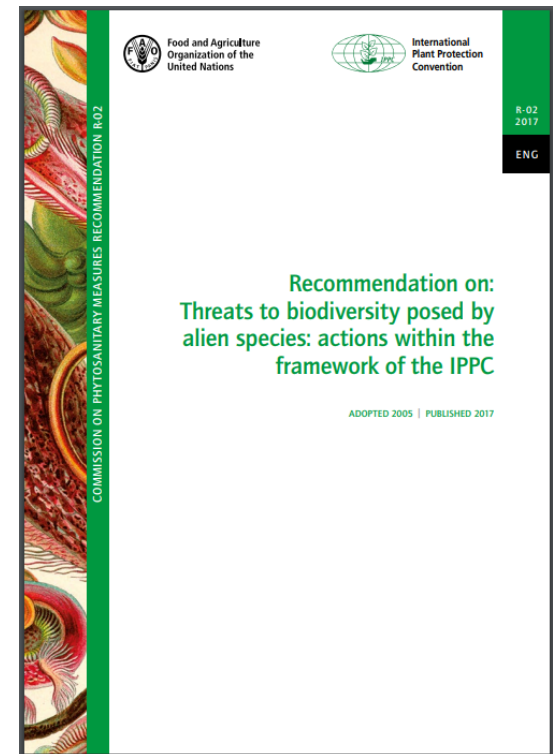
Scope: Invasive Alien Species (IAS), including plants that are IAS.



# CPM recommendation R02 on Alien Species

Recommending:

- NPPOs to enhance plant protection laws and policies to include the protection of wild flora and biodiversity from pests (including plants that are IAS);
- enhance exchanges and improve cooperation between IPPC and CBD CPs;
- establish or adapt existing pest alert systems to include plants that are IAS;
- address these concerns in standard setting and implementation at different levels.





## Relevant ongoing partnerships and liaisons

- Convention on Biological Diversity (MoC and joint work plan)
- Ozone Secretariat (MoU, alternatives to methylbromide)
- Biodiversity Liaison Group
- Interagency-Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species
- UN Environment



# Background on IPPC annual themes

SPG (2015) introduced the concept of IPPC annual themes and agreed that their primary purpose is to focus the advocacy efforts of the IPPC.

CPM-11 (2016) agreed that the themes for the years leading to the IYPH would be:

- 2016 – Plant Health and Food Security
- 2017 – Plant Health and Trade Facilitation
- **2018 – Plant Health and Environmental Protection**
- 2019 – Plant Health and Capacity Development



## 2018 theme

**Purpose:** highlight the important role of Plant Health towards Environmental Protection, e.g. the decline of natural ecosystems as a result of pest introduction and spread, and positive impact of ISPMs towards protecting the environment.



# Activities for 2018 annual theme (1<sup>st</sup> semester)

**Keynote speech by Cristiana Paşca Palmer  
CBD Executive Secretary**

“I fully believe that the two Conventions will be able to celebrate the International Year of Plant Health and a post-2020 global biodiversity framework with the knowledge that we are indeed making a difference, one that will lead to a healthier planet for us and for the generations to come.”





# Activities for 2018 annual theme (1<sup>st</sup> semester)

Video for Regional  
Workshops on PH+EP



34 interviews taken  
during CPM-13



# Activities for 2018 annual theme (1<sup>st</sup> semester)

## CPM-13 Special Topic Session on Plant Health and Environmental Protection

Four presentations:

- **Plant Health and Environmental Protection**
- **Pine Wood Nematode and ISPM 15 implementation**
- **Human and Plant Health Interaction, influenced by Climate Change**
- **Pacific Islands Climate Change Impact on Plant Health**

Presentations posted on the IPP:

<https://www.ippc.int/en/themes/environment-protection/>



# Activities for 2018 annual theme (1<sup>st</sup> semester)

- [Launch of IPPC e-learning course on InforMEA.](#)



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# Planned activities for 2018 annual theme (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)

- Exchange of views during RWs.
- IPPC Seminar during SPG.
- IPPC Secretary attending Biodiversity Liaison Group meeting in New York (July 18).
- Communications meeting of biodiversity-related conventions.
- Enhanced social media presence.
- [Update of IPP thematic page.](#)





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