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REPORT OF THE 4TH FAO/IPPC FAW TWG

1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Opening remarks

- [1] Mr Dale, Chair of FAO/IPPC TWG, welcomed all participants and stressed the need to agree on the actions to be taken by the IPPC community to implement the FAO Global Action for Fall Armyworm Control at the regional and national levels. The Chair underlined that FAW has been included in the national priority plant pests list of the Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, and that the FAW Global Action represents an opportunity to strengthen cooperation on quarantine and biosecurity issues, related both to plant and animal health, in the Asia Pacific region.

1.2 Welcome remarks of the FAO/IPPC TWG Vice Chair

- [2] Ms Brunel, Vice Chair of the FAO/IPPC TWG, welcomed all participants and indicated that the concept of the IPPC guidelines on FAW prevention currently under development were presented at the FAW Technical Committee (TC) on Thursday, 1 October 2020 and received a positive reaction from all the TC members.

2. Meeting Arrangements

- [3] Document and participants lists are available on the [IPPC website](#) and will be updated as necessary. The participants list is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [4] The agenda was adopted by all participants and is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Arrangements of the IPPC work on prevention

- [5] The Chair and Vice-Chair highlighted the need for the FAO/IPPC TWG to endorse the briefing paper on the FAO/IPPC TWG, to agree on the three-year work plan on FAW prevention, and to progress the work on the guidelines on FAW prevention to be published by the end of the year.

4.1 Updated FAO briefing paper

- [6] The briefing paper on the FAO/IPPC TWG was presented at the FAW Technical Committee and the FAW Secretariat provided a summary document of the work of the FAO/IPPC TWG on FAW prevention and preparedness, as well as on the situation at the regional levels. Mr Dale highlighted the need to ensure harmonized terminology throughout the document and acknowledged the contribution and revision by Mr Lucchesi, Ms Ciampitti, and Mr Tay.
- [7] Mr Hadi, Agricultural Officer at the FAO Plant Protection and Production (NSP) Division, recalled that all the FAO Technical Working groups involved in the FAW Global Action were requested to prepare a briefing paper to be included in the IPM assessment document to be approved by the FAW Steering Committee and implemented in the field.
- [8] Mr Day pointed out that FAW has not been eradicated recently and agreed with Ms Watson about the need to question whether eradication may be a successful option to be considered in the guidelines on FAW prevention.

- [9] The Vice-Chair highlighted the need to include references to relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures and existing IPPC guides, and agreed to circulate a new version of the document among TWG members to be commented and revised by Wednesday, 4 November 2020.

4.2 Three-year work plan on FAW prevention (2020-2022)

- [10] The detailed implementation plan of the FAO/IPPC TWG was presented by the Vice-Chair. The work plan will cover a period of three years from 2020 to 2022 and will be focused on the third outcome of

the FAW Global Action strategy: *Risk of FAW introduction and spread to new areas reduced*. The three-year implementation plan is articulated into three major outputs and related activities:

1. Guidance documents on preventing FAW introduction and spread are drafted, validated and made available
 2. National and regional training for pest risk assessment conducted
 3. National and regional training conducted on preventive measures (surveillance and inspection) and on pest outbreaks and alert systems
- [11] The Vice-Chair stressed that the deadline for the development of the guidelines on FAW prevention had initially be set to December 2020. She highlighted the importance of organizing workshops and trainings to validate and spread the guidelines at the regional and national levels as soon as possible considering the rapid rate of spread of the pest. Relevant target audiences for these capacity development activities will be discussed during the next meetings of the FAO/IPPC TWG. The Vice-Chair also explained synergies are made in between this work plan and the Implementation Facilitation work plan, as the development of e-learning courses on Pest Risk Analysis in collaboration with COLEACP is currently being undertaken in the frame of another project.
- [12] The Chair mentioned that preparedness and response plans are also being prepared and discussed through various channels at the regional and national levels and advised on the necessity to strengthen collaboration with relevant stakeholders to deliver the FAO/IPPC TWG programme in a more efficient way.
- [13] Mr Lucchesi confirmed that EPPO is willing to cooperate but requested more clarity on what is expected from RPPOs to implement the FAO/IPPC TWG work programme and its activities at the regional level.
- [14] Ms Watson stressed the need to strengthen coordination with countries and to ensure that the FAO/IPPC TWG is aware of workshops, meetings, and events that are already planned in regions and countries in order to fit their schedules. She also suggested to organize a call with the representatives of the 21 countries included in the priority list of the FAO/IPPC TWG to understand their needs.
- [15] The Chair noted that the FAO/IPPC TWG endorsed the three-year work plan and suggested to keep the document available in the agenda of the next meetings of the TWG as a reminder of activities to be undertaken.

4.3 Structure of the guidelines on FAW prevention and the way forward for their implementation

- [16] The Vice-Chair provided an update on the guidelines to be considered as an operational document on FAW prevention. She thanked Mr Tay for his support in drafting the document. She reported that she will be in charge of coordinating the development of the document, while Mr Hadi will be responsible for assuring consistency with FAO relevant guidelines and each member would be in charge of the drafting of a specific session of the document as indicated in the Appendix 3.
- [17] Ms Watson highlighted the need to have a well-defined scope and to avoid duplication of the work that has been already done or is currently being developed. She suggested to include more links and references to actual examples.
- [18] The Chair highlighted the need to help countries that do not have FAW recognized as a quarantine pest in their legislation prevent FAW introduction and spread. He suggested to include a new point in the guidelines on how to assist countries that do not have governance support to prevent FAW spread.
- [19] Mr Chouibani highlighted the need to help farmers detect the pest and give written emphasis on the importance of communication. He suggested to add a point on communication plan for early detection under section 2.5 of the draft guidelines.
- [20] Mr Lucchesi pointed out the need to utilize a harmonized terminology throughout the document, and avoid terms, such as standard operating procedure, that might be misinterpreted.
- [21] Mr Day offered to share some communication materials on early detection produced by CABI, and agreed to work on the document section on communication and information sharing together with Ms Watson.
- [22] The Vice-Chair suggested that all members would be able to comment on the draft guidelines in the

Dropbox until the 4th of November, and would then have an extra week until the 12th of November to draft the part they were in charge of. Once a draft finalized, she suggested to have the document available for comments on the Online Comment System (OCS) for country consultation.

5. Communication

5.1 Update on the FAW webpage

[23] Ms Giuliani presented the mock-up of the FAW webpage to be published on the IPPC website. She mentioned that the FAW page is already accessible directly from the IPPC homepage, and that the mock-up should be implemented by Wednesday, 11 November 2020. She clarified that the webpage's structure will be continuously adjusted to ensure visibility of the contents and materials that will be made available to populate the page in the future.

[24] The Chair requested the opportunity to revise the final text for the website and encouraged the TWG members to review the proposal.

[25] The text of the website will be open to comment until the 4th of November.

5.2 IPPC/RPPO Webinar on prevention

[26] Mr Deng informed the TWG members about the planned Webinar on FAW prevention tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, 11 November 2020. He presented the objective, the expected outcomes, the target audiences, the tentative agenda and the identified speakers for this event. The event will bring together experts and representatives from FAO, the IPPC Secretariat, the three regions involved in the FAO/IPPC TWG: Europe, Near East and North Africa, and South-West Pacific as well as from NPPOs and the private sector. It was agreed to reallocate the time to presentations and assign more than 30 minutes to the Q&A session.

[27] Mr Lucchesi reported the need to inquire about the possibility of having the EPPO Director delivering a presentation as a RPPO representative for Europe during the event.

[28] The TWG agreed that all members would be able to comment on the concept note for the organization of an IPPC/RPPO webinar until the 4th of November.

5.3 Draft Communication Plan

[29] Ms Giuliani presented the FAO/IPPC TWG draft communication and advocacy plan covering the second semester of 2020 and the first semester of 2021. She identified five major outputs and related activities to be implemented based on the TWG work plan and its identified priorities:

1. Produce, distribute and promote the guidelines on FAW prevention
2. Finalize the FAW webpage on the IPPC website
3. Develop digital and social media campaigns
4. Organize and promote FAW events
5. Develop a FAW publications plan

[30] The communication plan is available for comments till Wednesday, 4 November 2020.

6. Next Meeting

[31] TWG members agreed to have the 5th meeting after the teleconference tentatively planned on the 11th November. A poll will be sent out by the IPPC Secretariat to inquire preferences and availability of the participants in the period between 17 and 19 November 2020.

7. Concluding Remarks

[32] The Chair thanked all for the productive meeting.

Appendix 1: The Fourth Meeting of the FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures for Global Action on FAW Control

28 October 2020 (10:00 am - 12:30 am)
Rome Time (Central European Time, GMT +1)

Teleconference

AGENDA Updated 20-10-27

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Chris DALE
2	Meeting Arrangements		Chris DALE
2.1	Document list	2_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	
2.2	Participants list	3_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	
3	Adoption of the Agenda	1_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Chris DALE
6	Arrangements of the IPPC' Work on FAW Prevention		
6.1	Updated FAO/IPPC TWG briefing paper	4_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Chris DALE
6.2	Three-year work plan on FAW Prevention (2020–2022)	5_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Sarah BRUNEL
6.3	Structure of the guidelines for FAW prevention and the way forward for their implementation	6_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Sarah BRUNEL
7	Communication	--	
7.1	Update on the webpage in the IPP	--	Sara GIULIANI/Arop DENG
7.2	IPPC/RPPO conference on prevention	7_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Arop DENG
7.3	Draft communication plan	8_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Sara GIULIANI/Arop DENG
8	Any Other Business	--	Chris DALE
9	Next Meeting and close of the meeting	--	Chris DALE

Appendix 2: List of participants

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Appendix 3: Guidelines for FAW prevention: Assignments and Responsibilities

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(updated 20-11-10)

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Overall coordination	Sarah BRUNEL
Cross check with FAO FAW references	Buyung HADI

Paragraph	Lead
Background information on the pest	Tek TAY
General information on the biology of the pest	Tek TAY
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Communications and information sharing with various stakeholders	Allison WATSON/Roger DAY
Pest Risk Analysis	Villami Pila KAMI
Phytosanitary legislation	Mekki CHOUIBANI
Inspection and diagnostic	Valerio LUCCHESI
Surveillance plan	Chris DALE
Phytosanitary measures	Mariangela CIAMPITTI
Pest Free Areas and export certification	Chris DALE
Suppression of the pest	Roger DAY