



# NROs Update

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## NROs workshops for Caribbean and Africa

Regional workshops and trainings organized by the IPPC Secretariat this year led to the improvement in reporting obligations. As major source of information, workshops were also found to be beneficial especially for new country editors as there has been a large turnover of NPPO staff as well as they enabled participants to learn from each other's experiences.

In September, two NROs training workshops were successfully organized virtually. One is the 2020 IPPC National Reporting Obligations (NROs) Workshop for Caribbean held virtually from 8 to 9 September with the participation of 50 representatives from 15 Caribbean countries and territories: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The other is the IPPC NROs Workshop for Africa which was held virtually from 10 to 11 September 2020. The workshop was attended by approximately 50 participants representing nearly 47 countries from the Africa region.

During the workshop, the IPPC Secretariat gave a detailed presentation on the NROs and statistics of NROs Reports. Participants were involved in a virtual training on IPP data entry and latest developments on NROs including NROs new webpage, Pest bulletins, NROs oversight body, NROs Updates, e-learning, automatic reminders mechanism and educational materials and statistics. Participants discussed the challenges related to NROs and generously shared their successful experiences. All the participants agreed that they got a renewed and clear understanding of NROs and their capacities to fulfil obligations were strengthened.

More information can be found by clicking here: <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/2020-ippc-nros-workshop-strengthened-the-capacity-of-fulfilling-obligations-of-contracting-parties-in-region/> and clicking here: <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/the-2020-ippc-national-reporting-obligations-nros-workshop-for-africa-successfully-concluded/>

## The report and presentations of NROs workshops

The report of the 2020 NROs Workshop for the Caribbean was published at the following link: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/>

Presentations from the 2020 IPPC NROs Workshop are available at the following link: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro-and-ipp-training/2020-nro-workshop-caribbean-region/>



## Prompt pest reports from Zambia and Jordan: enhanced global cooperation on pest prevention and control

On 27 September 2020, IPPC Contact point for Zambia reported timely the [arrival of wheat blast disease](#) to the African continent. The submission of the pest report to the IPPC Secretariat greatly facilitated different parties' timely receipt of information and prepared them for the control of the disease. The FAO Subregional Office for Southern Africa (SFS) and Subregional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE) have informed their respective countries about the arrival of the disease and are putting new emphasis on the control of the wheat blast in their work on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) has also expressed its willingness to collaborate with FAO to control the disease. In addition, the FAO/IAEA joint division is running a breeding project, which involves relevant institutions from Bangladesh, China, India, USA and Brazil in developing resistant varieties.

Similarly, the IPPC Contract point for Jordan has recently reported the first detection of Fall Armyworm (FAW) in the country. As one of the 21 priority countries for prevention pillar of the [FAO Global Action for FAW Control](#), Jordan has detected and monitored the pest promptly. The *FAO/IPP Technical Working Group on quarantine and phytosanitary in relation to trade* is drafting new guidance on the prevention of FAW, which is expected to be finalized by December 2020. Regional and national workshops will be organized to implement the guidance and train target countries on FAW prevention. These and other activities will help increase awareness of the threats to global food security presented by FAW and build phytosanitary capacities of National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs).

Pest reports are an important element of NROs, which are dependent on timely reports for countries to be able to act effectively. The [International Phytosanitary Portal \(IPP\)](#) and [Pest report bulletin](#) are aiming at allowing timely reports and action to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases worldwide. The cases of Zambia and Jordan are good examples of efficient contribution from countries which are greatly welcomed and encouraged.

### Did you know?

A new IC NROs subgroup will be established as the [5th IC](#) agreed that the IC Lead and Secretariat will work together to draft a proposal for future work related to NROs and pest reporting including the consideration of terms of reference for a possible IC Sub-group. The Terms of reference will be discussed by the IC during its December 2020 meeting.



## Statistics on Pest Reports on the IPP (data valid: 29 October 2020)

Pest report: the overall state for first semester and first quarter of the second semester of 2020

Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	20	94
Asia	26	14	73
Europe	45	20	182
Latin America and Caribbean	33	21	123
Near East	16	3	6
North America	2	2	258
South West Pacific	13	9	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>857</b>

Pest report: changes in reporting during 2020

Region	New reports	Updated reports
Africa	6	7
Asia	2	2
Europe	0	4
Latin America and Caribbean	8	15
Near East	5	5
North America	16	17
South West Pacific	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>

### Did you know?

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on quarantine and phytosanitary in relation to trade was successfully organized on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The three-years' work plan and communication plan and the first draft of the Guidelines to implement Phytosanitary measures on FAW as a quarantine pest were discussed in preparation for their adoption.



## 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 ( <a href="http://www.ippc.int">www.ippc.int</a> )
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-ipcc-official-contact-points/>

A nomination form for the **IPPC Contact Point**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ipcc-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/>

