MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE IC TEAM ON NROS (VM-04)

*3 June 2021 at 15:30pm – 18:45 p.m. (Central European Time, GMT +1)*

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. The IPPC Secretariat opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the fourth virtual meeting of the IC Team on NROs (Team). Experts from the CPM focus group (FG) on pest outbreak alert and response systems (POARS) were invited to this meeting. The IPPC Secretariat appreciated the presence of experts from the Information Technology Services Division (CSI) at FAO, and from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to deliver presentations on the HiHi Geospatial Platform and the Data Reporting Tool (DART) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).
3. Meeting arrangements
4. Ms Magda GONZALEZ ARROYO volunteered to be the Chairperson of the meeting and Mr Ahmed
5. M. Abdellah ABDELMOTTALEB volunteered to be the Rapporteur. There were no objections.
6. The Chairperson reviewed the agenda and briefed on the key objectives of this meeting. She noted that the key objectives are to review the presentation on the FAO’s HiHi Geospatial platform and on the Data Reporting tool (DART). These two items are open to experts from the CPM FG POARS. The NROs team would focus its discussion on the agenda items 6 to 10.
7. One team member suggested changing the order of agenda item 7 and 8.
8. The agenda for the meeting was adopted and is presented in Appendix 1.
9. Administrative matters
   1. Review of meeting documents
10. The IPPC Secretariat and team members confirmed that the meeting documents[[1]](#footnote-1) are posted on the dedicated MS file and that the minutes of the 3rd meeting and NROs team member list have been posted on the NROs webpage on the IPP[[2]](#footnote-2).
    1. Participants list
11. Ms Olga LAVRENTJEVA had excused herself in advance.
12. The following members of IC Team on NROs attended the meeting: Mr Ahmed M. Abdellah ABDELMOTTALEB, Mr Nilesh Ami CHAND and Ms Magda GONZALEZ ARROYO.
13. The following experts from the CPM Focus group on Pest outbreak alert and response system attended the meeting: Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI, Mr Walter ENKERLIN,
14. The speaker from Information Technology Services Division (CSI), FAO was Mr Karl MORTEO
15. The speakers from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) were Ms. Tita Korvenoja, Mr Kazuhiko SERIU and Mr Eric WIEDMER.
16. The following IPPC Secretariat staff also attended the meeting: Ms Sarah BRUNEL, Ms Ewa Czerwien, Mr Brent LARSON, Mr Fitzroy WHITE, and Mr Qingpo YANG.
17. Presentation on the FAO's HiHi Geospatial Platform.
18. Mr Karl MORTEO, Information technology officer of FAO CSI, gave a demonstration of the FAO's Hand-in-Hand Geospatial Platform[[3]](#footnote-3). This platform is a supporting tool for the Hand-in-Hand (HiHi) Initiative, an evidence-based, country-led and country-owned initiative to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), SDG 1 (No Poverty), and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), using the most sophisticated tools available, including advanced geo-spatial modeling and analytics to identify the biggest opportunities to raise the incomes and reduce the inequities and vulnerabilities of rural populations, who constitute the vast majority of the world's poor. The platform brings together over 20 technical units from multiple domains across FAO, from Animal Health to Trade and Markets, integrating data from across FAO on Soil, Land, Water, Climate, Fisheries, Livestock, Crops, Forestry, Trade, Social and Economics, among others.
19. He made a demonstration on how to navigate the dashboard of the platform using the crops and livestock as examples. He also presented possible ways to liaise the NROs pest report to the platform.
20. The members of NROs team thought the HiHi Geospatial platform is helpful for visualizing the pest report and would discuss it further.
21. Presentation on the Data Reporting Tool (DART) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)
22. Ms. Tita KORVENOJA, Chief of the Environmental Conventions and Governance Branch, UNEP Law Division, set the scene for the DaRT.
23. Mr Kazuhiko SERIU gave an overview of national reporting systems/mechanisms under the biodiversity-related conventions. He noted that DaRT is the first tool that supports Parties in sharing, organizing, and maintaining data, knowledge, and information across biodiversity-related conventions. DaRT also supports synergies in national reporting towards MEAs and SDGs, leading to improved global stocktake.
24. Mr Eric WIEDMER, gave a presentation on DaRT which is a tool for knowledge management at the national level. DaRT aims to create national working spaces in which reporters to MEAs, organize, share and maintain their documentation to facilitate and to discovery and retrieval of relevant biodiversity information for reporting purposes. He also presented the benefits of using DaRT for national reporters, countries and the MEA Secretariat.
25. The members of NROs team would discuss whether to use DART next meeting.
26. Update pest status on the IPP according to new ISPM 8 Determination of a pest status in an area
27. The IPPC Secretariat briefed the Team on the proposal for mapping the correspondence of values for pest status categories between the revoked (1998) and the newly adopted versions of ISPM 8 (2021)[[4]](#footnote-4) (*Determination of a pest status in an area*).
28. The Team noted and agreed to the proposal. The Team considered they were mandated to make such decisions and did not consider necessary to get clearance for this decision from the IC.
29. The IC Team on NROs:

* *Requested* the IPPC Secretariat to implement the changes of pest status values to the newly adopted ISPM 8 (2021) (*Determination of a pest status in an area*) on the IPP according
* *Agreed to* the mapping of the pest status values between the ISPM 8 versions (1998 and 2021) as presented in Appendix 2.

1. Review of the NROs presentation for the 2021 IPPC Regional Workshop
2. The IC Team on NROs noted that the IPPC Secretariat had reviewed the NROs presentation.
3. The team gave the following suggestions to improve the presentation:
4. Use figures to display the summary statistics for pest reports of NROs submitted by each region in the last five years.
5. Make a summary list of the countries which submitted pest reports.
6. Insert the registration link for the NROs e-learning course.
7. The Team decided to request the person to provide country information when they register to the NROs e-learning course.
8. The Team decided to encourage IPPC contact points to register and use the NROs e-learning course by inserting registration links into confirmation emails when there are new contact point nominations.
9. Questions designed for the 2021 IPPC Regional Workshop
10. The Team had a brief discussion on the evaluation questions designed for the poll to be launched before and after the 2021 IPPC Regional Workshop NROs presentation.
11. The Team *agreed to*:

*Request* each Team member to submit proposed questions to the IPPC Secretariat by 7 June 2021.

The Team *decided* to postpone the discussion on the following two agenda points until the next meeting:

1. Discussion on Contracting Party’s rights to remove or delete records posted on the IPP
2. Discussion on types of contact points on the IPP and their roles (the case of Canary Island) .
3. Any other business
4. The Team decided to hold their next meeting from 15:30 to 17:00 (Rome time) on 8 July 2021.
5. Closing
6. The Chairperson and the Secretariat thanked the presenters. In addition members of the CPM Focus Group on POARS and Team members were thanked for their active participation and the meeting was closed.

Appendix 1:

**4th Virtual meeting of IC Team on NROs**

**with experts from the CPM FG on POARS invited**

*Updated 2021-05-21*

*3 June 2021 (3:30PM-6:45PM), Rome Time (Central European Time, GMT +1)*

**Zoom link**:   <https://fao.zoom.us/j/98090817530?from=addon>

**Meeting ID**: 980 9081 7530

**Meeting Password**: 74840523

| **AGENDA ITEM** | | **DOCUMENT NO.** | **PRESENTER** |
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| **1** | **Opening of the Meeting** |  | IPPC Secretariat |
| **2** | **Meeting Arrangements** |  | IPPC Secretariat |
| 2.1 | Election of the Chair |  | IPPC Secretariat |
| 2.2 | Election of the Rapporteur |  | Chairperson |
| 2.3 | Adoption of the Agenda | VM04\_01\_IC Team on NROs\_2021 | Chairperson |
| **3** | **Administrative Matters** |  | IPPC Secretariat |
| 3.1 | Review of meeting documents | Link | IPPC Secretariat |
| 3.2 | Participant list | VM04\_02\_IC Team on NROs\_2021 | IPPC Secretariat |
| *Note: Agenda items 4 & 5 are open to experts from the CPM FG POARS* | | | |
| **4** | **Presentation on FAO's HiHi Geospatial Platform and discussion** (30 min presentation+20 min discussion) |  | Karl MORTEO, Information Technology Services Division (CSI), FAO |
| **5** | **Presentation on Data Reporting Tool (DART) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and discussion** (30 min presentation+20 min discussion) |  | Diane KLAIMI/ Eric WIEDMER, United Nations Environment Programme |
| **6** | **Update pest status on IPP according to new ISPM8** | VM04\_03\_IC Team on NROs\_2021 | IPPC Secretariat |
| **7** | **Evaluation questions designed for the poll during 2021 IPPC Regional workshop (10 min)** |  | Members of IC Team on NROs |
| **8** | **Review the NROs presentation for 2021 IPPC Regional workshop (20 min)** | VM04\_04\_IC Team on NROs\_2021 | IPPC Secretariat |
| **9** | **Discussion on Contracting Party’s rights to remove or delete records posted on the IPP (20 min)** | VM04\_05\_IC Team on NROs\_2021 | IPPC Secretariat |
| **10** | **Discussion on types of contact points on the IPP and their roles (the case of Canary Island) (20 min)** | VM04\_06\_IC Team on NROs\_2021 | IPPC Secretariat |
| **11** | **Any Other Business (5 min)** | -- | Chairperson |
| **12** | **Close of the Meeting** | -- | IPPC Secretariat |

**Appendix 2: Proposal for mapping the pest status values from the revoked ISPM 8 (1998) to the newly adopted ISPM 8 (2021)**

| **Pest status in revoked ISPM8** |  | **Pest status in new ISPM8** |  | **Proposed action on the IPP drop down menu for pest status** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Absent: the entire country is pest free** | The entire country is established and maintained as a pest free area in accordance with ISPM 4 (Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas). | New value: insert as a new value in IPP |
| **Absent: no pest records** | General surveillance indicates that the pest is absent now and has never been recorded. | **Absent: pest not recorded** | Surveillance supports the conclusion that the pest is absent and has not been recorded (see ISPM 6 (Surveillance)). | Same value; change the name |
| **Absent: pest eradicated** | Pest records indicate that the pest was present in the past. A documented pest eradication programme was conducted and was successful (see ISPM 9 (Guidelines for pest eradication programmes)). Surveillance confirms continued absence. | **Absent: pest eradicated** | Pest records indicate that the pest was present in the past. Documented pest eradication measures were implemented and were successful (see ISPM 9 (Guidelines for pest eradication programmes)). Surveillance confirms continued absence (see ISPM 6 (Surveillance)). | Same value; no change needed |
| **Absent: pest no longer present** | Pest records indicate that the pest was transient or established in the past, but general surveillance indicates the pest is no longer present. The reason(s) may include:climate or other natural limitation to pest perpetuation;changes in hosts cultivated;changes in cultivars;changes in agricultural practices. | **Absent: pest no longer present** | Pest records indicate that the pest was present in the past, but surveillance indicates that the pest is no longer present (see ISPM 6 (Surveillance)). The reason or reasons may include:‐ climate or other natural limitation to pest perpetuation;‐ changes in cultivated host species or cultivars;‐ changes in production practices. | Same value: no change needed |
| **Absent: pest records invalid** | Pest records indicate the presence of a pest, but the conclusion is reached that the records are invalid or no longer valid, as in the following officially declared cases:changes in taxonomy;misidentification;erroneous record;changes in national borders where reinterpretation of the record may be needed | **Absent: pest records invalid** | Pest records indicate the presence of a pest, but the conclusion is reached that the records are invalid or no longer valid, such as in the following cases:‐ changes in taxonomy have occurred;‐ misidentification has occurred;‐ the record or records have not been confirmed;‐ there are errors in the record or records;‐ changes in national borders have occurred. | Same value: no change needed |
| **Absent: pest records unreliable** | pest records indicate the presence of a pest, but the reterpretation leads to the conclusion that the records are unreliable, as in the following officially declared cases: -ambiguous nomenclature; outdated identification or diagnostic methods;records cannot be considered reliable (see table) |  |  | map "Absent:pest records unreliable" into "Absent:pest records invalid"; |
| **Absent:intercepted only** | The pest has only been reported on consignments at a point of entry or initial destination or while under detention before released, treatment or destruction. Surveilance confirms that the pest has not established. |  |  | Map "Absent:intercepted only" into "Present: transient" |
| **Transience** |  |  |  |  |
| **Transient:non-actionable** | The pest has only been detected as an individual occurrence or isolated population not expected to survive and no phytosanitary measures have been applied. | **Present: transient** | The pest is present but the evidence supports the conclusion that the pest is not expected to establish because conditions (e.g. hosts, climate) are not suitable for establishment or appropriate phytosanitary measures have been applied. | Insert "Present:transient" into IPP; Map"trasient:non-actionable" into "present:transient" |
| **Transienet:actionable, under surveillance** | The pest has been detected as an individual occurrence or an isolated population that may survive into the immediate future, but is not expected to establish. Appropriate phytosanitary measures, including surveillance are being applied. |  |  | Map "Transienet:actionable,under surveillance" into "Present:transient" |
| **Transient:actionable,under eradication** | The pest has been detected as an isolated population which may survive into the immediate future and, without phytosanitary measures for eradication, may establish. Appropriate phytosanitary measures have been applied for its eradication. |  |  | Map "Transienet:actionable,under eradication" into "Present:transient" |
| **Present:** **in all parts of the area** |  | **Present: widely distributed** | The pest is present throughout the area, where conditions are suitable. | Map "present :in all parts of the area" into "Present:widely distributed" |
| **Present: only in some areas** |  | **Present: not widely distributed and not under official control** | The pest is present in a part or parts of the area and is not under “official control” in accordance with Supplement 1 (Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concepts of “official control” and “not widely distributed”) to ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms). | Map "present : only in some area" into "Present:not widely distributed and not under official control" |
| **Present: except in specified pest free areas** |  | **Present: except in specified pest free areas** | The pest is present in the area except in parts of the area which are free from the pest in accordance with ISPM 4 (Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas). These parts should be described alongside the pest status determination. | Same value: Map into "Present:except in specified pest free areas" |
| **Present:** **in all parts of the area where host crop(s) are grown** |  |  |  | Map "Present: in all parts of the area where host crop(s) are grown" into "Present: widely distributed " |
| **Present:** **only in some areas where host crop(s) are grown** |  |  |  | Map "Present: only in some areas where host crop(s) are grown" into "Present:not widely distributed and not under official control" |
| **Present:** **only in protected cultivation** |  |  |  | Map "Present: only in protected cultivation" into "Present:not widely distributed and not under official control" |
| **Present: seasonally** |  |  |  | Map "Present: seasonally" into "Present: transient" |
| **Present: but managed** |  | **Present: not widely distributed and under official control** | The pest is present in a part or parts of the area and is subject to “official control” in accordance with Supplement 1 (Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concepts of “official control” and “not widely distributed”) to ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms). The purpose of the official control should be stated alongside the pest status determination. | Map "Present: but managed" into "Present:not widely distributed and under official control" |
| **Present: subject to official control** |  |  |  | Map"Present: subject to official control" into "Present:not widely distributed and under official control" |
| **Present: under eradication** |  |  |  | Map"Present: under eradication" into "Present:not widely distributed and under official control" |
| **Present: at low prevalence** |  | **Present: at low prevalence** | The pest is present in the area but its prevalence is low in accordance with ISPM 22 (Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence). | Same value: no change needed |

1. [Meeting documents for 4th meeting of NROs team](https://teams.microsoft.com/_#/files/IC_NRO?threadId=19%3Ae31112d595b3474c82bfd02444cfa7af%40thread.tacv2&ctx=channel&context=01%2520Working%2520papers&rootfolder=%252Fsites%252FIPPC-External-Collaboration-Team-IC_NRO%252FDocumenti%2520condivisi%252FIC_NRO%252FMeeting%252F2021-06_NROs_VM04%252F01%2520Working%2520papers) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [Webpage for IC Team on NROs](https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/capacity-development-committee/ic-sub-group/ic-team-for-national-reporting-obligations-nros/) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://data.apps.fao.org/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. [Proposal of correspondence of values of pest status between the revoked an the recently adopted ISPM8 (2021)](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/file/0A6673D5-1D84-4414-8A1E-04A8E2869186?tenantId=163ac468-abb8-44d0-81fd-d9db15e3af96&fileType=docx&objectUrl=https%3A%2F%2Funfao.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FIPPC-External-Collaboration-Team-IC_NRO%2FDocumenti%20condivisi%2FIC_NRO%2FMeeting%2F2021-06_NROs_VM04%2F01%20Working%20papers%2FVM04_03_NROs_2021_June_pest%20status%20on%20IPP_2021-05-27.docx&baseUrl=https%3A%2F%2Funfao.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FIPPC-External-Collaboration-Team-IC_NRO&serviceName=teams&threadId=19:e31112d595b3474c82bfd02444cfa7af@thread.tacv2&groupId=2fbd74f2-182b-4b16-95a7-460717dcdda8) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)