



## **MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE IC TEAM ON NROS (VM-05)**

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

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

- [1] The IPPC Secretariat opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the fifth virtual meeting of the IC Team on NROs.

### **2. Meeting arrangements**

- [2] Mr Ahmed M. Abdellah ABDELMOTTALEB volunteered to be the chairperson and Ms Magda GONZALEZ ARROYO volunteered to be the rapporteur, in this regard no objection was presented.
- [3] The Chairperson reviewed the agenda and briefed on the key objectives of this meeting.
- [4] The IPPC Secretariat clarified that the NROs presentation had been approved by the IC Team on NROs through emails to allow sufficient time for translation prior to the IPPC Regional Workshops. This agenda item was not discussed further.
- [5] The agenda for the meeting was adopted and is presented in Appendix 1.

### **3. Administrative matters**

#### **3.1. Review of meeting documents**

- [6] The IPPC Secretariat and team members confirmed that the meeting documents are posted on the dedicated MS file<sup>1</sup> and that the minutes of the fourth meeting have been posted on the NROs webpage on the IPP<sup>2</sup>.

#### **3.2. Participant list**

- [7] The following members of the IC Team on NROs attended the meeting: Mr Ahmed M. Abdellah ABDELMOTTALEB, Ms Magda GONZALEZ ARROYO and Mr Nilesh Ami CHAND.
- [8] The following IPPC Secretariat staff attended the meeting: Mr Brent LARSON, Ms Ewa Czerwien, Mr Fitzroy WHITE, Mr Leonardo Scarton, Mr Qingpo YANG, and Ms Paola Sentinelli.

### **4. Final review of the NROs presentation for 2021 IPPC Regional workshop**

- [9] The IPPC Secretariat and the team confirmed that the presentation had been finalized.

### **5. Final review of the poll designed for 2021 IPPC Regional Workshops**

- [10] The IPPC Secretariat drafted the questions for the poll and thanked team members for their contributions.
- [11] The team discussed these questions and provided detailed suggestions to revise the questions 1, 5, 7 and 8.
- [12] The IPPC Secretariat committed to finalizing these questions and to sharing them with the NROs team and the IPPC Secretariat regional workshop leads.

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<sup>1</sup> [Meeting documents for fifth NROs team meeting.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Minutes of fourth NROs team meeting.](#)

## **6. Discussion on Contracting Party's rights to remove or delete records posted on the IPP**

- [13] The IPPC Secretariat explained that a Contracting Party had asked to delete their pest reports from the IPP. This Contracting Party considered they had the right to do so. However, this requirement may not be aligned with the current NRO working procedures, as deleting a pest report could cause problems if a dispute occurred and there was no record of the report.
- [14] The team noted that the FAO Legal office (LEGA) also agreed that IPPC Contracting parties should have the right to delete reports by themselves.
- [15] The team discussed this issue and suggested the IPPC Secretariat to prepare a document to submit to the IC with the following four opinions:
- 1) Allow IPPC Contact points to hide their revoked or old reports and publications by themselves instead of deleting reports and publications.
  - 2) Allow IPPC Contact points to delete the revoked or old reports and publications on their country page. There will still be records on the IPPC database although these reports and publications will not be visible on their country page.
  - 3) Allow IPPC Contact points to delete completely the revoked or old reports and publications by themselves. There will be no records on IPP database.
  - 4) IPPC Secretariat makes both the "hide" and "delete" options listed above in points 1 and 2 available for Contact points to choose. If the reports and publications are deleted, there will be still records in the IPPC database, although these reports and publications will not be publicly visible on the country page on the IPP.

## **7. Discussion on types of contact points on IPP and their roles (the case of Canary Island)**

- [16] The team discussed the definition of the current four types of contact points and the proposed four types of contact points:
- 1) Official contact points (OCPs): Officially nominated contact point for the IPPC as officially nominated by an IPPC CP;
  - 2) Unofficial contact points (unOCPs): A contact point for the IPPC for which an official nomination is outstanding or has not taken place correctly.
  - 3) Information point: the "IPPC contact point" for a country that is not a CP to the IPPC; and
  - 4) Local contact: the "IPPC contact point" for a territory, i.e. territories that cannot become CPs as they are not fully recognized countries.
- [17] Several members felt confused about the unofficial contact points.
- [18] The IPPC Secretariat confirmed that unofficial contact points have not been used at least over 5 years.
- [19] The team decided to delete the unofficial contact point and agreed the following three types of contact points:
- 1) IPPC contact points (IPPC CPs): This is the official contact point for all exchange of information connected with the implementation of the IPPC. Each contracting party shall designate this contact point through their national official process.
  - 2) Local contact points: This is an informal contact point for the exchange of local information and are often set up for territories that have different phytosanitary conditions. Official exchange of information connected with the implementation of the IPPC should remain with the IPPC contact point. The IPPC contact point may designate this local contact points for territories under their sovereignty.

- 3) Information contact points: This is the official contact point for non CPs for all exchange of information connected with the implementation of the IPPC. Each country, that is not a CP, may designate this contact point through there national official process.

#### **8. Discussion to follow up on FAO's HiHi Geospatial Platform and Data Reporting Tool (DART) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).**

- [20] The team decided not to be involved in DART as this tool is not useful for improving NROs reports.
- [21] The team requested the IPPC Secretariat to prepare a paper on how to be involved in the HiHi Geospatial Platform and to clarify the service fee that FAO would charge for using this platform.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

- [22] The IPPC Secretariat explained that the current NROs guide was drafted in 2016, hence five years ago. The NROs guide therefore needs to be revised to comply with new ISPMs and new working procedures.
- [23] The team suggested the IPPC Secretariat draft the required documents for revision of the NROs guide and to include “draft specification template for IPPC guides and training materials” and “submission form for topics for Standards and Implementation”. If necessary, the team would review these documents by e-decision or through an NROs team meeting. It was proposed that this submission could be through the IC or via an NPPO or RPPO, the Secretariat expressed preference for the latter.

#### **10. Close of the meeting**

- [24] The Chairperson and the Secretariat thanked the team members active participation and the meeting was closed.

**Appendix 1****5th Virtual meeting of IC Team on NROs***Updated 2021-06-04**5 July 2021 (3:30PM-5:30PM), Rome Time (Central European Time, GMT +1)***Zoom link:** <https://fao.zoom.us/j/94145490756?from=addon>**Meeting ID:** 941 4549 0756**Meeting Password:** 39200073

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting (2 min)</b>		IPPC Secretariat
<b>2</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements (5 min)</b>		IPPC Secretariat
2.1	Election of the Chair		IPPC Secretariat
2.2	Election of the Rapporteur		Chairperson
2.3	Adoption of the Agenda	VM05_01_IC Team on NROs_2021	Chairperson
<b>3</b>	<b>Administrative Matters (2 min)</b>		IPPC Secretariat
3.1	Review of meeting documents	Link	IPPC Secretariat
3.2	Participant list	VM05_02_IC Team on NROs_2021	IPPC Secretariat
<b>4</b>	<b>Final review the NROs presentation for 2021 IPPC Regional workshop (20 min)</b>	VM05_03_IC Team on NROs_2021	Members of IC Team on NROs
<b>5</b>	<b>Final review the poll designed for 2021 IPPC Regional Workshops (10 min)</b>	VM05_04_IC Team on NROs_2021	IPPC Secretariat
<b>6</b>	<b>Discussion on Contracting Party's rights to remove or delete records posted on the IPP (25 min)</b>	VM05_05_IC Team on NROs_2021	IPPC Secretariat
<b>7</b>	<b>Discussion on types of contact points on the IPP and their roles (the case of Canary Island) (25 min)</b>	VM05_06_IC Team on NROs_2021	IPPC Secretariat
<b>8</b>	<b>Discussion to follow up on FAO's HiHi Geospatial Platform and Data Reporting Tool (DART) for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) (20 min)</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Any Other Business (5 min)</b>	--	Chairperson
<b>10</b>	<b>Close of the Meeting (2 min)</b>	--	IPPC Secretariat