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## REPORT OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> FAO/IPPC FAW TWG

### 1. Opening of the meeting

[1] Mr DALE, Chair of FAO/IPPC TWG, welcomed the participants.

### 2. Meeting Arrangements

[3] Documents and participants list are available on the [IPPC website](#) and will be updated as necessary. The participants list is also attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

[4] The agenda was adopted by all participants and is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

### 4. Updates from the TWG members

[6] Updates from the TWG members were given on the status of FAW in the South-West Pacific, Near East and North Africa, and Europe, as well as relevant activities undertaken at the national and regional level.

[7] The EPPPO representative informed that EPPPO published the report notification of non-compliance and that FAW has been notified in the Netherlands, France and Switzerland where is expected in cut flowers and vegetables from Africa and Latin America.

[8] The NEPPO representative informed about the launch of a pilot project on Integrated Pest Management in Egypt, while Yemen and Sudan are tackling FAW and sharing their best practices and experiences with other countries in the NENA region. He also informed that national meetings on FAW are being organized by the NPPO of Egypt to open dialogue between phytosanitary experts, universities, and relevant stakeholders in the country.

[9] The PPPO representative stressed the need for more support and information around FAW in New Caledonia, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. A new action plan is being implemented in the region with the support of the Pacific Community.

[10] The Italy representative informed that the European Commission is currently updating the EU plant health regulation, but as FAW is not a priority pest in most of the European countries, there will be no significant update on it. Similarly the FAW contingency plan of Italy is currently on hold as there are no priority actions around this pest in the country and the region. A fruitful collaboration with the University of Brescia has been initiated. A research conducted by the university demonstrates the possibility for FAW to establish in the Mediterranean coast and reach significant populations inland.

[11] The CSIRO representative informed that a biosecurity agri and horticultural industry talk on management and resistance was attended. Interesting data on the genetic diversity in invasive populations of FAW were shared. A meeting with South East Asia parties, Myanmar, Vietnam, Malesia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, and Philippines was organized. FAW has been detected in the middle of Australia showing some unexpected results on the FAW host range. Damages have been observed also in melon and sugarcane, while at the beginning they were reported only in maize.

[12] The Grow Asia representative informed that a workshop on how to design effective biopesticide trials in the field was organized and another workshop on regional resistance plans was organized. A new biocontrol development programme is also being implemented with the support of and involvement of stakeholders. Also, an IPM ladies programme has been launched to empower women on IPM across South-East Asia. The biocontrol webinar series is ongoing and provides an exceptional forum to facilitate and strengthen the interaction among different stakeholders.

[13] The CABI representative informed that CGIAR is developing a new “one CGIAR” plant health initiative and invited CABI to be part of the process. The programme includes various elements of risk assessment, diagnostics, response, including the Global surveillance system (GSS). A focus on some individual species, including FAW, will be also included. The programme is currently at an initial stage and will be developed over the coming months.

[14] The Chair informed that the FAW Technical Committee in April was an exceptional platform to promote the work of the TWG and its achievements. Monthly regional coordination meetings are organized in the Pacific region and provide a forum to share information around the guidelines to help countries prevent FAW in the region. He also stressed the need to activate resources and donors in the region. Positive detection of FAW has been confirmed in the Norfolk Island, an Australian territory located in the Pacific Ocean between New Zealand and New Caledonia. Potential pathways are from Australia and New Caledonia. Pathways is a concern given the regular trade with New Zealand. He also highlighted the need for the FAO early warning and monitoring systems pilot project in Asia to include surveillance and involve the PPPO, if endorsed by the Technical Committee.

[15] The IPPC Secretariat informed that the FAW Steering Committee met to discuss the early warning and monitoring systems pilot project in Asia. During the meeting, countries raised the concern of having the FAW Global Action pilot project conducted in Asia and not in Africa. FAO clarified that the model will be established in Asia, NENA and Africa to create a global monitoring system programme. Surveys will be conducted in target countries to better understand their needs. The decision on the FAO early warning and monitoring system will be taken at the text FAW Technical Committee.

## 5. Finalization of the guidelines

[16] Ms BRUNEL, vice-Chair of the FAO-IPPC TWG, informed that a revised and consolidated version of the guidelines for FAW prevention has been provided to the TWG members. The text will be consequently revised by a professional editor and uploaded to the FAO Publishing Workflow System in June.

## 6. Update on FAW questionnaires

[17] The vice-Chair informed that FAW questionnaires have been submitted by Algeria, Fiji, France, Malta, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Tonga, and Tunisia. Questionnaire results will be circulated among TWG members.

## 7. Revision of the FAW training materials

[18] The Chair highlighted the need to produce regionally and globally harmonized materials and training resources.

[19] TWG members agreed to organize a webinar after the release of the guidelines. The initial plan is to have five short webinars of the duration of around 1:30 h

## 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the TWG will take place on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 from 10 AM to 1 PM (Rome time).

## 9. Concluding Remarks

The Chair thanked all for the productive meeting.

## Appendix 1: List of participants

**The 10<sup>TH</sup> Meeting of FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on  
Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures for Global Action on FAW  
Control**

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**Appendix 2: Meeting agenda**

29 April 2021 at 11:00AM –13:00PM. (Rome time)

Zoom meeting URL: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/98503889170?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 985 0388 9170

Passcode: 85893011

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

(2021-04-22)

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>Duration (minutes)</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b>	5		IPPC Secretariat/Chair
<b>2</b>	<b>Meeting Arrangements</b>	3		
2.1	Selection of the Rapporteur			IPPC Secretariat
2.2	Adoption of the agenda		VM10_01_GA_ TWG_2021_May_Agenda	IPPC Secretariat
<b>3</b>	<b>Administrative matters</b>	2		
3.2	Review of Participants			IPPC Secretariat
<b>4</b>	<b>Update on the FAW status and activities from Team members</b>	15		TWG members
<b>5</b>	<b>Finalization of the guidelines</b>	15	<a href="#">Link to MS Teams file</a>	IPPC Secretariat
<b>6</b>	<b>How to include the findings of the FAW questionnaire in the development of training material</b>	15	<a href="#">Link to MS Teams file</a>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Presentation from the TWG members</b>	60		IPPC Secretariat
7.1	presentation on background information on the pest; Presentation on general information on the biology of the pest			Mr Tek TAY
7.2	presentation on PRA, legislation and inspection			Mr Mekki CHOUIBANI/ Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI
7.3	presentation on Diagnostics			Mr Valerio LUCCHESI
7.4	presentation on surveillance methods			Mr Chris DALE
<b>8</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	3		Chairperson
<b>9</b>	<b>Close of the Meeting</b>	2		Chairperson / IPPC Secretariat

**Appendix 3: List of countries invited to review the guidelines via OCS**

<b>Pacific region and PPPO member countries</b>
Australia
Federated States of Micronesia
Fiji islands
French Polynesia
Guam
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Niue
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Vanuatu
<b>European region and EPPO member countries</b>
Albania
Cyprus
France
Greece
Israel
Italy
Macedonia
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
Tunisia
Turkey
<b>NENA region and NEPPO member countries</b>
Algeria
Iraq
Jordan
Lebanon
Libya
Mauritania
Morocco
Oman

Saudi Arabia
Syria
Tunisia