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## REPORT OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FAO/IPPC FAW TWG

### 1. Opening of the meeting

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

### [2] 2. Meeting Arrangements

[3] Documents and participants list 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.

### [5] 4. Updates from the regions and the FAW Technical Committee

[6] Updates from the Europe, Near East and North Africa, Pacific regions and the FAO Plant Protection and Production Division were respectively given on the status of FAW in those areas and on the advancement of the Technical Committee.

[7] Mr HADI informed that two relevant FAW Steering Committee (SC) meetings took place on 22 and 24 December 2020. During the first meeting, the SC endorsed general guidance on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and established a working group for resource mobilization, which will be effective starting from February/March 2021. The chairs of the six FAO TWGs on FAW were invited to provide feedback on the guidance, especially on the part that relates to seed treatment. In addition, meetings with the eight demonstration countries for IPM were organized to coordinate the work with the national task forces and focal points for each country. Countries, such as Kenya, Burkina Faso, Philippine and Cameroon, have started organizing national workshops on FAW management. The next Technical Committee meeting will take place in March/April 2021.

[8] Mr CHOUIBANI informed about the situation of FAW in the NEPPO region. FAW has been confirmed in Syria, while further verifications are being carried out to confirm the presence of FAW in Iraq. The NEPPO Steering Committee on FAW is meeting regularly to share experience and updates on the status of FAW in the region.

[9] Mr LUCCHESI informed participants about the detection of FAW in Syria. An article on this topic will be published in the April issue of the EPPO bulletin. During the last EPPO Panel on Global Phytosanitary Affairs, updates on the work plan of the FAO/IPPC TWG and the status of the guidelines on FAW prevention were provided by EPPO. FAW presence is confirmed in Egypt, Israel and Jordan. Experts from Spain and Greece showed interest in being involved in the FAW activities along with other EPPO countries to possibly implement the guidelines at the country level.

[10] Mr DALE provided an update on the FAW situation in the PPPO region and reported that FAW had been detected in New Caledonia in late December (2020) and formally identified in early January (2021). An official pest report was submitted to the IPPC Secretariat and posted on the IPP detailing the detection and identification details. This detection of FAW represents the second official detection of FAW in the Pacific region and efforts are now focused on the source of the FAW incursion (natural pathways or trade pathways), and supporting the preparedness of neighboring countries of New Caledonia through early warning surveillance and diagnostics.

## 5. Finalization of FAW Guidelines

[11] Ms BRUNEL, vice-Chair of the FAO/IPPC TWG, informed that an updated versions of the guidelines on FAW have been shared as revised by the IPPC Secretariat's editor, including comments on editorial rules and procedures to be followed. The TWG revised the guidelines according to the editor's comments. The TWG agreed on the following timeline for publishing:

- [12] - Guidelines posted on the Online Commenting System (OCS) on the first week of February;
- [13] - Consultation period open through OCS for one month until the first week of March;
- [14] - Editing of the documents after OCS revision by the first week of April;
- [15] - Layout and publishing ready by early May 2021.

[16] TWG members agreed that in OCS, the 21 target countries (France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Morocco, Iraq, Syria Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Oman, Lebanon, Jordan, Algeria, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Guam) only will be able to comment on the draft guidelines. For transparency sake, the guidelines will be available on the OCS for all IPPC contracting parties to view. If interested, non-target countries from the 3 target regions might request to comment on the guidelines by asking through the RPPOs. EPPO would aggregate all comments from the European and Mediterranean region, as usually done for draft ISPMs. Other RPPOs would play an important role in promoting the guidelines and ensuring target countries comment on them. Additional reviewers could be added only upon agreement with the TWG and the IPPC Secretariat.

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## 6. Update on the FAW platform in the IPP

[18] Ms SENTINELLI presented the new FAW platform available on the IPPC website for contracting parties and country editors to access and submit questionnaire responses and feedback. The Vice-Chair explained this questionnaire is directed to target countries and will allow to follow up on the progress on implementing the guidelines, by knowing whether they set a crisis unit, they undertook a PRA, they drafted prevention and response plans, etc. The launch of this platform will be done at the same time as the posting of the draft guidelines on OCS to the target countries.

## 7. Teams formation for the development of training materials on FAW prevention

[19] Responsibilities and tasks were assigned to TWG members for the development of training materials based on their competences and availabilities. It was agreed that materials should be made available in English, and eventually in French and Arabic. NPPOs will be responsible for translating training materials into their national languages as needed. NEPPO and EPPO agreed to have regional Mediterranean webinars in English and French to better-coordinate efforts to prevent FAW in Mediterranean countries. The implementation programme will be discussed in more detail during the next meeting.

## 8. Next Meeting

[20] The Chair suggested to have regular 3 hour TWG meetings every Wednesday of the last week of the month from 10 am to 1 pm Rome time. The next TWG meeting will take place around February 24. Other meetings are therefore schedules on 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 26<sup>th</sup> of May and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June as a start.

## 9. Concluding Remarks

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

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

29 January 2021 (9:00 am - 12:00 am), Rome Time (Central European Time, GMT +1)  
Teleconference

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Updated 2021-01-22

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Chris DALE/ Sarah BRUNEL
2	Meeting Arrangements		Chris DALE/ Sarah BRUNEL
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 _2021_Tel_Oct	Chris DALE/ Sarah BRUNEL
4	Arrangements of the IPPC' Work on FAW Prevention		
4.1	Finalization of FAW Guidelines	4_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Sarah BRUNEL
4.2	Update on the FAW platform in the IPP	5_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Paola SENTINELLI
4.3	Teams formation for the development of training materials on FAW prevention	6_GA-TWG _2020_Tel_Oct	Sara GIULIANI
5	Any Other Business	--	Chris DALE
6	Next Meeting and close of the meeting	--	Chris DALE

**Appendix 2: List of participants**

**The Sixth Meeting of FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on  
Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures for Global Action on FAW  
Control**

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**Appendix 3: Leads and responsibilities for developing training materials on FAW prevention**Primary target audiences:

- NPPO Heads
- Pest risk analysis and legislation officers
- Inspection officers (heads and field officers)
- Diagnostic officers (heads and field officers)
- Surveillance officers (heads and field operators)
- Field operations officers

Secondary target audiences:

- Producers
- Importers and exporters
- Academia

About	Activities	Target audience	Leads	IPPC Secretariat staff
1.1 Background information on the pest	A short PPT or video to be elaborated on the basis of existing documents and to be used in various training sessions as a basis. (March 2021)	All	Tek TAY	Arop DENG  Sara GIULIANI (video)
1.2 General information on the biology of the pest	A PPT or video to be elaborated on the basis of existing documents and to be used in various training sessions as a basis. (March 2021)	All	Tek TAY	Arop DENG
2.1 Pest Risk Analysis, phytosanitary legislation and inspection	A PPT on PRAs A PPT on legislation A PPT on inspection A didactic video on the inspection of some commodities  <b>Webinar 2G</b> on PRA, legislation and inspection with the three regions (May 2021)	Pest risk analysis and legislation officers Inspection officers (heads)	Mekki CHOUIBAN I  <i>Supported by</i>  Mariangela CIAMPITTI (video on inspection from Malpensa)	Sarah BRUNEL  Sara GIULIANI

	<p><b>Webinar 2R</b> on PRA, legislation and inspection at the regional level (May-June 2021)</p> <p><b>Webinar 2N</b> on PRA, legislation and inspection at the national level (May-June 2021)</p>		<p>Valerio LUCCHESI (ppt on inspection)</p> <p>Chris DALE (video on inspection)</p>	
2.2 Diagnostics	<p>PPT and videos on the various diagnostic methods</p> <p><b>Webinar 3G</b> on diagnostic with the three regions (April-May 2021)</p> <p><b>Webinar 3R</b> on diagnostic at the regional level (TBD)</p> <p><b>Webinar 3N</b> on diagnostic at the national level (TBD)</p>	<p>Head Diagnostic officers in the 21 countries for the global webinar.</p> <p>Main diagnostic officers for the regional webinars.</p> <p>All diagnosticians for the national webinars.</p>	<p>Valerio LUCCHESI</p> <p><i>Supported by</i></p> <p>Chris DALE (diagnostic)</p> <p>Tek TAY (molecular diagnostic)</p>	SSU
2.3 Surveillance plan	<p>PPT and videos on surveillance methods</p> <p><b>Webinar 4G</b> on surveillance with the three regions (March 2021)</p> <p><b>Webinar 4R</b> on surveillance at the regional level (April-March 2021)</p> <p><b>Webinar 4N</b> on surveillance at the national level (April-March 2021)</p>	<p>NPPO Heads Surveillance officers (heads) for the Global webinar</p> <p>Main surveillance officers for the regional webinars. All surveillance officers for the national webinars.</p>	Chris DALE	Qingpo YANG

2.4 Communications and information sharing with various stakeholders	<b>Webinar 1 (see 4.1 below)</b>		Allison WATSON  Roger DAY	Sara GIULIANI
3.1 Delimiting surveys	<b>Webinar 5</b> on the implementation of contingency plans with the three regions (April 2021)  <b>Webinar 5</b> on the implementation of contingency plans at the regional level (May 2021)  <b>Webinar 5</b> on the implementation of contingency plans at the national level (May 2021)	Primary target audience in the 21 regions Primary target audience in the 21 regions All at the national level	Chris DALE	Sarah BRUNEL
3.2 Phytosanitary measures are to be implemented once a n outbreak is officially found	See 3.1		Mariangela CIAMPITTI	Artur SHAMILO V
3.3 Suppression of the pest to reduce pest populations	See 3.1		Roger DAY	Sarah BRUNEL
3.4 Communication and information sharing	See 3.1		Allison WATSON  Roger DAY	Sara GIULIANI
4.1 FAW preparedness and contingency plans	PPT on the implementation of contingency plans  1-2 case study videos from two regions having such programme in place (Pacific and Europe).	NPPO Heads Field programme Officers at the Global level – All primary target audience at the Regional level All NPPO staff within a country	Mariangela CIAMPITTI  <i>Supported by</i> Chris DALE	Qingpo YANG

	<p><b>Webinar 1G</b> on SOPs for contingency plans with the three regions presenting these facts and allowing discussion with RPPOs and Heads of NPPOs (TBD).</p> <p>A survey/forum/dialogue to collect the advances on setting <i>SOPs on how to draft preparedness and contingency plans</i> from the 21 countries with facilitation from the RPPOs. Nomination of staff within countries for each target audience (i.e. contact of the person in charge of surveillance, etc.).</p> <p><b>Webinar 1R</b> on SOPs for contingency plans at the regional level (TBD).</p> <p><b>Webinar 1N</b> on SOPs for contingency plans at the national level (TBD).</p>			
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