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REPORT OF THE 7TH 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 Regions

[6] Updates from the RPPOs were given on the status of FAW in their regions.

[7] The EPPO representative informed that the EPPO bulletin featured an article on the detection of Fall Armyworm in Syria. He confirmed FAW presence in Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria.

[8] The Chair informed that PPPO has undertaken a series of meetings around Fall Armyworm as an emerging pest in the region. Early detection programme and contingency plans are being implemented in New Caledonia, after FAW was detected in the country in January 2021. Tracing and studies on FAW pathways are also being undertaken to test FAW possible trade and natural pathways, especially in New Caledonia and other Melanesian countries.

5. Updates from the regions and the FAW Technical Committee

[9] Ms BRUNEL, vice-Chair of the FAO-IPPC TWG, informed that the guidelines on FAW prevention developed by the TWG have been posted on the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) to allow countries and IC and SC members to provide their feedback and comments. An initial list of 21 target countries (France, Italy, Spain, Greece, and Portugal from Europe; Morocco, Iraq, Syria Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Oman, Lebanon, Jordan, and Algeria from NENA; Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Guam from the Pacific) was granted permission to review the guidelines.

[10] Additional countries from the three target regions were added as reviewers of the guidelines as requested by relevant RPPOs. French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga were added as additional reviewers for the Pacific region. Albania, Cyprus, Israel, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Tunisia, and Turkey were added as additional reviewers for EPPO, while Mauritania was added as additional reviewer for NEPPO.

[11] The full list of countries invited to review the guidelines via OCS is available as Appendix 3.

[12] EPPO and PPPO confirmed that OCS internal reviews (sub-reviews) were created for EPPO and PPPO member countries. Both RPPOs promoted the opportunity to provide substantial input to the guidelines and the work of the TWG at the EPPO Panel on Global Phytosanitary Affairs and PPPO's technical regional meetings, respectively.

[13] The vice-Chair of the FAO-IPPC TWG informed that Fiji was the only country so far having submitted answers to the FAW questionnaire through the IPP country page. She encouraged RPPOs to solicit their country members to respond to the questionnaire.

6. Discussion on the development of the training material

- [14] Participants discussed and reviewed their assignments in relation to the FAW training materials in preparation of relevant workshops and training activities.
- [15] Ms CIAMPITTI and Mr CHOUIBANI agreed to organize one joint webinar on FAW prevention for the Mediterranean region. They also stressed the importance of assuring consistency when developing the training materials.
- [16] Participants agreed to organize one webinar per topic rather than several ones.

7. Next Meeting

- [17] The next meeting of the TWG is expected to take place on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 from 10 AM to 1 PM (Rome time).

8. Concluding Remarks

- [18] The Chair thanked all for the productive meeting.

Appendix 1: List of participants

**The Seventh 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

*1st March 2021 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm), Rome Time
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Teleconference*

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Updated 2021-02-24

	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Chris DALE
2	Meeting Arrangements		Chris DALE
2.1	Document list		
2.2	Participants list		
3	Adoption of the Agenda	1_GA-TWG_2021_Tel_Mar	Chris DALE
4	Update on OCS and the FAW questionnaire	--	Sarah BRUNEL
5	Discussion on the development of the training material		Participants
6	Any Other Business	--	Chris DALE
7	Next Meeting and close of the meeting	--	Chris DALE

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

Pacific region and PPPO member countries
Australia
Federated States of Micronesia
Fiji islands
French Polynesia
Guam
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Niue
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Vanuatu

European region and EPPO member countries
Albania
Cyprus
France
Greece
Israel
Italy
Macedonia
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
Portugal
Spain
Tunisia
Turkey

NENA region and NEPPO member countries
Algeria
Iraq
Jordan
Lebanon
Libya
Mauritania
Morocco
Oman
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Tunisia