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## REPORT OF THE 12TH FAO/IPPC FAW TWG

### 1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] Mr DALE, Chair of FAO/IPPC TWG, welcomed the participants and introduced a new TWG member, Mr Camilo Beltran Montoya, international phytosanitary specialist at the IPPC Secretariat.

### 2. Meeting Arrangements

- [2] Documents and participants list are available on the IPPC website and will be updated as necessary. The participant's list is also attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [3] No meeting agenda was available for this meeting.

### 4. Updates from the TWG members

- [4] Updates from the TWG members were given on the status of FAW in the target regions and on relevant activities undertaken at the national and regional level.
- [5] The NEPPPO representative informed that a pilot FAW project has been launched in Egypt, while countries like Yemen, Mauritania and Syria are drafting IPM procedures and sharing experiences on FAW.
- [6] The EPPO representative informed that eradication measures are being implemented in Jordan, Israel and Canary Islands (Spain). To limit FAW spread from Israel towards Syria and Jordan, regular measures have been implemented to control the pest and other *Spodoptera species*. No information on the activities undertaken in Spain are available at this stage. The EPPO Council proposed to change the status of FAW to a A1 list pest, pest recommended for regulation as quarantine pests.
- [7] The CSIRO representative informed that genomics analysis of South East Asia FAW populations are being undertaken in countries such as Myanmar, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Philippines and South Korea. Recent studies suggest that commodity movements have led to FAW spread. He stressed the need for countries and regions to maintain strong local and regional management strategies and work on FAW prevention.
- [8] The CABI representative informed that no relevant update can be provided at this stage.
- [9] The Chair informed that the Pacific Plant Protection Organization and the Asian and Pacific Plant Protection Organization organize a virtual regional workshop. He also informed that biosecurity strategies will be implemented in the region starting from September 2021, with July and August as adaptation months. He highlighted that the organization of a webinar and the release of the guidelines on FAW prevention will be crucial to support the efforts and the activities in the region. He also informed that a PPPO leadership meeting on biosecurity risks in the region will be held in the upcoming days and will be a good opportunity to promote the IPPC work on FAW and TR4.

### 5. Update on the FAW guidelines

- [10] The Vice-Chair informed that the guidelines will be available by the end of July 2021 to be promoted during the IPPC regional workshops.

## **6. Organization of the FAW webinar series**

- [11] The TWG members agreed to organize a webinar series starting in mid-October and composed by three online events of 2 hours each covering the following topics: 1. the launch of the guidelines on FAW prevention; 2. FAW prevention and preparedness; and 3. FAW response. A Q&A session will be dedicated to the interaction with the audience. The agreed timing for each webinar is 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. (Rome time).
- [12] The Chair agreed to circulate a concept note on the webinar series with TWG members within 7 days from the TWG June meeting.
- [13] TWG participants agreed to finalize their presentation for the first webinar by mid-August and post them on Microsoft Teams for comments.

## **7. Next Meeting**

- [14] The next meeting of the TWG will take place in September.

## **8. Concluding Remarks**

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

**Appendix 1: List of participants****The 12TH Meeting of FAO/IPPC Technical Working Group on Quarantine and Phytosanitary Measures for Global Action on FAW Control****PARTICIPANTS LIST**

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