Standard Setting Unit (SSU) 2023 tentative work plan

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

Background

1. This paper presents a tentative work plan for 2023 of the work of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU). The current SSU staff and their main areas of work are presented in the [linked chart](https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2463/).
2. A tentative work plan for the 2022 year was presented to the Standards Committee (SC) in November 2021 in the paper “16\_SC\_Tel\_2021\_Nov” and is available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)[[1]](#footnote-2).
3. A tentative draft list of activities for 2023 is provided in Annex 1. A tentative calendar is provided in Annex 2. After the 2022 November SC meeting, this document and its annexes will be made available on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/>).
4. Besides providing support to the Standards Committee (SC) and its direct activities (e.g. discussion papers, calls, e-decisions and meetings organization), the SSU also provides support to the overall management and activities of the IPPC Technical Panels, and of the IPPC Secretariat such as task forces and working groups. The SSU also provides support to other IPPC subsidiary bodies (e.g., CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group (SPG)), and more recently, the SSU was assigned and continue to be the focal points for the activities related to three development agenda items in the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030: (1) commodity and pathways standards, (2) authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions, and (3) laboratory diagnostic networking. The SSU members also represent IPPC Secretariat in different meetings organized by FAO and partners. As per the global sanitary crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic is allowing more physical meetings, it is planned that the 2023 meetings will be held in person. Therefore, the SC May, SC-7, and SC November meetings most likely will take place physically in FAO HQ, on the pre-agreed dates of:

* **SC May:** 08 to 12 May 2023
* **SC-7:** 15 to 19 May 2023
* **SC November:** 13 to 17 November 2023

1. The 2023 Expert Working Groups and Technical Panels are also planned to meet physically. It is to note that for the SC-7 and SC November 2023, the tentative number of draft ISPMs to be revised by the SC is a total of two. For consideration by the SC on other potential agenda items and length of the meetings.
2. Pending decisions to be taken by the CPM-17 and the SC, the following draft ISPMs and documents are planned to be presented for adoption and consultation periods for 2023[[2]](#footnote-3).

**Adoption by CPM-17 (2023)**

1. It is foreseen that the following ISPMs will be presented to the CPM-17 (March 2023) for adoption:

* 4 draft ISPMs: Annex to ISPM 20: *Use of specific import authorizations* (2008-006), Revision of ISPM◦18: *Requirements for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure* (2014-007), Revision of ISPM◦4: *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas* (2009-002),and 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5 *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*(1994-001).
* 1 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs): Irradiation treatment for treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (2017-027).

**Consultation period on draft Specifications (01 July to 30 August, 60 days)**

1. There are currently no draft specifications planned for 2023 consultation period.
2. **Diagnostic Protocol Notification Period 2023 (05 January- 20 February or 1 July – 15 August):**

* Draft DP: *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
* Draft DP: Genus *Ceratitis* (2016-001)

1. **First consultation 2023 (01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

4 draft ISPMs:

* Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (Annex to ISPM 38 International movement of seeds) (2018-009)
* Reorganization of pest risk analysis standards (2020-001)
* Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Mango (*Mangifera indica*) Fruit (2021-011)
* 2023 Amendments to ISPM 5

2 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs):

* Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus* *sinensis* (2017-029)
* Irradiation treatment for *Aspidiotis destructor* (2021-029)

4 draft diagnostic protocols (DPs):

* Revision of DP 27 Ips spp. (2021-004)
* Revision of DP 5 *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine)Aa (2019-011)
* Revision of DP 25 *Xylella fastidiosa* (2021-003)
* Revision of DP 09 Genus *Anastrepha* (2021-002)

1. **Second consultation 2023 (01 July – 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

2 draft ISPMs:

* Draft Annex to ISPM 37: Criteria for evaluation of available information for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies (2018-011)
* 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5 (1994-001)

1 draft phytosanitary treatment (PT):

* Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)

1. **Planned meetings for 2023**

* SC May, SC-7 and SC November, Technical panels:
  + Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
  + Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
  + Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
  + Technical Panel for Commodity Standards (TPCS)
* Expert working groups (EWGs):
  + Annex Field inspection (including growing-season inspection) to ISPM 23 (2021-018)
  + Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2021-010)
* CPM Focus Group:
  + CPM Focus Group on Food and Other Humanitarian Aid
  + CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers
* Other meetings (in collaboration with colleagues from other IPPC Secretariat teams)
  + CPM focus group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues (in collaboration with Integration and Support Team of the IPPC Secretariat)
  + 2023 IPPC Regional Workshops (in collaboration with Integration and Support Team of the IPPC Secretariat)
  + Task Force on Topics (2023 Call for topic Standards and Implementation, (in collaboration with IFU)

1. **Other activities:**

* 2023 Call for topicsfor standards and implementation material
* Publication of adopted ISPMs
* Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs
* Language review groups (LRGs)
* Calls for experts, calls for discussion papers
* E-Decisions
* Expert Consultation on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)Workshops and Webinars:
  + Wokshop on Sea Containers June 2023
  + Webinar on Phytosanitary treatments: submission of new proposals and the challenges of treatment research
  + Webinar on plant pests diagnostic protocols: getting to know your adversary

1. **Liaison:** On behalf of the IPPC, some SSU staff conduct liaison activities with the following organizations[[3]](#footnote-4) (and others):

* Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
* Biodiversity-related Conventions
* International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
* UN Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention
* Ozone Secretariat (UN Environment)
* Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)
* International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG)
* World Trade Organization – SPS Committee
* International Maritime Organization
* World Custom Organization
* United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Recommendations to the Standards Committee (SC):

1. The SC is invited to:
2. *provide* comments and suggestions;
3. *note* the tentative list of activities for 2023;
4. *note* the tentative dates for the SC meetings in 2023;

*discuss* any other potential agenda items and length of the SC-7 and SC November 2023 meetings.

**Annex 1**

IPPC Secretariat - Standard Setting Unit (SSU)

2023 work plan – TENTATIVE

*(Updated on 2022-10-21)*

**Standards Committee (SC) May 2023** (08-12 May 2023)**:**

**Tentative points for agenda:**

1. **Draft ISPMs for approval for first consultation:**

4 draft ISPMs:

* Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (Annex to ISPM 38 International movement of seeds) (2018-009)
* Reorganization of pest risk analysis standards (2020-001)
* Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Mango (*Mangifera indica*) Fruit (2021-011)
* 2023 Amendments to ISPM 5

1. **Summary of e-decisions for approval of subjects for consultation period:**

4 draft diagnostic protocols (DPs):

* Revision of DP 27 Ips spp. (2021-004)
* Revision of DP 5 *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine)Aa (2019-011)
* Revision of DP 25 *Xylella fastidiosa* (2021-003)
* Revision of DP 09 Genus *Anastrepha* (2021-002)

2 draft phytosanitary treatment (PT) for first consultation:

* Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)
* Irradiation treatment for *Aspidiotis destructor* (2021-029)

1 draft PT for second consultation:

* Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)
* **Technical panels updates and review of work plans:**

1. Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
2. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Measures (TPPT)
3. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
4. Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)
5. **CPM-17 follow-ups**
6. **SC / IC interactions**
7. **IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030**

**Standards Committee working group (SC-7) May 2023** (15-19 May 2023), **2 draft ISPMs:**

* Draft Annex to ISPM 37: Criteria for evaluation of available information for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies (2018-011)
* 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5 (1994-001)

**Standards Committee November 2023** (**13-17 November 2023, FAO HQ):**

**Tentative points for agenda:**

**1. Draft ISPMs for approval for recommendation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-17) for adoption:**

* Draft Annex to ISPM 37: Criteria for evaluation of available information for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies (2018-011)
* 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5

**2. E-decisions for approval of subjects for adoption:**

* 1 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs): Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)

**3. SC / IC interactions**

**4. IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030**

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| **IPPC projects:**  - “Support to the IPPC Strategic Framework: Commodity and pathways standards, Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, and e-Phyto” (project end date: 30-Jun-2023; project symbol: GCP/GLO/040/EC)  - Implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (project end date: 31-Dec-2022; project symbol: GCP/GLO/025/EC) |

**Annex 2**

**STANDARD SETTING 2023 - TENTATIVE CALENDAR**

For updates, please check the IPPC calendar at <https://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/>

| **Quarter** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Venue** | **Category** |
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| 1s | 05 Dec 2022 – 15 Jan 2023 | Tentative: Expert consultation on draft diagnostic protocols | - | Expert input: Drafting standards |
| 05 January – 20 Feb 2023 | DP notification period | - | Adoption of ISPMs |
| 1 February | Call for experts:   * Annex Field inspection (including growing-season inspection) to ISPM 23(2021-018) * Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2021-010) * TPG Spanish expert (additional) | - | Call |
| February | Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) | Virtual meeting | Expert input: Drafting standards |
| 01 March | Posting draft ISPMs to SC May (available to Contracting Parties and SC) | - | Governance |
| 6 March 2023 | Objection period deadline for adoption of ISPMs closure (“three weeks prior CPM”) | - | Governance |
| March | Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) | Virtual meeting | Expert input: Drafting standards |
| 20-24 March 2023 | Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG) | FAO HQ, Rome, Italy | Liaison activity |
| XX March | CPM Bureau | Virtual | Governance |
| 27-31March | CPM-17 | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 2nd | 08-12 May | Standards Committee (SC) | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 15-19 May | Standards Committee working group (SC-7) | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 26 June-01 July | EWG on Annex to ISPM 23 on field inspection | Japan | Expert input: Drafting standards |
| 3rd | 01 July – 30 September | Consultation period on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations | - | Consultation period |
| 10-14 July | Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2021-010) |  | Expert input: Drafting standards |
| 17-21 July | Sea Containers workshop | Australia |  |
| 01 July – 30 August | Consultation period on draft specifications | - | Consultation period |
| July | Tentative – Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) | TBD | Expert input: Drafting standards |
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| 14 -25 August | IPPC Regional Workshops | (various) | Expert input / Capacity development |
| 28 Aug – 01 September | IPPC Regional Workshops | (various) | Expert input / Capacity development |
| 4th | October 9-13 | Tentative – Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) | Rome, IT (FAO HQ) | Expert input: Drafting standards |
| 16-20 October 2023 | International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) | Rome, IT (FAO HQ) | Liaison activity |
| 11-14 October | Tentative - Strategic Planning Group | Virtual meeting | Other |
| 13-17 November | Standards Committee (SC) | Rome, IT (FAO HQ) | Governance |
| December | Tentative – Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG) | Rome, IT (FAO HQ) | Expert input: Drafting standards |

1. 2022 SSU Work Plan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/89604/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See calendar on IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/year/calendar/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. For more information, please visit the webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)