

IPPC ePhyto Solution

Overview of the functioning of the ePhyto hub and of GeNS and first steps to register to the hub

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Functioning of the ePhyto Solution
- First steps to register to the ePhyto Hub



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Introduction

- We all know importance of **safeguarding** our agriculture, forests and environment from invasive species
- Application of ISPMs provides **harmonized approach** on implementation of global plant health systems
- ISPM 12 provides the framework for NPPOs to **communicate** the **phytosanitary status** of a consignment in secure, authentic and verifiable manner



Apple snail – invasive species



Plant health laboratory



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ePhyto Solution

Phytosanitary certificate requirements (IPPC Art.V)

- **Authenticity** - verifiable origin and sender
- **Integrity** – No interference or alteration after issuing
- **Non repudiation** - the legitimacy of data cannot be denied,
- Its challenging to achieve the above with paper certificates (*Bryant Christie Inc. Report 2014*)



Production



Inspection

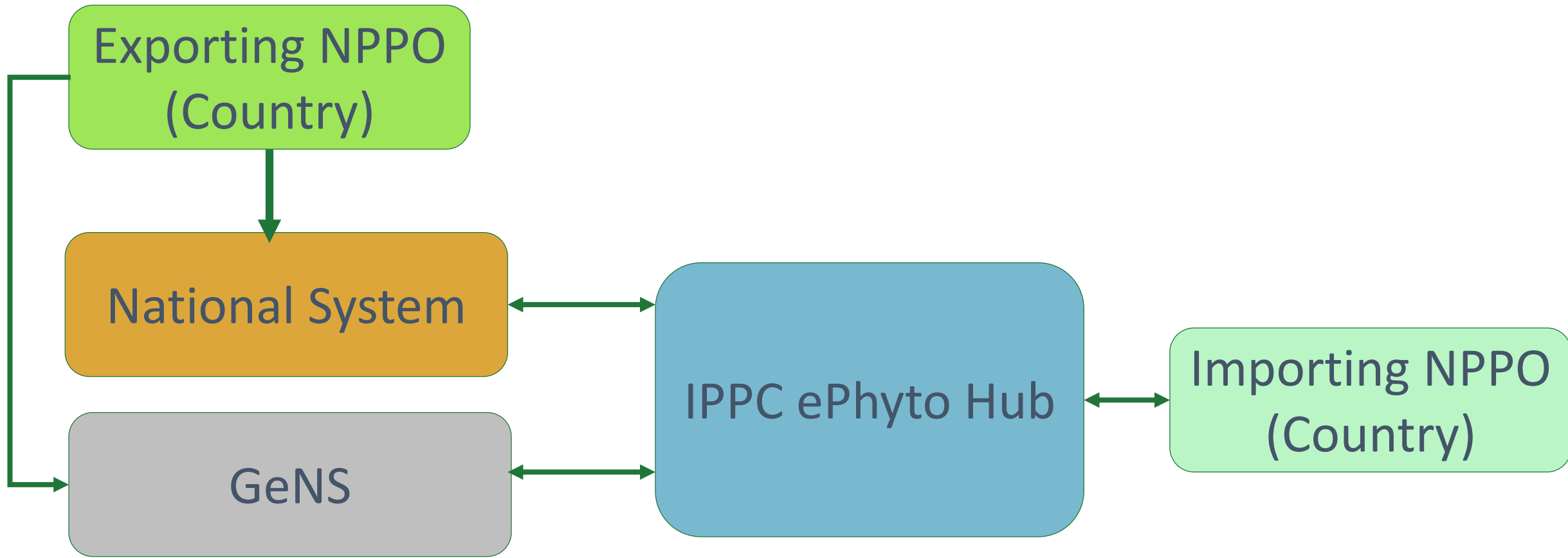


Certificate
Processing
National System



Certificate

The ePhyto Solution – Architecture



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**Authenticity –
verifiable origin**

Non-repudiation

Integrity – not changed



**Importing NPO
Inspection**



Inspection



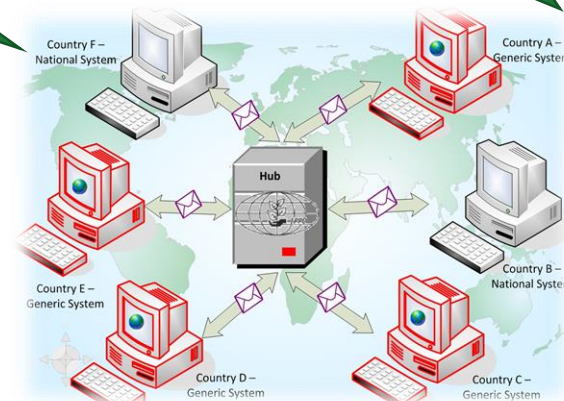
**ePhyto
Certificate (XML)**



**Certificate Processing
National System
GeNS**



Pdf Certificate



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IPPC ePhyto Solution – First steps to register

Decision - National consideration to adopt ePhyto solution

ePhyto team: Set up an ePhyto team comprising Phytosanitary Inspectors gathered from the various entry / exit points.

Electronic Equipment: Evaluate available equipment tablets, desktops

On-boarding form - Fill the on boarding form and submit to UNICC for set up of the User Acceptance Testing instance

Training and trial run – Training of users and setting up of trial runs



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<https://www.ephytoexchange.org/landing/hub/index.html>



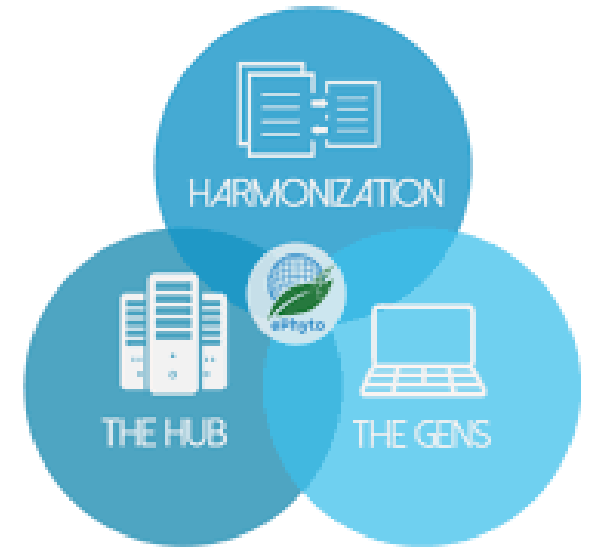
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Benefits of IPPC ePhyto solution

- Low risks of forgery, alteration
- Elimination physical document transmission intermediaries
- Reduced physical movement to collect certificates
- Digital storage – hence reduced risk of losing the certificate
- Easier authentication and verification
- Global harmonization
- Countries without national systems can use GeNS for ephyto exchange
- System integration and interoperability



Challenges - implementing electronic certification (ePhyto)

- Application of digital technology for information management
- ICT and Phytosanitary staff knowledge gaps - harmonizing the two disciplines.
- Systems integration for data exchange – Combining information and business processes, border control agencies
- Legal framework
- Infrastructure – Computers , software, servers internet



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Comments / Questions? Thank you

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