



#### 35th TC-RPPO Meeting

# PACIFIC PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION (PPPO) UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES



PPPO Executive Secretary Update - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Bogota, Colombia

### **OUTLINE**

- Introduction
- PPPO Implemented Activities
- Partnerships/Collaboration
- Challengers
- Way forward





#### **General Information - PPPO**



#### PPPO Full Board

- Consist of 27 member countries in SWP region
- 22 Pacific Island Countries & Territories (PICTS)
- 5 Founding Members (Australia, New Zealand, France, Great Britian and USA)
- Meets triennially and its mission, vision is supported and mandated in the PPPO constitution.
- The PPPO Constitution was enacted in 1994 and was amended and revised in 2006.

#### **PPPO Executive committee members**

- 3 Sub-regions (Micronesian, Polynesian & Melanesian)
- 2 member countries represented from the 3 sub-regions (Chairmanship rotates amongst the 3 sub-regions, Vice-Chairman is elected between the Metropolitan members)
- Opportunity to meets every year & discuss PPPO priorities/ issues/ PPPO new work plan (2019 2023)

#### **PPPO Executive Secretariat**

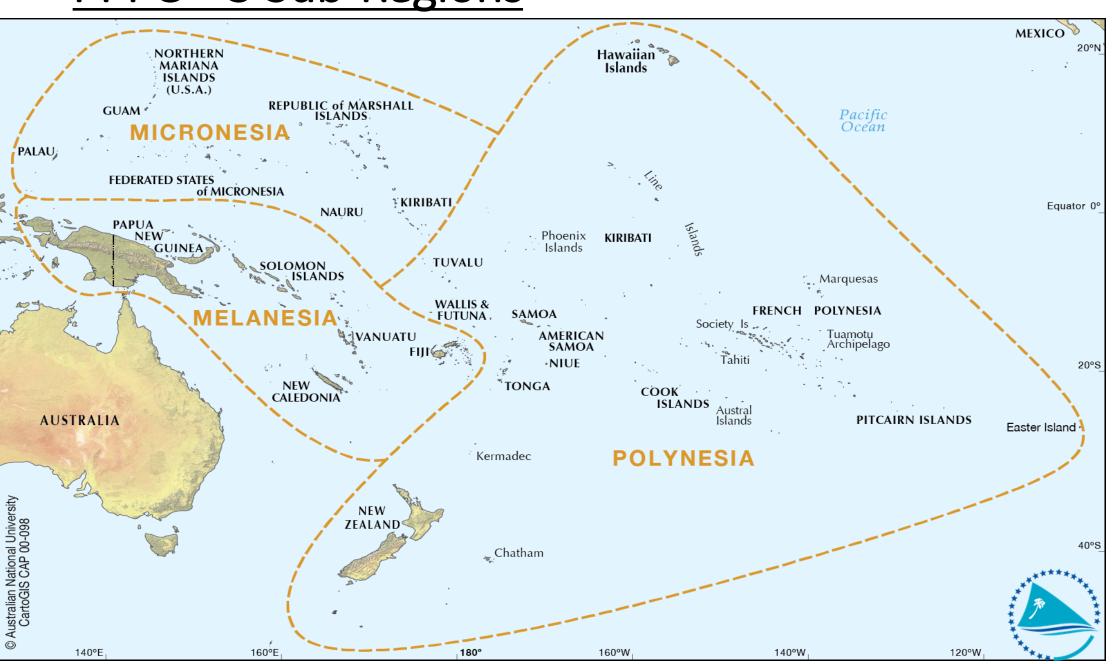
- Housed in the LRD, SPC and look for potential funding from donors
- Provides the secretariat role and the glue for the PPPO members
- Capacity building for the PPPO members (Surveillance, ID & Authentication, Early Warning Systems, Market Access Requests)
- Sharing of information at the National, regional & international level (PLD: http://www.spc.int/pld/)
- Attend regional and international meetings, shares information with PPPO Member countries

#### NPPPO's

- National Reporting Obligations (NRO's)
- All other Phytosanitary issues at Pre-border, Border & Post-Border



### PPPO - 3 Sub-Regions





Pacific Community Communauté du Pacifique

Pacific IPPC and RPPO members				Pacific IPPC and RPPO members			
Membership	IPPC	PPPO	APPPC	Membership	IPPC	PPPO	APPPC
American Samoa				Pitcairn			
Cook Islands				Samoa			
FSM				Solomon			
French				Islands			
Polynesia				Tokelau			
Guam							
Kiribati				Tonga			
RMI				Tuvalu			
Nauru				Vanuatu			
New Caledonia				Wallis and			
Niue				Futuna			
CNMI				Australia			
Palau				France			
PNG				New Zealand			
Fiji				USA			





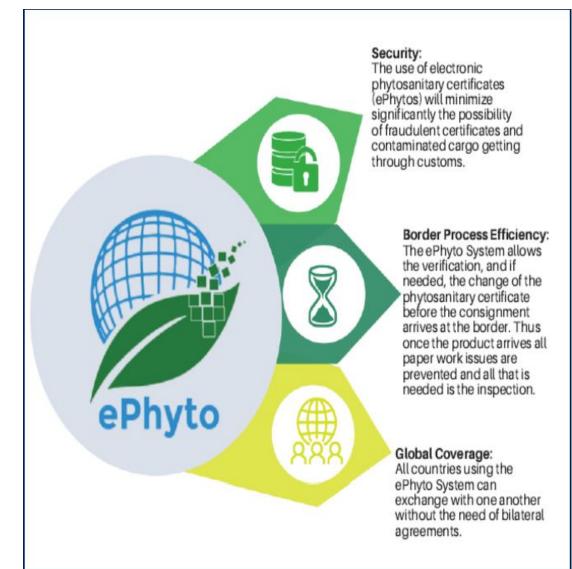


#### PPPO Regional ePhyto Programme



# **Collaboration with Development Partners**

- Australia & New Zealand Government
- Engaged and recruited the ephyto coordinator
- Identified countries for the phase 1 roll out plan
- Identified countries for the phase 2 roll out plan
- Capacity building training ongoing
- Test run on ephyto certificates between phase 1 countries

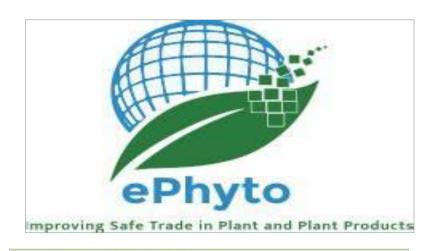


## PPPO Regional ePhyto Programme

Phase 2 Northern Pacific countries – French Polynesia, Nauru, Kiribati, Palau, FSM, RMI. This may also include American Samoa.

Facilitate the Master Trainer program for all countries – ensure sustainable application of ePhyto for region once project funding has ended.

Carry out the first Benefit Analysis for ePhyto use for the region. There needs to be base line data on how much of the benefits of using ePhyto is being realized by the countries. Directly this will assist countries make an informed decision on IPPC's Sustainable funding model and whether the benefits outweigh the costs for each country.





#### Benefits of an ePhyto (the electronic certificate)

- Clearance of commodities is expedited.
- The risk of fraud/fake certificates is reduced.
- The risk of certificate loss or damage is minimized
- Costs of paper and posting are saved.
- NPPO of importing countries are able to address certification problems in advance of commodity arrival.
- Efficiencies are improved by reducing data entry and validation.

#### Benefits of the ePhyto Solution (Hub + GeNS)

- The structure and transmission of ePhytos are harmonized globally;
- Allows equal participation to countries without national system.
- NPPOs do not need to set up bilateral systems to connect with each other.
- It is possible to link with other international E-Systems (e.g. single window)







#### Old PLD

- Built in 2003.
- Older technology.
- Limited functionality and
- Limited reporting capability



#### The Pacific Islands Pest List Database

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### New PLD - 5 Key Milestones





Contract sign-off 1st August 2022



12 Dec. 2022

Progress report on Development Completion



30 Jan. 2023

Production Handover and signoff 30th January 2023



Software Requirements Specification sign-off 29th August 2022

29 Aug. 2022

User Acceptance Testing & Training sign-off 19th January 2023



The timeline is very tight hence we worked closely with ACTON to achieve the PLD upgrade by January to May 2023.





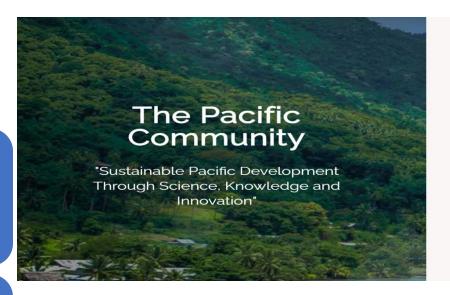
# PPPO

#### **New PLD**

PLD stores all data in SPC server - acts as a central cloud-based system

Wide range of users – most processes are tracked by the PLD

Offline capability of entering data







Home Browse Occurrence

Browse Host

Host Browse Pest



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Browse Occurrence

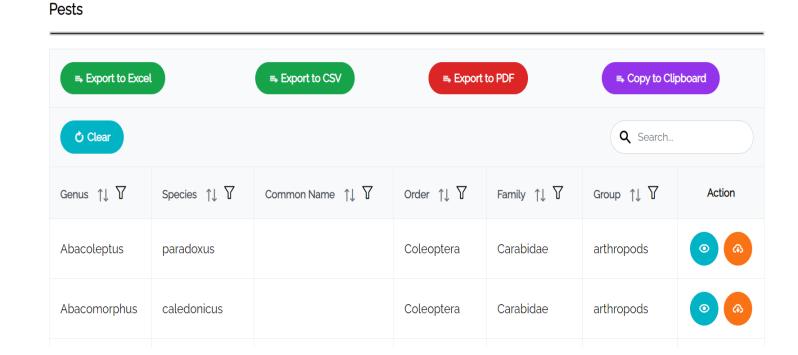
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**Browse Pest** 



Windows Server 2019 Standard Edition that supports IIS, SQL Server and **SQL** Server Reporting Services

Regional data can be accessed on the Regional dashboard – no account.





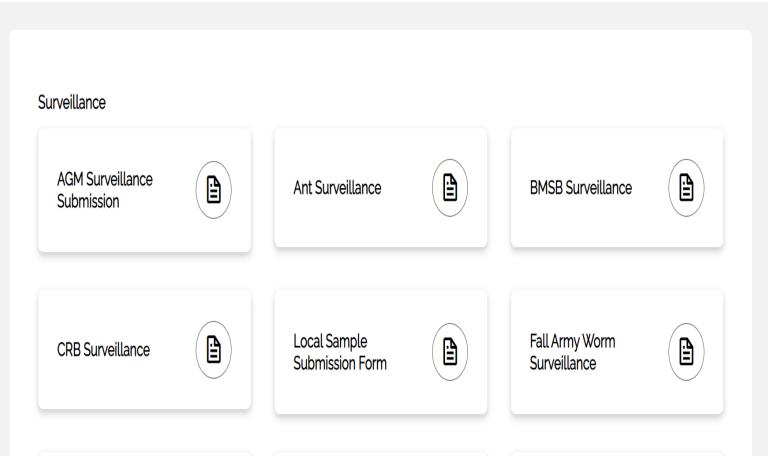


#### New PLD

Ability to generate country reports and comparative reports between countries

Conduct surveillance – different forms for the types of surveillance.

PLD will automatically send data to lab users and station officers when a new data is entered.









Information technology has helped people to evolve with time.



We can have a robust system but without quality data (timely, accurate, valid, consistency) our system will give us unreliable information.

https://pld.lrd.spc.int/





TOKELAU

AMERICAN

NIUE

SAMOA

COOK

ISLANDS



#### **PPPO Talanoa Session**

- An opportunity to continue to stay connected with the PPPO Members in the region.
- Capture the Issues and Challengers, Success Stories, Lessons Learned and Way forward.
- THEME: CONNECTED, INFORMED & PREPARED (CIP)
- A PPPO family where no member is left behind

VIRTUAL
TALACOA

NPPO FRENCH POLYNESIA

PITCAIRN

PHYTOSANITARY

### Partnership and Collaborations



#### **European Union (EDF 11)**

- Biosecurity & SPS
- Value Chains

### **Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF)**

- Pacific Export Plan (PEP)
- Pacific Pest List Database Upgrade
- ePhyto

#### **Green Climate Fund**

 Transboundary Pests/ invasive species exacerbated by effects of Climate change

#### **New Zealand Ministry of Primary industries (MPI)**

Establishment of a holistic system to facilitate the development, management, monitoring, and evaluation of export systems including export plans

Review of the Phytosanitary Certification System (PCS) and Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

Establishment of a robust e-operational and GIS information database system for export facilitation

Rollout of ePhyto in line with the Pacific Community, Pacific Plant Protection Organisation, Regional ePhyto Implementation Plan, 2020-2022

MPI contribution to the implementation of PPPO Workplan and core functions – based on approved PPPO Costed Workplans



### <u>Updates</u>

# ISPM 46 Annex proposal – Taro (*Colocasia esculenta*)

 PPPO agreed to develop a proposal for Taro as an annex to ISPM 46

- This was developed by Australia in consultation with PPPO members
- Given the restricted time, limited consultation was conducted with other RPPOs
- It is understood the TPCS wishes all proposals for Annexes be developed so input can be provided by all during the call for information





# ISPM 46 Annex proposal – Non-complex commodities

- PPPO members considered coconut is a highly traded critical commodity for the SW Pacific region – from the tree of life
- Advice was that there are limited pests and measures, a commodity standard was perhaps the incorrect mechanism to use
- As a result, Australia proposed an annex to ISPM 46 to deal with "simple" commodities (that do not fit elsewhere)



### **Challengers**





#### **Pest outbreaks**

- Fall Army Worm (FAW)
- Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle G Strain
- Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)
- Khapra Beetle
- Exotic Fruit flies
- Invasive Ants
- Fusarium Oxysporum TRO4

## **Early Detection & Rapid Response Climate Change**

### **Way Forward**

#### **PPPO Work Plan**

- Coordination of activities & resources
- Technical expertise
- Donnor Partners Funding
- RPPO collaboration and engagements

THEME: CONNECTED, INFORMED & PREPARED (CIP)

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#### THANK YOU



