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1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] The IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as "Secretariat") and the TFT Chairperson opened the October 2023 Task Force on Topics virtual meeting (TFT) on behalf of the Secretariat and welcomed all participants.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Election of the Rapporteur

- [2] The TFT elected Mr Lalith Bandula KUMARASINGHE (New Zealand) as Rapporteur.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

- [3] The TFT adopted the Agenda (Appendix 1).

3. Administrative matters

- [4] The Secretariat introduced the documents list (Appendix 2) and the participants list (Appendix 3). The Secretariat invited participants to notify of any information that required updating in the participants list or is missing from it.

4. 2023 Call for Topics: a review of submissions for new topics

- [5] The Secretariat informed that by the end of the 2023 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation (05 May – 15 September 2023)¹, the Secretariat received 28 complete topic submissions (fourteen standards, three implementation resources, and eleven diagnostic protocols (DPs)) in total from nine IPPC contracting parties and three regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs). The Secretariat did not receive any incomplete submissions since the online submission form was designed to ensure that submitters received follow-up emails to provide any documents related to the submission.

5. Standards

5.1 2023-005_EG_Guidelines for the use of remote technology in inspection and auditing practices in phytosanitary systems

- [6] The TFT member introduced the summary² and TFT agreed that the proposed topic needs to be applied globally in a consistent way. TFT unanimously agreed that the proposed topic needs effective implementation or support. It was specified that the confidence of inspection and audit is supported through ISPMs, and the proposed work will help to build trust in virtual options. Members further emphasized that the proposed topic would need implementation guidance and will also need to be framed as "an option," leaving room for flexibility and not mandating that all audits and inspections must be conducted remotely.
- [7] TFT members added that the proposed topic needs to explore the technologies, and a specification would require revision before it can be released for consultation.
- [8] Although TFT felt that the information in the draft specification is not sufficient, TFT members agreed that the topic should be linked with other proposed topics, notably the Canadian submission (2023-031). TFT underscored that the revision of ISPM 23 links to this proposal and would facilitate the incorporation of this component (as opposed to a stand-alone).
- [9] It was agreed that the audit component to be combined with the Canadian proposal (2023-031) as an annex to ISPM 47, since the specification from the Canadian proposal (2023-031) has enough information.

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² 05_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

[10] It was finally agreed that the inspection aspect of the Egyptian proposal (2023-005) is insufficient to proceed with the recommendation.

[11] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT did not recommend this topic to CPM for inclusion on the work program.
- (2) TFT agreed that the topic should be combined with Canadian submission (2023-031).
- (3) TFT noted that the revision of ISPM 23 links to this proposal and would facilitate the incorporation of this component (as opposed to a stand-alone).

5.2 2023-007_NEPPO_Certification scheme for date-palm propagation material

[12] The TFT member introduced the summary³ and TFT agreed that the approach to this topic proposal lacks clarity, as there is some confusion on laboratory accreditation and certification schemes, and the tasks outlined in the specification are not clearly defined. Members emphasized necessity of reformulation of the approach. The consensus leaned towards with complementary implementation materials. This approach ensures a more practical and actionable framework, enhancing the overall feasibility and success of the proposal.

[13] TFT leaned towards developing this proposal as a comprehensive regional guide as the solution to this proposed topic needs effective implementation or support.

[14] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT did not recommend this topic to CPM for inclusion on the work program.
- (2) TFT did not recommend this proposed topic as an ISPM but rather to develop it as a regional standard by NEPPO. TFT added that more research should be done to show more global relevance since an IPPC guide is relevant to address this issue.

5.3 2023-008_NLD_Annex to ISPM 46: Commodity Standard Seeds of Phaseolus vulgaris

[15] The TFT member introduced the summary⁴ and approved that the topic (2023-008) proposed by the Netherlands is relevant from an IPPC perspective because the proposal as an Annex to ISPM 46 Commodity Standard facilitates safe trade and harmonize phytosanitary measures for seeds of Phaseolus vulgaris, and it aims directly at one of the eight DAIs of the IPPC SF 2020–2030.

[16] TFT agreed that the topic is also relevant from a global perspective because beans are traded across the globe and play an important role in human feeding, so the trade of bean seeds is so relevant in seeking phytosanitary security.

[17] Finally, TFT concluded that the approach is feasible to develop in a reasonable time frame and that the development should respect the steps defined in the procedure.

[18] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – Standard.
- (3) TFT score – 5.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

³ 06_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

⁴ 07_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

5.4 2023-014_JPN_The revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)

[19] The TFT member introduced the summary⁵ and TFT agreed that the topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because inspection is a fundamental element that falls under the responsibility of NPPOs, and this will help in preventing the spread of pests.

[20] TFT established that the topic is relevant from a global perspective since new discussions and materials have been developed since the adoption of ISPM 23.

[21] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
- (3) TFT score – 4.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 2.

5.5 2023-018_NZ_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of *Vitus vinifera* fruit

[22] The TFT member introduced the summary⁶ and TFT agreed this topic proposal is relevant from an IPPC perspective since this annex is a core development agenda of the IPPC SF and it meets the purpose of IPPC by providing guidance to NPPOs on phytosanitary measures suitable for managing major pests of grapes to prevent their spread and introduction.

[23] TFT concluded that this topic proposal is feasible to develop in a reasonable time frame.

[24] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
- (3) TFT score – 5.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

5.6 2023-019_NZ_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Citrus Fruit

[25] The TFT member introduced the summary⁷ and TFT questioned about the feasibility of developing commodity standards for all proposed citrus commodities in a reasonable time frame. TFT also highlighted that the submission of a broad group of commodities makes it difficult to develop a pest list as pests can be different.

[26] TFT assessed the approach proposed in this broader commodity description, and recommended the TPCS to further investigate if all the species or some of the species of citrus commodities can be grouped into the one commodity standard.

[27] TFT suggested that the SC may task the TPCS to look at the feasibility of doing genus citrus, and if not possible, then go with citrus sinensis as the lead commodity as per the submission from COSAVE (2023-027).

[28] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission and advised the TPCS to analyse the feasibility of the topic proposal.

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⁷ 10_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

- (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
- (3) TFT score – 4.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

5.7 2023-020_NZ_Revision of ISPM 12 Phytosanitary certificates

- [29] The TFT member introduced the summary⁸ and agreed that the topic proposed is relevant from an IPPC perspective because phytosanitary certification is an important responsibility of NPPOs; hence, ISPM 12 is one of the most important ISPMs to facilitate trade by certifying commodities.
- [30] TFT confirmed that the topic is relevant from a global perspective because it is relevant to all certifications and ePhyto and phytosanitary certificates facilitate the safe trade of plants and plant products. TFT expressed their views that although a reviewed ISPM 12 has been only recently adopted, the review was focused to re-export only and did not allow for a holistic consideration and review of the text. There was also discussion on the transition to ePhyto and the need for review of ISPM 12 to ensure the requirements of the transition between electronic and paper certificates is managed.
- [31] TFT also confirmed that the proposed topic is linked with ePhyto, and some implementation resources such as "Export Certification: A Guide to Export Certification for National Plant Protection Organisations" and the e-learning "Phytosanitary Export Certification System."
- [32] TFT added that this topic proposal will need effective implementation depending on whether CPs consider more support in the ePhyto transition.
- [33] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
 - (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
 - (3) TFT score – 4.
 - (4) TFT recommended priority – 2.

5.8 2023-021_AUS_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex outlining commodities of lower pest risk complexity

- [34] The TFT member⁹ and TFT examined whether the submission would be more appropriately included as an annex to ISPM 32 or if the proposed concept could be considered during future revisions of ISPM 32. TFT acknowledged existing gap regarding commodities with low pest risk and whether submission should be considered under ISPM 46 or ISPM 32.
- [35] TFT recognizing the need for further discussion and recommended that the Standards Committee (SC) examines a path forward for commodities falling into this category and advised that the submitter should consider re-submitting the topic based on the discussion that will take place at SC.
- [36] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT did not recommend this topic to CPM for inclusion on the work program.
 - (2) TFT recommended that the SC discuss a potential path forward if this proposal could be an Annex or Appendix to ISPM 46.

⁸ 11_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

⁹ 12_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

5.9 2023-023_PPPO_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex on the International Movement of fresh taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) corm for consumption

[37] The TFT member introduced the summary¹⁰ and TFT supported that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective and a global perspective because it helps to prevent the spread and introduction of plant pests.

[38] TFT concluded that this topic proposal is feasible to develop in a reasonable time frame.

[39] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
- (3) TFT score – 5.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

5.10 2023-024_UK_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X, International Movement of *Malus domestica* fruit for consumption

[40] The TFT member introduced the summary¹¹ and TFT assessed that this proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because this annex meets the purpose of IPPC by providing guidance to NPPOs on phytosanitary measures suitable for managing major pests of *Malus domestica* to prevent their spread and introduction.

[41] TFT clearly elaborated that the topic is relevant from a global perspective as apple fruits are globally traded commodities and commodity standards are one of the eight DAIs of the IPPC SF.

[42] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
- (3) TFT score – 5.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

5.11 2023-027_COSAVE_Annex International movement of fresh orange (*Citrus sinensis*) fruit to ISPM 46

[43] The TFT member introduced the summary¹² and highlighted that this proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because this proposed annex meets the purpose of IPPC by providing guidance to NPPOs on phytosanitary measures suitable for managing major pests of fresh orange to prevent their spread and introduction.

[44] TFT emphasized that if the TPCS does not find the proposal from New Zealand (2023-019) feasible, this proposal should be developed first.

[45] TFT noted that the additional information materials for Commodity Standards should be provided in a standardized way, and the Secretariat should communicate this request during future Call for Topics.

[46] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – standard.

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¹¹ 14_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

¹² 15_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

- (3) TFT score – 4.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 2.

5.12 2023-028_COSAVE_Annex International movement of fresh banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity specific standards for phytosanitary measures)

- [47] The TFT member introduced the summary¹³ and established that this submission contributes to filling gaps in the Framework for Standards and Implementation, especially (C1), and the topic is aligned with one of the DAIs of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030.
- [48] TFT also agreed that the approach to this topic is feasible to develop in a reasonable time frame as long as further information is gathered with relevant links for measures by the TPCS.
- [49] The TFT highlighted that submission from China (2023-036), is similar to the submission from COSAVE (2023-028) and having one submission on banana was enough to be added to the work programme. TFT agreed that materials from China's submission would be provided to the TPCS together with COSAVE's (2023-028) submission.
- [50] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
 - (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
 - (3) TFT score – 5.
 - (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

5.13 2023-031_CAN_Annex to ISPM 47 on Remote Audits

- [51] The TFT member introduced the summary¹⁴ and assessed that this submission is relevant from an IPPC perspective because the concept of 'audit' is referenced in most ISPMs adopted, and remote audits can also ensure continuity of audit-related activities when physical visits are not practical or possible.
- [52] TFT further elaborated that the topic is relevant from a global perspective since many NPPOs conduct audits to ensure that phytosanitary requirements are met. An annex on remote audits will help to do these audits without affecting the effectiveness of phytosanitary systems and procedures.
- [53] TFT agreed that the audit component of the submission from Egypt (2023-005) will be combined with this proposal as an annex to ISPM 47, since the specification from the Canadian proposal (2023-031) has enough information.
- [54] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended the SC considering this topic submission.
 - (2) TFT recommended material – standard.
 - (3) TFT score – 5.
 - (4) TFT recommended priority – 1.

5.14 2023-036_CN_Annex The international movement of *Musa* spp (banana) fruit, to ISPM 46 (Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures)

- [55] This topic proposal was submitted late by China, and TFT was aware of this late submission and felt that one submission on banana was enough to be added to the work programme.
- [56] The TFT agreed on the following:

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¹⁴ 17_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

- (1) TFT did not consider this late submission.
- (2) TFT felt that one submission on banana was enough to be added to the work programme.

6. Implementation resources

6.1 2023-013_JPN_IPPC guide: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests

[57] The TFT member introduced the summary¹⁵ and TFT affirmed the relevance of the proposed topic from an IPPC perspective because the aim of PRA is to evaluate the risk associated with plant movement in international trade and come up with phytosanitary measures and establish import requirements where possible. It was added that, the proposed topic fits within the mission and vision of IPPC, which is to reduce the spread of pests. TFT added that the proposal fits within the scope of the IPPC, and PRA guides play critical role in assisting NPPOs in implementing PRAs and making informed decisions during implementation of each stage of the PRA.

[58] Recognizing the value of the topic TFT felt that the topic could be added to the work programme but wait until PRA reorganisation is adopted by CPM. Due to this consideration, the TFT assigned lower priority to this proposal.

[59] TFT acknowledged that a recent eLearning on PRA had been recently published on the IPP and recommended that other existing training materials be identified to determine what would be the most suitable implementation material for this topic. TFT recommended to the IC that the priority given to this topic be revised once the reorganisation of PRA standard is adopted by CPM, and provided that the development of a guide is deemed to be necessary.

[60] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the IC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – implementation resource.
- (3) TFT score – 3
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 3

6.2 2023-022_AUS_Guidance material for ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae))

[61] The TFT member introduced the summary¹⁶ and noted that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because the guide will provide a resource to assist NPPOs in the implementation of pest-free areas for fruit fly and promote safe trade.

[62] TFT highlighted that the recent revision of ISPM 26 included the removal of guidance elements that the submitter is proposing to re-purpose as a guide. TFT discussed that a guide on pest-free areas is recently published and includes case studies related to fruit flies. TFT recommended that the IC look at the existing guide and review the guidance elements removed from ISPM 26 and identify whether significant gaps exist and warrant the creation of a standalone, or the amendment of the existing guide on PFA. TFT highlighted that one of the options would be to revise the existing Guide by adding additional information.

[63] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended the IC considering this topic submission.
- (2) TFT recommended material – implementation resource.
- (3) TFT score – 4.
- (4) TFT recommended priority – 2.

¹⁵ 18_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

¹⁶ 19_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

6.3 2023-030_CAN_Sampling Calculator Tool for Surveillance (ISPM 6) and Inspection of Consignments (ISPM 31)

- [64] The TFT member introduced the summary¹⁷ and confirmed that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective since part of the activities of NPPOs is to take samples, and a statistical sampling design is critical to ensure the reliability of surveillance and inspection.
- [65] TFT agreed that the topic is relevant from a global perspective as NPPOs will have access to a tool with greater confidence in the sampling designs, facilitating safe trade and early detection of pests. Members expressed that the proposal aims to simplify and standardize a method used by NPPOs in different ways.
- [66] TFT agreed that there is a solution to the proposed topic, one of which is the development of an analytical tool such as a spreadsheet. It was further clarified that the proposed solution to this topic is the development of IT coding that CPs could adapt to their existing sample size calculators, as well as spreadsheet which could be used in areas with poor internet connectivity. TFT highlighted that contributed resources are available on the IPP; however, the proposed tool was seen as complementary.
- [67] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended the IC considering this topic submission and suggested that the IC task drafting group to look at the approach and solution of this proposed topic.
 - (2) TFT recommended material – implementation resource.
 - (3) TFT score – 4
 - (4) TFT recommended priority – 3.

7. Diagnostic protocols

- [68] TFT members noted that the proposed DPs are all critical, well-developed, contains reliable information, and therefore could be considered. Furthermore, they agreed that different pests are recognized globally, and their value will differ from country to country, so regulating them is crucial.
- [69] TFT highlighted that a general statement to all DPs will be beneficial if submissions clearly describe the importance of pests and their effect on international trade.

7.1 2023-003_PPPO_Developing Diagnostic Protocols for the Coconut Rhinoceros beetle (CRB). *Oryctes rhinoceros*

- [70] The TFT member introduced the evaluated summary¹⁸ and supported its relevance from an IPPC perspective. Members expressed that the proposal aims to properly identify the pest and apply appropriate control methods, therefore minimizing its impact. It was added that relevant pests for coconut trees and the emergence of new strains of the pest have led to some uncertainty about the appropriate diagnostic tools, especially at the molecular level.
- [71] TFT highly supported the global relevance of the topic and stated that the Coconut Rhinoceros beetle CRB is the major pest on coconuts in the region. In the last decade, several new strains of CRB have been identified and do not respond to the current control methods, thus causing extremely high levels of damage to coconuts. The coconut tree is distributed globally in tropical and sub-tropical regions. Also, the proposal identified that this would have an important impact on agriculture trade as there is a huge array of commodities from coconuts. This will also have an impact on food security at the national and regional levels. Diagnostic protocols will allow proper and accurate identification of biotypes.
- [72] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.

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¹⁸ 21_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

- (2) TFT score – 4.
- (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

7.2 2023-009_NZ_HTS Identification of regulated bacteria isolated from plants, Annex to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)

- [73] The TFT member introduced the summary¹⁹ and highlighted that new technologies are developing, and ISPMs should reflect these new developments because it impact on the accuracy of results.
- [74] TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme and invited the SC to look at the best way forward. TFT suggested that one of the options could be developing a similar standard to ISPM 42, 43, and 18; thus, Requirements for the use of HTS identification of regulated bacteria isolated from plants.
- [75] TFT discussed similar approaches to treatment, like ISPM on Irradiation and ISPM 18 as a phytosanitary treatment.
- [76] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
 - (2) TFT score – 5.
 - (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.
 - (4) TFT suggested that SC look at this proposal and determine the best path forward.

7.3 2023-010_NZ_Alopecurus myosuroides Annex to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)

- [77] The TFT member introduced the summary²⁰ and confirmed that the topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because black grass is one of the worst agricultural weeds in Europe and other areas, and a DP would be a benefit to many countries. Members added that it will be beneficial of having a harmonized diagnostic protocol for an invasive weed.
- [78] TFT agreed that this submission contributes to filling gaps in the Framework for Standards and Implementation, and all NPPOs should have strong capacities to diagnose pests and prepare rapid responses to pest outbreaks. Additionally, TFT added that there is no DP on this pest in the framework for standards and implementation, so this proposal will contribute to filling gaps.
- [79] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
 - (2) TFT score – 4
 - (3) TFT recommended priority – 3

7.4 2023-011_AUS_Diagnostic Protocol for detection and identification of Xylella vectors

- [80] The TFT member introduced the summary²¹ and noted that the topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because it relates to the mission and vision of IPPC in that it will facilitate safe trade through the diagnosis of the vectors of *Xylella fastidiosa*. On the other hand, identification of the vectors at the field level or border will mitigate the spread and impact of the disease. Members added that *Xylella* is causing significant economic impact in several countries across the globe, and developing a DP is relevant to identifying quarantine pests of global concern.

¹⁹ 22_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²⁰ 23_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²¹ 24_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

- [81] TFT agreed that the proposed material is adequate because ISPM 27 for diagnostic protocols is the most appropriate means of addressing the challenge because it will ensure precise diagnosis and come up with mitigation measures to avoid loss.
- [82] TFT observed that this submission contributes to filling gaps in the Framework for Standards and Implementation as there is no DP for *Xylella* vectors in the framework for standards and implementation. TFT noted that it would also complement the implementation topic on inspection of consignments for *Xylella fastidiosa* at points of entry.
- [83] TFT discussed that although the topic is broad, substantive literature exists that could help in developing DP for vectors.
- [84] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
 - (2) TFT score – 4
 - (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

7.5 2023-012_AUS_Diagnostic Protocol for detection and identification of *Halyomorpha halys* (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug)

- [85] The TFT member introduced the summary²² and highlighted that on a global scale, *Halyomorpha halys* rapidly expanded from Asia to the United States, Europe, Canada, and Chile in the Southern Hemisphere, and *H. halys* attacks more than 300 plant species so it would be beneficial to develop a DP for this pest.
- [86] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
 - (2) TFT score – 4
 - (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

7.6 2023-015_CN_Diagnostic protocol for *Bactrocera correcta*

- [87] The TFT member introduced the summary²³ and agreed that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective, as the issue proponent proposes to develop a harmonized DP that will help the international phytosanitary community. On a global scale, TFT members confirmed that the proposed topic is relevant given the impact this pest has on a number of commodities that are traded internationally. Some members added that the pest seems to be limited to Southeast Asia, although it could become a global issue if introduced elsewhere.
- [88] The TFT agreed on the following:
- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
 - (2) TFT score – 3
 - (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

7.7 2023-016_CN_Diagnostic protocol for *Bactrocera tsuneonis* and *Bactrocera minax*

- [89] The TFT member introduced the summary²⁴ and established that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective and a global perspective. Members noted that even though the proposal is limited to Asia for now, it has the ability to spread into tropical, subtropical, and warm temperate areas.

²² 25_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²³ 26_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²⁴ 27_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

[90] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
- (2) TFT score – 4
- (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

7.8 2023-017_CN_DP: Colletotrichum kahawae J.M. Waller & Bridge

[91] The TFT member introduced the summary²⁵ and approved that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because an Annex to ISPM 27 harmonizes standardized protocols for DP and is relevant to identifying this pest of global concern. Members agreed on the global relevance of this proposed topic, adding that there is a potential threat of *Colletotrichum kahawae* primary in Arabic-growing countries, America, and Asia.

[92] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
- (2) TFT score – 4.
- (3) TFT recommended priority – 3.

7.9 2023-025_KE_DNA barcoding as an identification tool for regulated pests

[93] The TFT member introduced the summary²⁶ and recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme and invited the SC to look at the best way forward. TFT suggested that one of the options could be developing a similar standard to ISPM 42, 43, and 18; thus, Requirements for the use of HTS identification of regulated bacteria isolated from plants.

[94] TFT discussed similar approaches to treatment, like ISPM on Irradiation and ISPM 18 as a Phytosanitary Treatment and ISPM 27, which will continue to have annexes for diagnostic protocols for specific pests.

[95] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
- (2) TFT score – 4.
- (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.
- (4) TFT suggested that SC look at this proposal and determine the best path forward.

7.10 2023-026_KE_Diagnostic protocol for Avocado sun blotch viroid

[96] The TFT member introduced the summary²⁷ and agreed that the proposed topic is relevant from an IPPC perspective because an Annex to ISPM 27 harmonizes standardized protocols for DPs. Members also agreed that the proposal was relevant from a global perspective because Avocado sun blotch viroid (ASBVd) is a pest of major importance for avocados (propagation material).

[97] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
- (2) TFT score – 4
- (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

²⁵ 28_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²⁶ 29_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²⁷ 30_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

7.11 2023-029_KE_Diagnostic protocol for False Codling Moth, *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*

[98] The TFT member introduced the summary²⁸ and supported that the proposal is relevant from a global perspective due to the fact that this is a regulated pest for many contracting parties, and false codling moths have a wide range of hosts and can severely impact food security.

[99] Members noted that the proposal is linked to topic 2023-027 submitted by COSAVE (Annex ISPM 46 movement of fresh orange fruit, *Citrus sinensis*) and 2023-019 by New Zealand (Annex ISPM 46 movement of fresh citrus fruit, Genus *Citrus*).

[100] The TFT agreed on the following:

- (1) TFT recommended this proposal be added to the TPDP work programme.
- (2) TFT score – 4
- (3) TFT recommended priority – 2.

8. Recommendations to the SC and IC

[101] The TFT recommendations finalized at the meeting are provided in the tables (Appendix 4).

9. Call for Topics for Observatory Topics

[102] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the paper²⁹ and highlighted that the IPPC Observatory is a system that monitors the implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs, and CPM Recommendations, identifies challenges and best practices, and provides recommendations to the IPPC governing and subsidiary bodies for follow-up action.

[103] The Secretariat emphasized that the IPPC Observatory has always had an open call, and the purpose of this proposal is to give more importance to the IPPC Observatory topics. The Secretariat added that it would be important to limit the calls for IPPC Observatory topics and make them biannual, thus adding them to the biannual call for topics.

[104] The Secretariat added that the proposal is to develop a form that follows the same process and format as the current form for call for topics. The Secretariat further elaborated that the two-year time frame will allow the Secretariat to prepare the form in line with the current form for call for topics.

[105] TFT supported the proposal from the Observatory and agreed to present the proposal to the CPM-18 (2024).

10. Any other business

10.1 Streamlining the TFT preliminary assessment online form

[106] The TFT discussed updating the online form for topic submissions to make it more efficient. They agreed that a more comprehensive criteria would improve the evaluation process. The TFT decided to send the form to the CPM Bureau and SPG for further input before presenting it at CPM-19 (2025).

11. Close of the meeting

[107] The TFT members thanked the Secretariat for streamlining the 2021 Call for Topics and the TFT meetings by implementing new tools and technologies that improved the topic submission process and facilitated the work of the TFT.

[108] The TFT Chairperson thanked all participants for their active contributions and closed the meeting.

²⁸ 31_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

²⁹ 32_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct

Appendix 1: Agenda

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1.	Opening of the meeting		
	By the IPPC Secretariat	–	NERSISYAN (SSU LEAD) BRUNEL (IFU LEAD)
	By the Task Force on Topics Chairperson	–	QUIROGA (Chairperson)
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1.	Election of the Rapporteur	–	Chairperson
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3.	Administrative Matters		
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4.	2023 Call for Topics: a review of submissions for new topics		
4.1.	List of submitted topic proposals	04_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct 2023 Call for Topics submissions	KRAH
	- Review of the incomplete submissions		TFT / Secretariat
5.	Standards		
5.1.	2023-005_EG_Guidelines for the use of remote technology in inspection and auditing practices in phytosanitary systems	Summary of preliminary assessment: 05_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PETERSON
5.2.	2023-007_NEPPPO_Certification scheme for date-palm propagation material	Summary of preliminary assessment: 06_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	CÔTE
5.3.	2023-008_NLD_Annex to ISPM 46: Commodity Standard Seeds of Phaseolus vulgaris	Summary of preliminary assessment: 07_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	QUIROGA
5.4.	2023-014_JPN_The revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 08_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE
5.5.	2023-018_NZ_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Vitus vinifera fruit	Summary of preliminary assessment: 09_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	CÔTE
5.6.	2023-019_NZ_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Citrus Fruit	Summary of preliminary assessment: 10_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PELLETIER

5.7.	2023-020_NZ_Revision of ISPM 12 Phytosanitary certificates	Summary of preliminary assessment: 11_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	QUIROGA
5.8.	2023-021_AUS_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex outlining commodities of lower pest risk complexity	Summary of preliminary assessment: 12_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	KUMARASINGHE
5.9.	2023-023_PPPO_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex on the International Movement of fresh taro (<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>) corm for consumption	Summary of preliminary assessment: 13_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE
5.10.	2023-024_UK_ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X, International Movement of <i>Malus domestica</i> fruit for consumption	Summary of preliminary assessment: 14_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	CÔTE
5.11.	2023-027_COSAVE_Annex International movement of fresh orange (<i>Citrus sinensis</i>) fruit to ISPM 46	Summary of preliminary assessment: 15_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PETERSON
5.12.	2023-028_COSAVE_Annex International movement of fresh banana (<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>) fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity specific standards for phytosanitary measures)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 16_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PELLETIER
5.13.	2023-031_CAN_Annex to ISPM 47 on Remote Audits	Summary of preliminary assessment: 17_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PETERSON
5.14.	2023-036_CN_Annex The international movement of <i>Musa</i> spp (banana) fruit, to ISPM 46 (Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 33_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	
6.	Implementation materials		
6.1.	2023-013_JPN_IPPC guide: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests	Summary of preliminary assessment: 18_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	NDUNGE
6.2.	2023-022_AUS_Guidance material for ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (<i>Tephritidae</i>))	Summary of preliminary assessment: 19_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PELLETIER
6.3.	2023-030_CAN_Sampling Calculator Tool for Surveillance (ISPM 6) and Inspection of Consignments (ISPM 31)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 20_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	KUMARASINGHE
7.	Diagnostic protocols		
7.1.	2023-003_PPPO_Developing Diagnostic Protocols for the Coconut Rhinoceros beetle (CRB). <i>Oryctes rhinoceros</i>	Summary of preliminary assessment: 21_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE

7.2.	2023-009_NZ_HTS Identification of regulated bacteria isolated from plants, Annex to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 22_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	NDUNGE
7.3.	2023-010_NZ_Alopecurus myosuroides Annex to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 23_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE
7.4.	2023-011_AUS_Diagnostic Protocol for detection and identification of Xylella vectors	Summary of preliminary assessment: 24_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	NDUNGE
7.5.	2023-012_AUS_Diagnostic Protocol for detection and identification of Halyomorpha halys (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug)	Summary of preliminary assessment: 25_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	KUMARASINGHE
7.6.	2023-015_CN_Diagnostic protocol for Bactrocera correcta	Summary of preliminary assessment: 26_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE
7.7.	2023-016_CN_Diagnostic protocol for Bactrocera tsuneonis and Bactrocera minax	Summary of preliminary assessment: 27_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	CÔTE
7.8.	2023-017_CN_DP: Colletotrichum kahawae J.M. Waller & Bridge	Summary of preliminary assessment: 28_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	CÔTE
7.9.	2023-025_KE_DNA barcoding as an identification tool for regulated pests	Summary of preliminary assessment: 29_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PELLETIER
7.10.	2023-026_KE_Diagnostic protocol for Avocado sun blotch viroid	Summary of preliminary assessment: 30_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	KUMARASINGHE
7.11.	2023-029_KE_Diagnostic protocol for False Codling Moth, Thaumatotibia leucotreta	Summary of preliminary assessment: 31_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct Link to submission	PETERSON
8.	Recommendations to the SC and IC		Chairperson
9.	Call for Topics for Observatory Topics	32_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct	Descartes
10.	Any other business		Chairperson
11.	Close of the meeting		Chairperson

Appendix 2: Documents list

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04_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct	4.1	List of submitted topic proposals	2023-10-09
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06_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct	5.2	2023-007_NEPPO_Certification scheme for date-palm propagation material	2023-10-18
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15_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct	5.11	2023-027_COSAVE_Annex International movement of fresh orange (Citrus sinensis) fruit to ISPM 46	2023-10-18
16_TFT_Tel_2023_Oct	5.12	2023-028_COSAVE_Annex International movement of fresh banana (Musa paradisiaca) fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity specific standards for phytosanitary measures)	2023-10-18

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2023 Call for Topics submissions	4.1	2023 Call for Topics submissions
2023 April Report of the TFT April 2023 virtual meeting		REPORT

Appendix 3: Participants list

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Appendix 4: Tables of the TFT recommendations

Topic number	Title	CP / RPPO	Support	TFT summary	Proposed standards			Request for SC	
					TFT score (0-5)	TFT recommended priority (1-4)	TFT recommended material		
2023-008	Annex to ISPM 46: Commodity Standard Seeds of Phaseolus vulgaris	Netherlands	EU and EPPO	TFT recommended considering these topic submissions.	5	1	Standards	To the SC	
2023-014	The revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)	Japan	-		4	2			
2023-018	ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Vitus vinifera fruit	New Zealand	Canada, USA, Australia, and the United Kingdom		5	1			
2023-019	ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Citrus Fruit	New Zealand	Australia, and United Kingdom		4	1		TFT assessed that the approach towards this proposal must have a broader commodity description, and the TPCS can further investigate if some of the species of citrus fruits can be grouped.	
2023-020	Revision of ISPM 12 Phytosanitary certificates	New Zealand	Australia, United Kingdom, and Canada		4	2		TFT suggested that the SC may task the TPCS to look at the feasibility of doing genius citrus, and if not possible, then go with citrus sinensis as the lead commodity as per the submission from COSAVE (2023-027).	To the SC
2023-023	ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures,	PPPO	PPPO		5	1		To the SC	

	Annex on the International Movement of fresh taro (<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>) corm for consumption						
2023-024	ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X, International Movement of <i>Malus domestica</i> fruit for consumption	United Kingdom	Australia, New Zealand, the European Union and EPPO		5	1	To the SC
2023-027	Annex International movement of fresh orange (<i>Citrus sinensis</i>) fruit to ISPM 46	COSAVE	COSAVE		4	2	TFT suggested that the SC may task the TPCS to look at the feasibility of doing genius citrus, and if not possible, then go with citrus sinensis as the lead commodity
2023-028	Annex International movement of fresh banana (<i>Musa paradisiaca</i>) fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity specific standards for phytosanitary measures)	COSAVE	COSAVE		5	1	To the SC
2023-031	Annex to ISPM 47 on Remote Audits	Canada	PPPO		5	1	To the SC

2023-005	Guidelines for the use of remote technology in inspection and auditing practices in phytosanitary systems	Egypt	-	TFT did not recommend these topics to CPM for inclusion on the work program	-	<p>TFT felt that the information in the draft specification was not sufficient and agreed that the topic should be linked with other proposed topics, notably the Canadian submission (2023-031). TFT noted that the review of ISPM 23 links to this proposal and would facilitate the incorporation of this component (as opposed to a stand-alone).</p> <p>It was agreed that the audit component will be combined with the Canadian proposal (2023-031) as an annex to ISPM 47, since the specification from the Canadian proposal (2023-031) has enough information.</p> <p>TFT finally agreed that the inspection aspect of the Egyptian proposal (2023-005) is insufficient to proceed with the recommendation.</p>
2023-007	Certification scheme for date-palm propagation material	NEPPO	NEPPO		-	TFT did not recommend this topic to CPM for inclusion on the work program but rather to develop it as a regional standard by NEPPO. TFT added that more research should be done to show more global relevance since an IPPC guide is relevant to address this issue.
2023-021	ISPM 46 Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex outlining commodities of lower pest risk complexity	Australia	PPPO		-	<p>[19] The TFT examined if the submission would fit better as an annex to ISPM 32 or if the proposed concept could be considered during future revisions of ISPM 32. TFT also recognized that there is a gap regarding commodities with low pest risk and whether submission should be considered under ISPM 46 or ISPM 32.</p> <p>[20] TFT felt that SC should discuss and recommend a path forward for such commodities and advised that the submitter should consider re-submitting the topic based on the discussion that will take place at SC.</p>
2023-036	Annex The international movement of Musa spp (banana) fruit, to ISPM 46 (Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures)	China	-		-	TFT was aware of this late submission and felt that one submission on banana was enough to be added to the work programme.

Proposed implementation resources								
Topic number	Title	CP / RPPO	Support	TFT summary	TFT score (0-5)	TFT recommended priority (1-4)	TFT recommended material	Request for SC/IC
2023-013	IPPC guide: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests	Japan	-		3	3	Implementation resource	<p>TFT felt that the topic could be added to the work programme, but wait till PRA reorganisation is adopted by CPM. TFT gave this proposal a lower priority for this reason.</p> <p>TFT suggested that the IC can focus on other implementation materials that are needed for standards that are adopted.</p> <p>TFT recommended that a holistic approach be taken to evaluate existing training materials and identify the gaps to find out what would be the most suitable implementation material for this topic.</p> <p>TFT recommended to the IC that the priority given to this topic be revised once the reorganisation of PRA standard is adopted by CPM.</p>
2023-022	Guidance material for ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae))	Australia	-		4	2		<p>TFT recommended the IC look at the existing guide and identify gaps in it so that a new proposal would be beneficial. TFT highlighted that one of the options would be to revise the existing Guide by adding additional information.</p>
2023-030	Sampling Calculator Tool for Surveillance (ISPM 6) and Inspection of Consignments (ISPM 31)	Canada	-		4	3		<p>TFT recommended the IC considering this topic submission and suggested that the IC task drafting group to look at the approach and solution of this proposed topic.</p>

Proposed and later recommended by the TFT diagnostic protocols							
Topic number	Title	CP / RPPO	TFT score (0-5)	TFT recommended priority (1-4)	TFT summary	Request for SC/IC	Support
2023-003	Developing Diagnostic Protocols for the Coconut Rhinoceros beetle (CRB). <i>Oryctes rhinoceros</i>	PPPO	4	2	TFT recommended the development of the DPs. TFT made a general statement that it would be beneficial if all DP submission clearly described the importance of pests and their effect on international trade.	To the SC	
2023-009	HTS Identification of regulated bacteria isolated from plants, Annex to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)	New Zealand	5	2		TFT recommended this proposal be added and suggested that SC look at this proposal and determine the best path forward. One way forward suggested by the TFT was to develop a similar standard to ISPM 42, 43, and 18, thus Requirements for the use of HTS Identification of regulated bacteria isolated from plants.	
2023-010	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i> Annex to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)	New Zealand	4	3		To the SC	
2023-011	Diagnostic Protocol for detection and identification of <i>Xylella</i> vectors	Australia	4	2		TFT discussed that although the topic is broad, substantive literature exists that could help in developing DP for vectors.	
2023-012	Diagnostic Protocol for detection and identification of <i>Halyomorpha halys</i> (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug)	Australia	4	2		To the SC	
2023-015	Diagnostic protocol for <i>Bactrocera correcta</i>	China	3	2			
2023-016	Diagnostic protocol for <i>Bactrocera tsuneonis</i> and <i>Bactrocera minax</i>	China	4	2			
2023-017	DP: <i>Colletotrichum kahawae</i> J.M. Waller & Bridge	China	4	3		TFT recommended this proposal be added and suggested that SC look at this proposal and	
2023-025	DNA barcoding as an identification tool for regulated pests	Kenya	4	2			

						<p>determine the best path forward.</p> <p>TFT discussed whether ISPM 27 would be the best place for such a proposal or a guide can be developed. One of the options would be to develop a similar standard to ISPM 42, 43, and 18, thus Requirements for DNA barcoding as an identification tool for regulated pests.</p>	
2023-026	Diagnostic protocol for Avocado sun blotch viroid	Kenya	4	2			
2023-029	Diagnostic protocol for False Codling Moth, <i>Thaumatotibia leucotreta</i>	Kenya	4	2			
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