Standard Setting Unit (SSU) 2024 tentative work plan

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

Background

1. This paper presents a tentative work plan for 2024 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 2023 year was presented to the Standards Committee (SC) in November 2022 in the paper “31\_SC\_2022\_Nov” and is available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)[[1]](#footnote-2).
3. A tentative work plan for 2024 is provided in Annex 1. A tentative calendar is provided in Annex 2. After the 2023 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, some CPM focus groups, liaison with FAO translation services, and of the IPPC Secretariat. The SSU also provides support to other IPPC subsidiary bodies (e.g. CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group (SPG)), and continues to be the focal points for the activities related to two development agenda items in the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030: (1) commodity and pathways standards, (2) laboratory diagnostic networking. The strategic development agenda was handed over to (IFU). The SSU members also represent IPPC Secretariat in different meetings organized by FAO and partners. It is planned that the 2024 SC meetings will take place physically in FAO HQ, on the pre-agreed dates of:

* **SC May:** 06 to 10 May 2024
* **SC-7:** 13 to 15 May 2024
* **SC November:** 18 to 22 November 2024

1. Pending decisions to be taken by the SC, the following draft ISPMs and documents are planned to be presented for adoption and consultation periods for 2024[[2]](#footnote-3).

**Adoption by CPM-18 (2024):**

1. It is foreseen that the following ISPMs will be presented to the CPM-18 (April 2024) for adoption:

* 3 draft ISPMs: Draft revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002), Draft 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001), Draft Annex: Criteria for evaluation of available information for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies to ISPM 37 (*Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae*)) (2018-011),
* 1 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs): Draft annex to ISPM 28: *Cold treatment for* *Thaumatotibia* *leucotreta* *on* *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029).

**Consultation period on draft Specifications (01 July to 30 September, 90 days)**

* Holistic revision of the draft reorganized pest risk analysis standard (2023-037)
* Annex Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009) to ISPM 38 (International movement of seeds)

1. **Diagnostic Protocol Notification Period 2024 (05 January- 20 February or 1 July – 15 August):**

* Revision of DP 09: Genus *Anastrepha* Schiner (2021-002)
* Revision of DP 27: *Ips* spp. (2021-004)
* Revision of DP 25: *Xylella fastidiosa* (2021-003)

1. **First consultation 2024 (01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

Draft ISPMs:

* Revision of ISPM 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010)
* Field inspection (including growing season inspection) (Annex to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*)) (2021-018)

4 Draft Phytosanitary Treatments (PTs):

* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Combination of Irradiation and Modified Atmosphere Treatment for *Trogoderma granarium* (2023-032)
* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* (2023-033)
* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Paracoccus marginatus* (2023-034)
* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Planococuss Lilacinus* (2023-35)

3 Draft Diagnostic Protocols (DPs): **(30 January to 03 May 2024. 90 days consultation period for draft DPs only)**

* Pospiviroid species (except *Potato spindle tuber viroid* (DP 7)) (2018-031), priority 2,
* Heterobasidion annosum sensu lato (2021-015), priority 3, and
* *Meloidogyne mali* (2018-019), priority 3.

Draft Specifications:

* Holistic revision of the draft reorganized pest risk analysis standard (2023-037)
* Annex Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009) to ISPM 38 (International movement of seeds)

1. **Second consultation 2024 (01 July – 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

2 Draft ISPMs:

* Draft annex to ISPM 46 (Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures): International movement of Mangifera indica fruit (2021-011), priority 1
* Draft annex to ISPM 39 (International movement of wood): Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (2015-004), priority 3

Draft Phytosanitary Treatments (PTs):

* Draft annex to ISPM 28: *Vapour heat treatment for Planococcus* *lilacinus* (2021-028)

1. **Planned meetings for 2024:**

* SC May, SC-7 and SC November, Technical panels:
  + Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP): Tentative October/November 2024, Venue TBD
  + Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
  + Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG) \_Tentative December 2024
  + Technical Panel for Commodity Standards (TPCS)
* **EWG (TBD by SC)**
* CPM Focus Group, pending CPM-18 decisions:
  + CPM Focus Group on Food and Other Humanitarian Aid
  + CPM Focus Group on Laboratory Diagnostic Network
* Other meetings (in collaboration with colleagues from other IPPC Secretariat teams)
  + 2024 IPPC Regional Workshops (in collaboration with Integration and Support Team of the IPPC Secretariat)

1. **Other activities:**

* Publication of adopted ISPMs (all FAO languages)
* Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs (all FAO languages)
* Language review groups (LRGs)
* Calls for experts, call for DP authors, calls for discussion papers
* E-Decisions
* Expert Consultation on Diagnostic Protocols
* Webinars:

1. **SSU awareness raising and training materials:**

* OCS Training video
* Videos on Technical Panel
* Training videos on Call for Topics

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)
* International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
* Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)
* International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG)
* World Trade Organization – Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee and Secretariat
* World Food Programme (WFP)
* International Maritime Organization (IMO)
* World Custom Organization (WCO)
* United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
* World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)

Recommendations to the Standards Committee (SC):

1. The SC is invited to:
2. *discuss* any potential EWG for 2024;
3. *provide* comments and suggestions;
4. *note* the tentative list of activities for 2024;
5. *note* the tentative dates for the SC meetings in 2024.

**Annex 1**

IPPC Secretariat - Standard Setting Unit (SSU)

2024 work plan – TENTATIVE

*(Updated on 2023-10-30)*

**Standards Committee (SC) May 2024** (06-10 May 2023)**:**

**Tentative points for agenda:**

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

draft ISPMs:

* Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2021-010)
* Field inspection (including growing season inspection) (Annex to ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)) (2021-018)

1. **Draft Specifications for approval for consultation**

* Holistic revision of the draft reorganized pest risk analysis standard (2023-037)
* Annex Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009) to ISPM 38 (International movement of seeds)

1. **Summary of e-decisions**
2. **Technical panels updates and review of work plans:**
3. Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
4. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
5. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
6. Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)
7. **CPM-18 follow-ups**
8. **SC / IC interactions**
9. **IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030**

**Standards Committee working group (SC-7) May 2024 (13-15 May 2024), draft ISPMs:**

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

draft ISPMs:

* Draft Annex International Movement of Mango (Mangifera indica) Fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity- specific standards for phytosanitary measures (2021-011), Priority 1
* Draft Annex Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood to ISPM 39 (International movement of wood) (2015-004), Priority 3

**Standards Committee November 2024** (**18-22 November 2024, FAO HQ):**

**Tentative points for agenda:**

**1. Draft ISPMs for approval for recommendation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-18) for adoption:**

* Draft Annex International Movement of Mango (Mangifera indica) Fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity- specific standards for phytosanitary measures (2021-011), Priority 1
* Draft Annex Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood to ISPM 39 (International movement of wood) (2015-004), Priority 3

**3. Approval of draft specifications**

**2. Summary of E-decisions**

**3. SC / IC interactions**

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

**Annex 2**

**STANDARD SETTING 2024 - TENTATIVE CALENDAR**

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

| **Quarter** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Venue** | **Category** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1st | 05 January – 20 Feb 2024 | DP notification period |  |  |
| 30 January – 03 May | DP consultation period |  |  |
| February 2024 | Call for experts: | - | Call |
| 01 March 2024 | Posting draft ISPMs to SC May (available to Contracting Parties and SC) | - | Governance |
| 6 March 2024 | Objection period deadline for adoption of ISPMs closure (“three weeks prior CPM”) | - | Governance |
| XX March 2024 | CPM Bureau |  | Governance |
|  | 08-12 April 2024 | CPM-18 | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 2nd | 06-10 May 2024 | Standards Committee (SC) | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 13-15 May 2024 | Standards Committee working group (SC-7) | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 12 May 2024 | International Day of Plant Health | - | Governance |
| 3rd | 01 July – 30 September 2024 | Consultation period on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations | - | Consultation period |
| 01 July – 30 September 2024 | Consultation period on draft specifications | - | Consultation period |
| XX -XX August 2024 | IPPC Regional Workshops | (various) | Expert input / Capacity development |
| XX Aug – XX September 2024 | IPPC Regional Workshops | (various) | Expert input / Capacity development |
| 4th | XX-XX October 2024 | Tentative - Strategic Planning Group |  | Other |
| October | TPDP Face-to-face meeting |  |  |
| 18-22 November 2024 | Standards Committee (SC) | Rome, IT (FAO HQ) | Governance |
| December | TPG |  |  |

1. 2023 SSU Work Plan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/91730/> [↑](#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)