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National Reporting Obligations (NROs)

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The IPPC and the National Reporting Obligations (NROs)

Purpose

The purpose of the Convention is “international cooperation in controlling pests of plants and plant products and in preventing their international spread, and especially their introduction into endangered areas” *(Preamble)*

Obligations

“Each contracting party shall assume responsibility, without prejudice to obligations under other international agreements, for the fulfilment within its territories of all requirements under this Convention” *(Art. 1.2)*



The reason for having NROs is to ensure that a minimum amount of official phytosanitary information is available for ensuring safe trade, safeguarding food security and protecting the environment from plant pests



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Brief introduction to the NROs concept

NROs are provisions within the Convention designed to ensure that all Contracting Parties (CPs) are accountable for fulfilling reporting obligations. There are two categories of NROs:

- **13 NROs:** 7 public and 6 bilateral
- **Public NROs:** They should be reported via the **International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)**: <https://www.ippc.int>
- **Bilateral NROs:** These obligations are communicated directly between CPs. However, countries have the option to display bilateral NROs on the IPP.



Public NROs

-  1. Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point
-  2. Description of the NPPO
-  3. Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions
-  4. List of entry points

-  5. List of regulated pests
-  6. Pest reports
-  7. Emergency action

More details at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/83226/>





Bilateral NROs



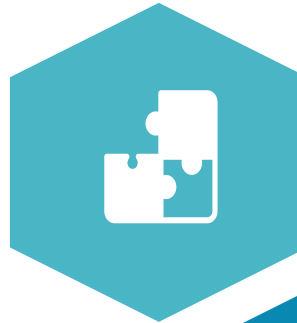
**1. Organizational arrangements
for plant protection**



**2. Rationale for phytosanitary
requirements, restrictions and
prohibitions**



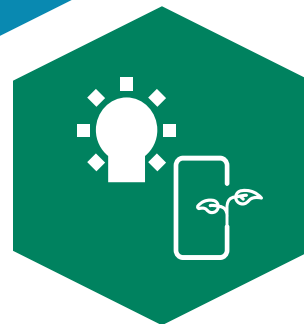
**3. Significant instances of non-
compliance with phytosanitary
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5. Information on the pest status



**6. Technical and biological
information necessary for
pest risk analysis**

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Statistics about NROs can be found in the IPP



[Countries Stats: - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](https://ippc.int)



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Detailed statistics for each NRO in 2023

Select year for statistics:

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The tables below show the detailed breakdown by region of NRO reports made available by Contracting Parties on the IPP regarding the following National Reporting Obligations:

- Description of the NPPO;
- Pest reports;
- Emergency action;
- List of regulated pests;
- Entry points;
- Legislation: phytosanitary requirements/restrictions/prohibitions;
- Non-compliance;
- Organizational arrangements of plant protection;
- Pest status;
- Rationale for phytosanitary requirements.

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Available guides and training materials on NROs

NROs guide

There is a [guide on NROs](#) that requires updating to reflect recent changes in International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).

E-learnings on (i) Surveillance and Pest Status Determination and (ii) National Reporting Obligations

These courses are designed to address (i) the fundamental principles related to pest surveillance and determination of pest status, offering practical guidance to assist national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) in enhancing their national surveillance systems, and (ii) the national reporting obligations (NROs) system for documenting the occurrence, outbreak, and spread of pests.

Certified with the digital badge system, these courses are accessible online, free of charge, as a global public resource:

- [Surveillance and pest status determination](#)
- [National reporting obligations](#)



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Now, let's complete the
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course on NROs!

You will obtain a
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<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=1101>



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