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## PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR INTEGRATING EMERGING PESTS INTO THE POARS

*(Document prepared by IPPC Secretariat)*

- [1] Based on the discussions held with the sub-team on POARS Technical Development, this document outlines a proposed procedure for incorporating emerging pests into the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System (POARS). It covers the process, from identifying potential threats and nominating pests to assessing and prioritizing emerging pests based on agreed criteria and forming dedicated working groups. The procedure then will need to detail the necessary actions to be taken once a pest is classified as an emerging threat. This approach ensures that resources are focused on pests of significant regional or global concern, preventing the dilution of efforts across numerous emerging threats.
- [2] The proposed procedure is structured as follows:
- **Horizon scanning** to monitor and identify pests of emerging concern.
  - **Nomination** of pests to be considered as emerging pests of global concern.
  - **Assessment and ranking** of nominated pests will be based on established criteria and a ranking mechanism to be determined.
  - **Establishment of working groups** to develop prevention, preparedness, and response strategies for these emerging pests.

The POARS SG is invited to:

- *Review* and *agree* on the main steps of the procedure and propose further steps if relevant
- *Brainstorm* and outline the content for each step of the procedure
- *Recommend* the best approach to incorporating the POARS component into the procedure