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The members of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO), the regional plant protection organisation for the South-West Pacific region, provide this Conference Room Paper (CRP) to the nineteenth Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-19) for consideration by meeting participants in their deliberations.

Papers referred to in the CRP:

CPM 2025/15	CPM 2025/30
CPM 2025/20	CPM 2025/31
CPM 2025/21	CPM 2025/44
CPM 2025/29	CPM 2025/45
	CPM 2025/46

ePhyto – CPM 2025/21

PPPO members thank the CPM Focus Group on Sustainable Funding for the IPPC ePhyto Solution for their work to meet the tasks allocated by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). We also thank the FG for working to take on feedback of members, other invited stakeholders, the Bureau and the Strategic Planning Group (SPG).

The PPPO highlights that it is widely used across the Southwest Pacific region, with implementation supported by a number of within-region-funded programs. We would like to extend the thanks to the Focus Group for completing this initiative. Given the success of this program in facilitating market access and trade, especially in developing countries in our region and others, we encourage the FAO and contracting parties to support this initiative with a long-term, sustainable funding arrangement. Through extended use, continued improvement and user led development of enhancements to the platform, this initiative has the potential to realise long-term benefit not only for the Southwest Pacific region, but to global trade and market access.

Safe aid – CPM 2025/29, CPM 2025/30, CPM2025/30_01

PPPO members thank the Focus Group on the safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid for their efforts developing the draft ISPM and addressing the country consultation comments received in the 2024 country consultation round. The consultation with members of the PPPO, RPPOs and other



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contracting parties in the development in the draft specification for an ISPM was appreciated, as are the contributions of all contracting parties who provided comment on this draft specification. As the proponent for this critical topic, submitting it in the Call for Topics and advocating for continued discussion within the IPPC community, our members consider this initiative to be of great importance globally, not only to our Southwest Pacific region.

The 24 countries and territories that make up the region may be small in population compared to others, but we are vast in geography and across this geography, the peoples of this region are extremely vulnerable to the impacts of natural disasters: cyclones, volcanic eruptions, rising sea levels amongst others. In the first week of March 2025, three cyclones were active across our region simultaneously. We are at the forefront of these impacts and we know they are not particular to our region, so support and agreement on a global solution is needed. When faced with a natural disaster, a regional approach will not always help us as aid is not always sourced from within our region alone. The issue of pests entering new countries through shipments of humanitarian aid is a topic that has been collectively discussed many times by our region. It is a real and continuing pathway for which many countries of our region have unfortunately experienced firsthand.

Given this vulnerability to natural disasters, the PPPO members strongly supports the development of the draft ISPM and strongly encourage the contracting parties of the CPM to consider this initiative.

To make the decision of the CPM clear, we propose slight adjustment to the Recommendations in paper CPM 2025/30 from:

1. *determine*, in accordance with the decision of CPM-18 (2024), whether to proceed with the development of an ISPM; and
2. if proceeding, and in line with the Standard Setting Procedure, *approve* the draft specification (**Attachment 1**), *add* this topic to the *List of topics for IPPC standards* and *assign* a priority to the topic.

to

1. *determine*, in accordance with the decision of CPM-18 (2024), whether to proceed with the development of an ISPM; and
2. if proceeding, and in line with the Standard Setting Procedure, **add this topic to the List of topics for IPPC standards**
3. **Assign Priority 1 to the topic**
4. **Approve the draft specification (Attachment 1)**



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Standards for Adoption – CPM 2025/15, CPM2025-15_01, CPM 2025/15_02

PPPO members thank the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and the Standards Committee (SC) for their efforts developing the annex to ISPM 46: *International movement of fresh Mangifera indica fruit*. The adoption of this standard offers a significant opportunity to the Southwest Pacific Region to facilitate the trade of Mango and has gone a long way to build off the work of close colleagues in the Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) to make this once regional standard, global. We support the adoption of this annex to ISPM 46 and look forward to the development and further refinement of these types of documents as more commodities are addressed.

PPPO members also support the adoption of the annex to ISPM 39: *Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risk associated with the movement of wood* and also welcome the continued discussion within the IPPC community on systems approaches, their development, implementation and use facilitating safe trade.

Sea containers – CPM 2025/31

Members of the PPPO thank the Focus Group on Sea Containers for their sustained efforts addressing their Terms of Reference (ToR). The PPPO also supports the maintenance of consideration of development of an ISPM on this topic. PPPO members are vulnerable to the risks of contaminated sea containers as we are predominantly net importing multi-island nations and rely heavily on container-based trade. Given the unique challenges in the management of sea containers and the biosecurity risk they pose, this topic is of great priority to PPPO members. Within our region, a Pacific Sea Container Strategy that will articulate the risks, challenges and management options for sea containers is nearing completion. In addition, it should be noted that due to the importance of this topic within both the SW Pacific and Asian regions, through the PPPO and APPPC respectively, aim to collaboratively develop a Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPM) on this topic across these two adjoining regions.

Members and replacement members – CPM 2025/44, CPM 2025/45, CPM 2025/46

The Southwest Pacific region takes this opportunity to nominate the following representatives to IPPC forums. These nominees have been supported to fulfil these positions through our regional consultation process and so have the support of all PPPO members.



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CPM Bureau member

- Ms Temarama **ANGUNA-KAMANA** (Cook Islands)

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- Ms Nafanua **MALELE** (Samoa)

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- Mr Nitesh **DATT** (Fiji)