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Roles and Responsibilities of an NPPO

Pre-CPM NPPO Orientation



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National Plant Protection Organization

The IPPC defines a national plant protection organization as the “**official service established by a government to discharge the functions specified by the IPPC**”.

Article IV of the Revised Convention:

Each contracting party shall make provision, and to the best of its ability, for an official national plant protection organization.



Each Contracting Party shall submit to the IPPC Secretary, description of NPPO and changes as well as description of organization arrangements for plant protection to another Contracting Party on request.



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1. NPPO responsibilities

The responsibilities of the NPPO are as follows :



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Surveillance

This involves surveillance of growing plants, including both and wild flora, and of plants and plant products in storage or in transportation.

The object is to report the occurrence, outbreak and spread of plant pests and to control those pests.



Inspection

This involves inspection of consignments of **plants and plant products** moving in international traffic and, where appropriate, the inspection of consignments of **other regulated articles**, particularly with the object of preventing the introduction and/or spread of pests of plants and plant products;





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Disinfestation or disinfection

This involves **disinfestation or disinfection** of consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles moving in international traffic, and their containers (including packing material or matter of any kind accompanying plants or plant products), storage places, or transportation facilities of all kinds.





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Issuance of certificates

Phytosanitary certificates are issued by the NPPO of the exporting country to certify that the consignment meets the phytosanitary requirements of the importing country.



Improving Safe Trade in Plants and Plant Products



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Additional NPPO responsibilities

- protection of endangered areas and maintenance of pest free areas (PFAs) and areas of low pest prevalence (ALPP);
- conduct of pest risk analysis (PRA);
- ensure phytosanitary security of consignments after certification;
- training and developing capacity of their staff;
- issuing phytosanitary regulations;
- Pest reporting and other national reporting obligations;
- distribution of information within their country regarding regulated pests the means of their prevention and control;
- research in the field of plant protection.



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2. Questions NPPO should answer to meet these obligations



Legal & Administrative

- **Legal Basis:** Do you have regulatory authority, and are laws up-to-date?
- **Administrative Ability:** Can you acquire resources and maintain adequate staffing?

Collaboration & Resources

- **Cooperation:** Do you collaborate with other organizations and countries?
- **Inspection Stations:** Do you have facilities and trained personnel to handle propagation materials?

Pest Management & Surveillance

- **Pest Inspections:** What are your inspection activities and surveillance?
- **Pest Identification:** Do you have trained identifiers and a pest list?
- **Pest Risk Evaluation:** Do you perform risk analysis and make science-based decisions?
- **Pest Detection:** if they have a pest detection systems.
- **Control/Eradication:** What is your pest management system?
- **Treatments:** Do you have schedules, trained personnel, and necessary equipment?

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Training , Communication & Information Systems

- **Training:** Do you offer training, including on-the-job learning?
- **Communication:** Do you have manuals, automated systems, and outreach?
- **Surveys:** What surveys do you conduct, and do you have adequate resources?
- **Information Systems:** What are your information systems (databases, tools)?

Regulatory & Quarantine Systems

- **Permits:** What types of permits do you issue?
- **Regulating Commodities:** Do you have regulatory authority to impose quarantines and have the resources to regulate the flow of plant materials ?
- **Export Certification:** Do you have an export certification program, do you inspect exports and understand quarantine requirements of your trading partners?
- **Post Entry Systems:** Describe your post-entry quarantine methods.

The NPPO role in CPM

- Listen
- Learn
- Advocate
- Collaborate
- Provide all your NROs as per the convention





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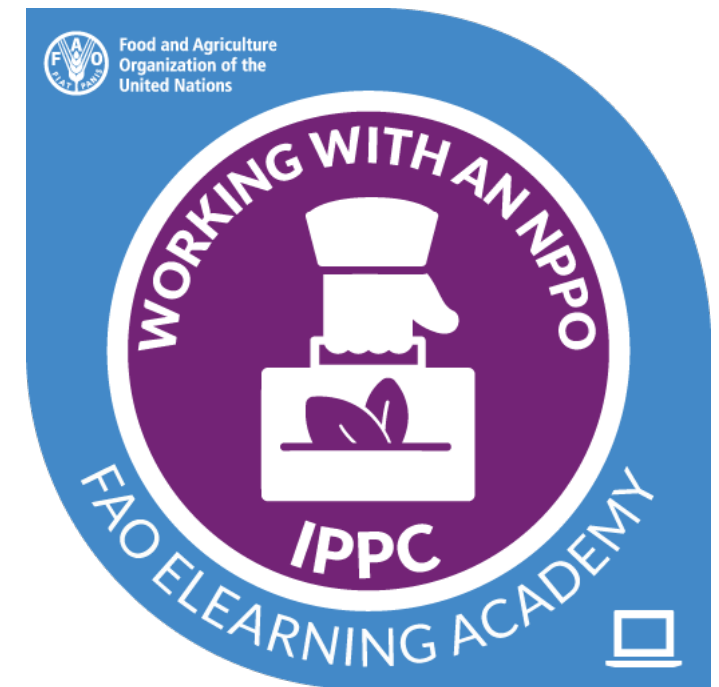
E-Learning course

Working with a national plant protection organization

This e-learning course is designed to support plant health professionals, particularly those working within an NPPO, by enhancing their understanding of the organization's objectives and operations, as well as their own responsibilities within it.

Available at this link:

<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=1243>





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Thank you

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