

International Workshop



International Plant Protection Convention

INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES AND THE IPPC

An expert consultation of phytosanitary services and environmental protection agencies

22-26 September 2003
Braunschweig, Germany

OVERVIEW

The programme addresses some of the most topical issues that are confronting both phytosanitary services and environmental protection agencies with regard to invasive alien species.

Presentations and discussions will seek to explain the role of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and systems developed through the IPPC framework, including Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs), and identify how these systems can contribute to the management and mitigation of risks posed by invasive alien species relevant for plants.

The programme includes an overview of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation tool and the following themes:

1. Existing phytosanitary measures (including legislation, regulation and official procedures)
2. Scientific and technical needs of National Plant Protection Organizations
3. Delivery capacity of National Plant Protection Organizations
4. Information access and sharing

Each thematic area will be addressed with formal presentations as well as discussion groups.

PROGRAMME

The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

Use of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation as a tool for technical assistance and the analysis of phytosanitary systems

Theme 1: Review of existing phytosanitary measures (including legislation, regulation and official procedures)

- Policy framework and official procedures including pest lists
- Co-ordination of the legal and regulatory frameworks at the national level and their harmonization at the regional (e.g. RPPOs) and the international level
- Identification of opportunities to enhance phytosanitary measures
- Contingency planning

Theme 2: Scientific and technical needs of National Plant Protection Organizations

- Pest identification, biology and control
- Pest risk analysis
- Technical input into training (e.g. for inspection, identification, risk analysis, etc.)
- Research

Theme 3: Delivery capacity of National Plant Protection Organizations

- Inspection and border control
- Early detection, surveillance and pest reporting systems
- Import and export control systems
- Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas
- Pest eradication, containment and suppression
- Development of procedures and training
- Emergency response

Theme 4: Information access and sharing

- Reporting obligations of contracting parties to the IPPC
- Role of the International Phytosanitary Portal of the IPPC and the information systems of RPPOs
- Using the International Phytosanitary Portal (e.g. posting and retrieving information)

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Additional information and registration forms are available from www.ippc.int

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Limited funding may be available for participants requiring assistance. Priority will be given to government nominated experts from least developed and developing countries.

To apply for funding complete a travel assistance application form available from the IPPC web site. Criteria for selection of candidates for funding are also available at the same web site.

Deadline for receipt of applications for travel assistance: **August 15, 2003**

Deadline for registration: **August 20, 2003**