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Details on Information Exchange and the International Phytosanitary Portal

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I. IPPC contact points

1. The Secretariat notes that some contracting parties have still to designate an official contact point or have not provided the Secretariat with updated information where official contact point details have changed (including e-mail addresses). Contracting parties are requested to provide such information or updates as soon as possible.
2. Non-contracting party contact points are now identified as “IPPC information points” in the IPP and are listed separately.

Table 1: Summary of the number of all NPPO contact points, and editors for NPPOs and RPPOs.

Region	Contracting Parties (CPs)		Non-CPs	Editors	RPPO staff
	Official contact point	Unofficial contact point	Information point		
Africa	28	6	16	62	4
Asia	15	5	7	33	1
Europe	37	7	3	43	2
Lat. America & Caribbean	28	5	2	33	5
Near East	10	4	2	3	0
North America	2	0	0	0	0
Pacific	9	2	5	27	4
Total	129	29	35	201	16
Total number	158				

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II. International Phytosanitary Portal

3. Maintaining navigation in the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) in English, French and Spanish is an ongoing challenge due to resources and the need to track the many changes that take place. Work on the Arabic and Chinese translation of the navigation text has begun and will be made available as soon as it is ready.
4. Most IPPC contact points have identified IPP editors to undertake the work on the IPP on their behalf. Some countries have designated several IPP editors.
5. The IPP Support Group (IPP SG) met in September 2006 in the Netherlands. The Secretariat appreciates the assistance provided by the Netherlands government with hosting the meeting. The location of this meeting will be rotated to primarily enable increased interaction with national information systems. The full report of the IPP SG can be found at <https://www.ippc.int/id/152007?language=en>.
6. Feedback from IPP regional workshops was discussed in the IPP SG and recommendations made for improvements to navigation and data retrieval. The IPP SG also discussed new features for the IPP, which will be thoroughly tested by the IPP SG before being made available to the public.
7. It is no longer possible to distribute the IPP on CD-ROM. The total volume/size of files on the IPP now precludes even each language version of the IPP fitting on a single CD-ROM.
8. The next phase of IPP development will concentrate on data retrieval, and will include making the navigation system available in the remaining FAO languages (Arabic and Chinese).
9. The IPP SG considered essential that a webmaster for the IPP be designated within the current year to take overall editorial responsibility for presentation and data quality, according to common editorial guidelines.
10. The next meeting of the IPP SG is planned in September 2007.

III. IPPC Information Management

11. The CPM work plan has developed to a stage where information management has reached a new phase. A holistic information management plan needs to be developed to address the specific requirements of the different groups in a way that will eliminate duplication and provide appropriate synergies between different work programme initiatives, while ensuring that the very specific requirements for uploading, accessing and confidentiality are carefully addressed. The major components would include:
 - the IPP for official phytosanitary information (IPPC Goal 2),
 - the revised Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) tool (IPPC Goal 4),
 - information in support of the implementation of the IPPC (IPPC Goals 1 - 6), and
 - information management in support of administrative procedures (IPPC Goal 5).
12. The IPP SG discussed developing a prototype for unofficial phytosanitary information in support of capacity building as envisaged and adopted by ICPM-3. This will be developed when resources become available and tested by the IPP SG before being made available to the public. It was decided it should not be an integral part of the IPP, i.e. it would have a unique URL.
13. Regarding PCE, the Informal working group on the PCE provided considerable guidance on the requirements for the revised PCE tool to be developed within the framework of the IPPC information system.

14. The development of any system or plans will be undertaken in consultation with the IPP SG and members of other relevant IPPC working groups, the Standards Committee and Technical Panels.

15. A working group should be considered to develop a holistic information management system for the IPPC, subject to extra resources becoming available.

IV. Capacity Building

16. To date, 201 NPPO editors from 148 countries and 16 RPPO editors have been trained through ten regional- and sub-regional IPP training workshops conducted during 2005 and up to the end of November 2006. This process is ongoing and it is hoped that training will have been provided for all contracting parties in all regions by the end of 2007.

17. As a direct result of these regional IPP workshops, there has been a substantial increase in the amount of information available through the IPP (see Appendix 1).

18. A workshop for the Near East region will be held in 2007, after translation of the IPP navigation text into Arabic.

19. Phytosanitary information exchange capacity building in the regions or countries not already covered will be addressed on an ongoing basis. It has been recommended that short follow-up regional workshops be held to assist countries in this work and to ensure that momentum is not lost with countries entering data in the IPP. However, human and financial resources are limited and these workshops will be held as resources allow.

20. It is anticipated that FAO will continue to receive technical assistance requests from specific countries and/or regions as a result of this programme, and FAO projects will be developed as appropriate.

21. All general phytosanitary FAO technical assistance projects (TCPs) developed through the IPPC Secretariat now have an information exchange component.

22. The CPM is invited to:

1. *Note* the ongoing activities on information exchange;
2. *Agree* to the establishment of a working group, subject to extra-resources becoming available, for the development of a holistic IPPC information management system for the IPPC.

Summary of reporting data uploaded by countries in different regions (15 January 2007)

Reporting obligations	Region															
	Africa		Asia		Europe		North America		Latin America and Caribbean		Pacific		Near East		Total	
	Actual	No. / country*	Actual	No. / country	Actual	No. / country	Actual	No. / country	Actual	No. / country	Actual	No. / country	Actual	No. / country	Actual	No. / country
Description of the NPPO	20	0.4	9	0.3	23	0.5	0	0	15	0.4	4	0.3	1	0.1	72	0.4
Legislation	28	0.6	15	0.6	32	0.7	0	0	20	0.6	14	0.9	8	0.4	117	0.7
Pest reports	4	0.1	1	0.04	8	0.2	0	0	17	0.5	7	0.4	0	0	37	0.2
Lists of regulated pests	5	0.1	4	0.2	21	0.4	0	0	8	0.2	6	0.4	0	0	44	0.2
Points of entry	16	0.3	3	0.1	12	0.3	0	0	11	0.3	9	0.6	3	0.2	54	0.4
Emergency action	1	0.02	0	0	1	0.02	0	0	1	0.03	3	0.2	0	0	6	0.03
Optional reporting																
Non-compliance	0	0	3	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.02
Organizational arrangements of NPPO	3	0.6	0	0	1	0.02	0	0	5	0.1	4	0.3	0	0	13	0.07
Pest status	0	0	1	0.04	2	0.04	0	0	1	0.03	3	0.2	0	0	7	0.04
PRA /rationale for regulations...)	0	0	0	0	5	0.1	0	0	1	0.03	4	0.3	0	0	10	0.05
Publications	18	0.4	14	0.5	15	0.3	0	0	27	0.8	13	0.8	3	0.2	90	0.5
Data uploaded by IPPC																
Projects	44	0.9	11	0.4	9	0.2	0	0	19	0.5	8	0.5	18	1.1	109	0.6

* publication number / number of countries per region