



## **SPECIFICATION**

# **TP 4 Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (2010)**

### **Title**

Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (2004-004).

### **Reason for the technical panel**

ICPM-6 (2004) identified the need for the formation of a technical panel on forest quarantine issues.

### **Scope and purpose**

The Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) will deal with technical matters regarding forest quarantine issues. It will review relevant technical and scientific information to provide guidance to the Standards Committee (SC) as requested on the development, amendment and revision of standards.

### **Tasks**

The Technical Panel should:

- (1) Identify needed standards or revisions to existing standards, submit new topics in response to the Secretariat's biannual call for topics, and recommend priorities for standards to the SC as appropriate.
- (2) Develop draft ISPMs on work programme topics as directed by the SC.
- (3) Identify forestry issues relevant to IPPC standard setting that need further research and report this to the SC.
- (4) In collaboration with the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) develop criteria for evaluating phytosanitary treatments for specific standards to meet forest quarantine needs in accordance with ISPM 28:2009.
- (5) Provide advice to the TPPT on the feasibility and applicability of treatments proposed for inclusion in ISPM 15:2009 and other forestry standards as appropriate.
- (6) Provide advice to the steward of the TPFQ (or other steward of a given standard if appropriate) and the SC on appropriate responses to member comments on ISPMs related to forest quarantine.
- (7) Identify the extent to which the work of this panel overlaps with the work of other groups, such as the TPPT and relevant research groups, and work with the relevant stewards and chair of the SC to ensure coordination with these groups to prevent duplication of work.
- (8) Analyse existing research data and identify knowledge gaps relating to forestry pest risk analysis and make proposals to the SC.
- (9) Provide advice to the SC on potential forest quarantine issues related to standard setting and proposals to address them.

- (10) In drafting an ISPM, consider whether the new standard could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment, and if so, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft standard.
- (11) Consider implementation of standards by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the SC.
- (12) Participate in the regular updating and maintenance of ISPM 15 as an explanatory document.

### **Provision of resources**

Funding for the meeting is provided by the IPPC Secretariat (FAO). As recommended by ICPM-2 (1999), whenever possible, those participating in standard setting activities voluntarily fund their travel and subsistence to attend meetings. Participants may request financial assistance, with the understanding that resources are limited and the priority for financial assistance is given to developing country participants.

### **Collaborator**

FAO.

### **Steward**

Please refer to the list of topics for IPPC standards posted on the IPP (see <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=207776>).

### **Expertise of Technical Panel**

Expertise in forest quarantine issues from both the research and phytosanitary fields including practical experience. Membership should cover a range of expertise including: forest pathology, entomology and nematology, inspection, pest risk assessment, regulatory systems.

### **Participants**

Six to ten members (from several regions) as selected by the SC. The chair of the International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) should be a member. Details of technical panels and their members are available via <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=179728> (accessed May 2010).

### **References**

The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.

### **Discussion papers**

Participants and interested parties are encouraged to submit discussion papers to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) for consideration by the expert drafting group.

**Publication history**

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