



COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

Description of the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)

The NPPO is a department of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institution (NAREI) under the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA). The NPPO is legislatively mandated to implement programmes and activities to protect Guyana's agricultural resources and the natural environment from harm caused by exotic pest invasions.

The NPPO through the enforcement of the Guyana's Plant Protection Act of 2011 and the Plant Protection Regulations (Draft) restricts the entry and movement of agricultural commodities and regulated articles that are capable of carrying quarantine pests. This is in an effort to ensure that Guyana's rich agricultural resources are protected, thereby providing the opportunity for increased agricultural production and productivity, thus ensuring increased export potential and continued food security.

There are two units of this department: Plant Protection (PP) and Plant Quarantine (PQ). The PP component provides laboratory services; survey and surveillance activities for quarantine pests, while the PQ component comprise of the inspectorate, training and risk analysis sections.

Fig.1: Arrangement of the National Plant Protection Organization

