



The Systems Approach online tools support the development of pest risk management plans for horticultural trade, in particular when a combination of measures is needed. Equally, the tools can be used for managing pathways that could introduce plant pest.





They were developed under an IPPC project with funding from the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) to support governments with less resources for plant health, but they work for all countries.





A group of Facilitators, covering all FAO languages, were trained to support the use of the tools. The tools and User Instructions also can be downloaded for free from the IPPC website.





Any project aiming to open new trade or working to maintain trade in the face of a high pest challenge, could benefit from applying these tools. The graphic outputs make communication across sectors much easier.





A completed Production or Pathway Chain can assist coordination of initiatives aimed at specific aspects of improving phytosanitary capacity.





The Decision Support for Systems Approach will illustrate where to focus research and show the level of agreement across stakeholders.





The Systems Approach online tools support critical thinking. By using information from research, field studies, expert opinion or farmer experience, the simple tools support decisions about the best pest risk management for the situation at hand.





Including these tools in new projects and initiatives will increase efficiency in communication and decision making, including during market access negotiations.