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**The guide to the new homepage of
the International Phytosanitary Portal**

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1 General description and main categories

The IPPC Secretariat has prepared a new homepage for the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) website, available at www.ippc.int to share and exchange relevant information with the IPPC Community. It is divided into different areas of interest, which are highlighted in red circles and described below.

The screenshot shows the IPPC Secretariat homepage. The top navigation bar includes language options (English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese), a search bar, and links to Sitemap, FAQ, Contact, and Log in. The main content area is divided into several sections, each highlighted with a red circle:

- About Us:** The Convention, IPPC Secretariat, Contact us.
- Announcements:** 19-05-2016 National Geographic Italia published 12 of the best pictures from the photo contest "The Shocking Impacts of Pests".
- Calls & Deadlines:** 01-05-2016 Call for pictures on Soils and Plant Health.
- Resources & Tools:** Phyto Resources website, Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE), Online Comment System (OCS).
- Links:** RPOs, Technical, Trade, Environment, Stakeholders.
- IPPC News:** Works on Harmonization of International Phytosanitary Terminology.
- Brief News:** 25-05-2016 US releases millions of wasps to fight emerald ash borer, 25-05-2016 Tuta Absoluta has ravaged 80% of tomato farms in a Nigerian state, 19-05-2016 New Sunflower Pest Reference Serves as Key Guide for Researchers, Professionals, 19-05-2016 Gridlock over Italy's olive tree deaths starts to ease, 18-05-2016 Laurel Wilt of Avocado, 12-05-2016 United States must step-up forest pest prevention, new study says, 11-05-2016 Amazon and eBay hosted ads for banned invasive species (Guardian News), 04-05-2016 SPC publishes Biosecurity Manual for Handicrafts, 04-05-2016 An emerging biotype of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Discovered in the Pacific, 02-05-2016 Blast disease of wheat in Bangladesh: a Brazilian origin?
- Activities:** Governance & Strategies, Standards & Implementation, Integration & Support.
- Themes:** Food Security, Trade Facilitation, Environment Protection, Capacity Development, IYPH 2020.
- Information:** Strategic Planning, Standards, Recommendations, IPPC Projects.
- Resources:** Statistics, Library, Media.

The bottom of the page features a green footer with contact information, copyright and legal disclaimer, social media links (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn), and newsletter subscription options.

The top bar consists of 8 folders, which are visible horizontally:

About	News	Core Activities	Themes	Information	Resources	Countries	Calendar
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The subfolders of each folder become visible once you hover over the relevant folder and are as follows:

About
CPM
IPPC Secretariat
RPPOs
NPPOs

News
IPPC News
Brief news
Announcements
Calls&Deadlines

Core Activities
Governance&Strategies
Standards&Implementation
Integration&Support

Themes
Food Security
Trade Facilitation
Environment Protection
Capacity Development
IYPH 2020

Information
Strategic Planning
Standards
CPM Recommendations
IPPC Projects

Resources
Phyto resources
Statistics
Library
Media

On the left side of the homepage (in a vertical column) you can find 5 sets of data, namely:

- **About Us**, which gives basic information about the International Plant Protection Convention and its Secretariat.

About Us
The Convention
IPPC Secretariat
Contact us

- **Announcements:** the list consists of the latest announcements done by the IPPC Secretariat.
- **Calls&Deadlines:** the list consists of the latest calls issued by the IPPC Secretariat and approaching deadlines for submitting all kinds of information to the IPPC Secretariat.
- **Resources&Tools**

Resources&Tools
Phyto Resources website
Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)
Online Comment System (OCS)

- **Links** with links to external website of relevant institutions

RPPOs
Technical
Trade
Environment
Stakeholders

In the middle of the homepage you can find respectively arranged in horizontal lines:

- **News, (IPPC News and Brief News)**

IPPC News	Brief News
They cover key activities or news relating to the work programme of the IPPC in which the IPPC Secretariat is directly involved.	They consist of news of phytosanitary relevance regarding latest events and developments on national, regional or international level, primarily sourced from NPPOs and RPPOs. These news items could come from a wide variety of sources, for example: newspapers, general publications, books, journals, websites and social media and have links to the original news on a website where more could be read about the subject.

- **Activities**

Main activities of the IPPC are group into 3 categories, which you can see in 3 columns:

Governance&Strategies	Standards&Implementation	Integration&Support
CPM	Standard Setting	NRO - National Reporting Obligations
Bureau-FC-SPG	Capacity Development	Communication&Advocacy
SC - Standards Committee	Implementation	Planning&Budget
CDC – Capacity Development	Dispute Avoidance	Resource Mobilization
SBDS – Dispute Settlement	ePhyto	International Cooperation

Relevant information can be accessed by clicking on the highlighted titles.

- **Themes**

CPM-11 (2016) agreed to establish annual IPPC themes:

2016: Plant Health and Food Security

2017: Plant Health and Trade Facilitation

2018: Plant Health and Environment Protection

2019: Plant Health and Capacity Development

2020: The International Year on Plant Health

Food Security	Trade Facilitation	IYPH 2020
Environment Protection	Capacity Development	

Relevant information can be accessed by clicking on the icons with the photos of the chosen theme.

- **Information**

Information was grouped in 4 columns as follows:

Strategic Planning	Standards	Recommendations	IPPC Projects
IPPC Strategies	Adopted Standards	CPM Recommendations	IRSS
FAO Strategies	Approved Specifications	Recommendations	ePhyto
UN Strategies	Manual for Standard Setting	Procedure	PCE Facilitators Training

Relevant information can be accessed by clicking on the highlighted titles.

- **Resources**

Statistics	Library	Media
NRO's statistics	Publications	Photos
Users statistics	Presentations	Videos

- Other information grouped at the bottom green field of the homepage:

Contact us	IPPC Copyright & Legal Disclaimer	Facebook	Newsletters:
FAQs	Logo policy	Twitter	IPPC Newsletters
Q & A		Linkedin	NROs Updates
			Subscribe

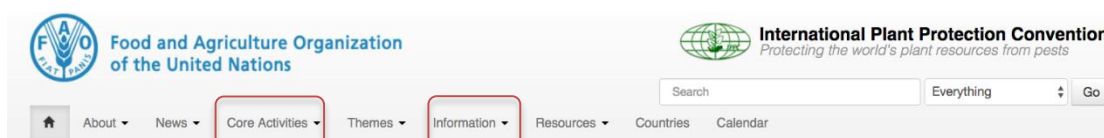
In order to read all the information on the IPP, apart from Work Area dedicated to working documents for specific groups and meetings, you do not have to log in to the website. All public information is accessible for all users.

2. Extract information from the site

As data regarding International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and information uploaded by countries on the IPP regarding obligatory reporting (National Reporting Obligations, like IPPC Contact Points, pest reports and national phytosanitary legislation) are the most search for information on the IPP, below it is described how to look for that information on the new homepage.

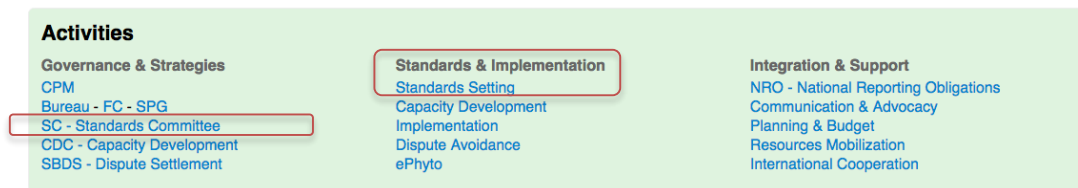
2.1. Search for data on International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures

Hover over the folder “**Core Activities**” or “**Information**” appearing underneath the IPPC logo on the top of the screen of the homepage. Then you would be able to see subfolders: “**Standards&Implementation**” and “**Standards**” on which you need to click.



You can also access information by going to a pale green field with “**Activities**” in the middle of the page and:

- click on “**SC- Standards Committee**” underneath “**Governance&Strategies**” or
- click on “**Standard Setting**” underneath “**Standards&Implementation**”.

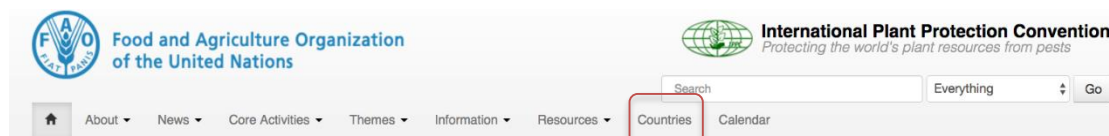


You can also access information by going to a pale yellow field with “**Information**” in the middle of the page and click on “**Adopted Standards**”, “**Approved Specifications**” or “**Manual for Standard Setting**”.



2.2. Search for data on countries reports (National Reporting Obligations)

Click on the folder “**Countries**” appearing underneath the IPPC logo on the top of the screen of the homepage.



Then a page with the list of National Reporting Obligations will open. To find a specific National Reporting Obligation in a summarized form for all countries which posted that information, you need to click on one of the titles listed there.

Countries

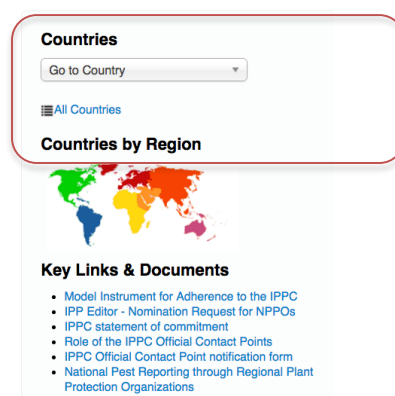
The IPPC is an international treaty that applies to most nations involved with international trade in any commodity that could introduce a new plant pest into a new area; in other words, it is applicable to all trans-boundary movements of plants and plant products.

It is in the interest of all nations to be contracting parties to the Convention: membership means they can play an active part in developing international standards that help to protect their exported and imported goods.

Exchanging technical and official phytosanitary information is vital to the Convention's effective implementation. The IPPC Web site — the IPP — acts as a forum for information exchange, and parties and the IPPC Secretariat use it to meet IPPC reporting obligations by publishing documents or providing links to outside Web pages.

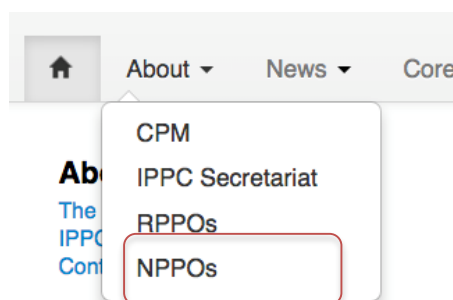
The Convention identifies certain types of information countries are required to report to other contracting parties, to the IPPC Secretariat and/or to RPPOs:

- [IPPC Official Contact Points \(Art. VIII.2\)](#)
- [Official pest report \(Art. VIII.1a\)](#)
- [Description of the NPPO \(Art. IV.4\)](#)
- [Phytosanitary Restrictions/Legislation \(Art. VII.2b\)](#)
- [Entry points \(Art. VII.2d\)](#)
- [List of regulated pests \(Art. VII.2\)](#)
- [Emergency actions \(Art. VII.6\)](#)



If you would like to find information on any National Reporting Obligation specific to a certain country, you need to select the name of that country from a drop down menu (“*Go to country*”) which appears e.g. on the right hand side of the screen.

You can also find a list of countries in the folder “**About**” underneath “NPPOs” in a drop down menu.



Basic information on National Reporting Obligations, including all the links to the countries’ reports, can be found in a folder “National Reporting Obligations” to be found on the right hand side of the screen of the IPP:

