



# The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

**2010 Regional workshop for the review  
of draft ISPMs**





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# The IPPC Convention

173 NATIONS

PROTECTING THE WORLD'S PLANTS  
AGAINST PESTS





# The IPPC: What we do

- International framework for protection of plants from pests
- Standard setting organization
- Facilitates exchange of information related to import and export requirements





# IPPC: History

- Original IPPC adopted in 1951
- Revised in 1979
- Revised again in 1997 to be consistent with principles of the SPS agreement
  - formalizes Secretariat and standard-setting







# IPPC and the WTO-SPS Agreement

- IPPC is one of the “three sisters” of international standard setting recognized by the SPS agreement: Codex, OIE, IPPC
- Members shall base their phytosanitary measures on international standards or justify deviations through risk analysis
- Members shall play a full part in the relevant standard setting organization

*(Article 3 of the SPS Agreement, Harmonization)*





# The IPPC: Key principles

- Sovereign right to regulate
- Regulate only when necessary
- Measures should be:
  - consistent with risk, technically justified, and least restrictive
  - non-discriminatory
  - transparent (published)





## The IPPC: Key obligations

- Set up and administer a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)
- Designate an official IPPC contact point
- Certify exports and regulate imports
- Develop and take into account phytosanitary standards
- Meet basic reporting obligations







# IPPC Administrative Framework

- CPM
  - Administrative bodies of the CPM
- NPPO
- RPPO
- Secretariat





# Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

- Governing body for the IPPC (173 member countries)
- Adopts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)
- Promotes technical assistance and information exchange
- Meets annually
- Provisional date and venue for the next meeting is:

**CPM-6**

**14-18 March 2011**

**FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy**





# CPM administrative bodies

- Bureau (7 members)
- Standards Committee (25 members)
- Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement
- Informal Working Groups





## Standards committee (SC)

- Group of 25 international experts from the 7 FAO regions
- Meets two times annually (May, November)
- Oversees the standard setting process
  - Approves specifications for ISPMs, approves draft ISPMs for member consultation, reviews member comments, recommends ISPMs for adoption by the CPM
  - Oversees work of EWGs and TPs







## Expert Working Groups

- EWGs draft ISPMs for SC review
- NPPOs and RPPOs nominate subject matter experts
- Qualified experts are selected by SC
- EWGs usually meet only once
- Work is guided by steward for ISPM





# 2010 Expert working groups

EWG	Date	Venue
Importation of plant breeding material	February 2010	Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Movement of soil and growing media in association with plants in international trade	June 2010	Ottawa, Canada



## Technical panels (TPs)

- Five technical panels with specialized expertise meet to draft ISPMs and diagnostic protocols, approve treatments, and review the glossary of phytosanitary terms
- Term of membership is five years
- The Secretariat calls for experts for panels on as-needed basis.
- NPPOs and RPPOs nominate experts
- SC oversees work of technical panels





# 2010 Technical panel meetings

Panel	Date	Venue
Technical panel on forest quarantine	TBA	TBA
Technical panel on diagnostic protocols	26—30 July	Washington, DC
Technical panel on phytosanitary treatmements	26 – 30 July	Kyoto, Japan
Technical panel on fruit flies	4 – 8 October	Vienna, Austria
Technical panel on glossary	11 – 15 October	Rome, Italy







# Subsidiary body on Dispute Settlement

- Activities include:
  - Development of dispute settlement procedures
  - Maintenance of roster of phytosanitary experts
  - Provision of information for the effective preparation of a dispute settlement
- Group of 7 international experts from the 7 FAO regions





# National Plant Protection Organization -- NPPO

Role: to **protect** national **plant resources** from the risks associated with **pests**

- food security: protect crops to ensure an abundant, high-quality, and varied food supply
- international trade: strengthen the marketability of agriculture in international commerce by meeting import requirements, including pest risk analysis
- environmental protection: preserve natural ecosystems and horticultural plant resources





# Regional Plant Protection Organization -- RPPO

## Role is to:

- Coordinate and participate in activities among their NPPOs in order to promote and achieve the objectives of the IPPC
- Gather and disseminate information, in particular in relation with the IPPC
- Cooperate with the CPM and the IPPC Secretariat in developing and implementing international standards for phytosanitary measures and regional standards
- Meet annually at the technical consultation among RPPOs



## **REGIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>APPPC</b>	<b>Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission</b>
<b>CA</b>	<b>Comunidad Andina</b>
<b>COSAVE</b>	<b>Comite de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono Sur</b>
<b>CPPC</b>	<b>Caribbean Plant Protection Commission</b>
<b>EPPO</b>	<b>European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization</b>
<b>IAPSC</b>	<b>Inter-African Phytosanitary Council</b>
<b>NAPPO</b>	<b>North American Plant Protection Organization</b>
<b>OIRSA</b>	<b>Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria</b>
<b>PPPO</b>	<b>Pacific Plant Protection Organization</b>







# IPPC Secretariat

- Hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy
- Implements the work programme
- Supports the development of ISPMs
- Facilitates information exchange
- Provides input into technical assistance programmes
- Facilitates dispute settlement
- Represents the IPPC





# ISPMs International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures

- Developed by Members
- Adopted by the CPM
- Implemented by Members





## Standard setting Work programme

- 34 adopted ISPMs (not counting ISPMs adopted at CPM-5 (2010))
- 75 topics at various stages of development on the work programme





# Steps in the Standard Setting Process

- New topics added to the workplan
- Standards Drafted
- Member Consultation
- Adoption of Standards by CPM







## Standard setting process: New Topics

- Call for topics is made once every two years
- Topics and priorities agreed by the CPM are added to the workprogramme

**Next call for topics:  
01 June - 31 July 2011**





# New Topics added to work programme by CPM-5 (2010)

- Revision of ISPM No. 4** *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*
- Revision of ISPM No. 6** *Guidelines for surveillance*
- Revision of ISPM No. 8** *Determination of pest status in an area*
- Establishment and maintenance of regulated areas upon outbreak detection in Fruit Fly Free areas**
- Biological control for forest pests**
- International movement of seed**





## Standard setting process: Drafting standards

- Standards are drafted by experts with opportunities for all contracting parties to provide input
- A specification is developed to clarify the scope of the standard
- Experts are nominated by NPPOs and RPPOs to draft standards
- Experts meet to draft standards
- Draft standards are reviewed by the Standards Committee
- Draft specifications are sent to NPPOs and RPPOs for member consultation





## Standard setting process: Member Consultation

- Draft ISPMs are sent for a 100 day comment period
- Draft ISPMs are discussed at regional workshops.
- Countries discuss issues and prepare comments to use as a basis for their national comments.
- Countries must submit national comments through their NPPPO contact point in order for them to be considered by the Standards Committee in redrafting the standards.
- Member comments are incorporated into ISPM by steward.
- The revised ISPM is reviewed by SC, and may be recommended for adoption by CPM







# Standards for Member Consultation

## 21 June – 30 September 2010

- *Systems approaches for pest risk management of fruit flies (Tephritidae)*
- *Submission of new treatments for inclusion in ISPM No.15*
- *Integrated measures approach for managing pest risks associated with international trade of plants for planting*
- *Irradiation treatment Ceratitis Capitata (Annex ISPM 28)*
- *Diagnostic protocol for Plum pox virus (Annex to ISPM 27)*





# Member Consultation 2010

- Once again, member countries have volunteered to assist Secretariat to compile comments
- Online system for compiling comments should be functional for member comment period 2011






## Standard Setting Process: Draft ISPMs sent to CPM for adoption

- Draft ISPMs sent to CPM for adoption are posted on the IPP before CPM
- Member comments are accepted until 14 days before CPM





# Draft ISPMs adopted by CPM-5 (2010)

- *Pest free potato (Solanum spp.) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade.*
- *Design and operation of post-entry quarantine stations for plants.*
- *Annexes to ISPM No. 28 (Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests)*
  - *Irradiation treatment for Conotrachelus nenuphar*
  - *Irradiation treatment for Grapholita molesta*
  - *Irradiation treatment for Grapholita molesta under hypoxia.*
- *Annex to ISPM No. 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)*
  - *Diagnostic protocol for Thrips palmi Karny*
- *An amendment to ISPM No. 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms).*







# How to participate in the standard setting process?

- Suggest relevant topics for ISPMS
  - IPPC call for topics biennial
- Draft ISPMs
  - nominate experts for expert working groups and technical panels
- Review and comment on IPSMs
  - Participate in regional workshops
  - Comment on standards during member consultation
- Attend CPM
  - Participate in evening sessions on ISPMs



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IPPC - the International Plant Protection Convention - is an international agreement on plant health with **173 current signatories**. It aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests. The Secretariat of the IPPC is provided by the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**. [MORE](#)

  
Emerald ash borer - *Agilus planipennis*  
- Judy King, MSU, Michigan.

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# Information exchange

- Contracting parties provide:
  - Official contact points
  - Official information on pests and phytosanitary measures
- IPPC Secretariat:
  - Provides official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
  - Maintains the IPPC website







# Technical assistance

- IPPC staff provide phytosanitary support to:
  - FAO technical cooperation programmes (TCPs)
  - Ad hoc workshops (e.g. WTO, SPS)
  - Programmes of other regional and international organizations (e.g. IAEA, APO, APEC)







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