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National Reporting Obligations (NROs) Under the IPPC



The IPPC establishes **national reporting obligations (NROs)** which are the responsibility of the **contracting parties** to the Convention.

These obligations contribute to protect plant health through **transparency** and **cooperation**.



Each contracting party **shall assume responsibility**, without prejudice to obligations under other international agreements, for the fulfilment within its territories of all requirements under IPPC.



The reason for having NROs is to ensure that a **minimum amount of official phytosanitary information** is available for ensuring **safe trade**, **safeguarding food security** and **protecting the environment** from plant pests



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Responsibilities of IPPC Contact Points



Ensure Timely Information Exchange

Facilitate communication between parties with proper authority.



Direct Communications Appropriately

Forward information and requests to relevant officials.



Monitor Response Management

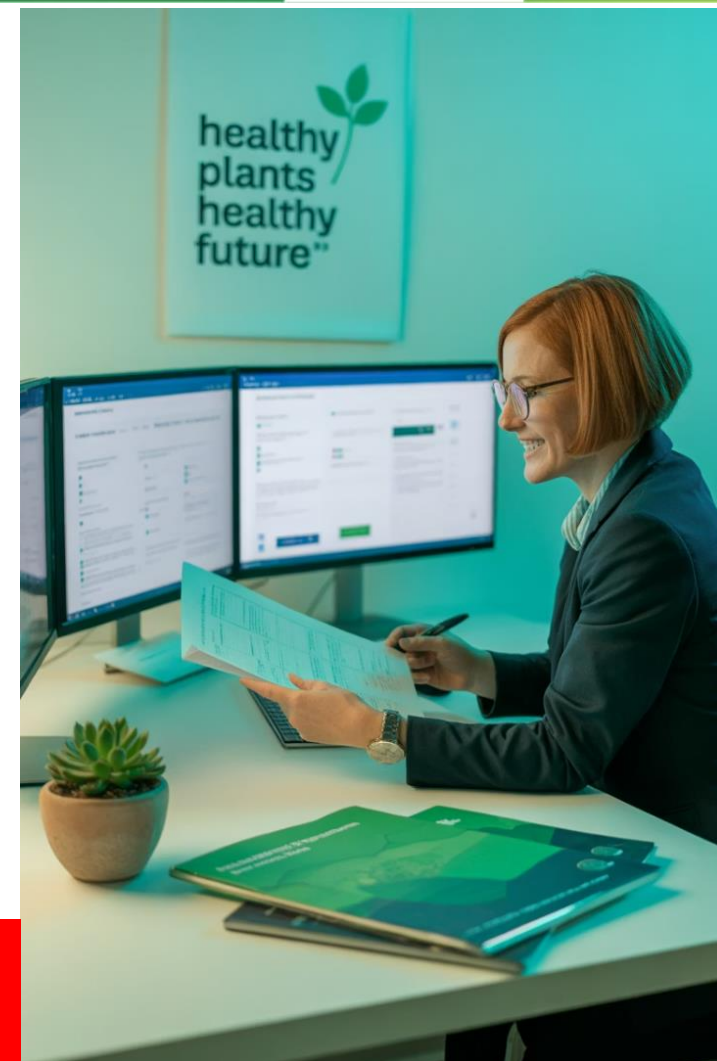
Track and ensure proper responses to inquiries.



Maintain Updated Information on the IPP

Keep contact details current on the International Phytosanitary Portal.

Please ensure that contact details of your IPPC Official Contact Point on the IPP.





7 Public NROs



1. Official Contact Point

This person handles all official IPPC communications. Must be updated within 30 days of any change and checked yearly.



2. NPPO Description

Basic information about the country's plant protection organization. Includes details on laws, structure, staff, labs, and inspection systems.



3. Phytosanitary Requirements

Rules for importing plants and plant products. Lists what is allowed, restricted, or banned.



4. Entry Points

List of approved ports, airports, and border crossings where plants can enter the country.



5. Regulated Pests

Lists of plant pests that are either absent or present but controlled. Lists should be reviewed yearly.



6. Pest Reports

Quick alerts about introduction or spreading pests that could harm crops.



7. Emergency Actions

Reports on urgent steps taken when new pests are found.



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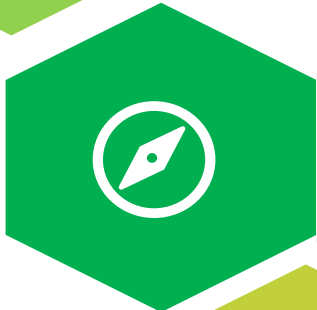
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6 Bilateral NROs



**1. Organizational arrangements of
plant protection**



**2. Rationale for phytosanitary
requirements, restrictions and
prohibitions**



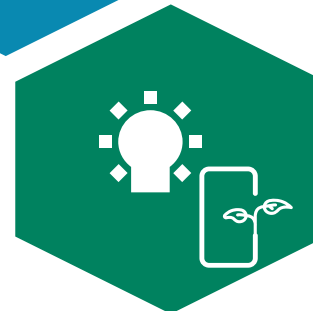
**3. Significant instances of non-
compliance with phytosanitary
certification**



**4. The result of investigation regarding
significant instances of non-compliance with
phytosanitary certification**



5. Information on the pest status



**6. Technical and biological
information necessary for pest risk
analysis**



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Key NROs Challenges



Funding Constraints

NROs are **core IPPC activities** but one of the **underfunded**. The 2024 budget covered maintenance only, with no resources for development or enhancement initiatives.



IC Subgroup activation

A detailed Terms of Reference has been approved by the IC. The activation of the IC Subgroup on NROs is pending resources for NROs activities .



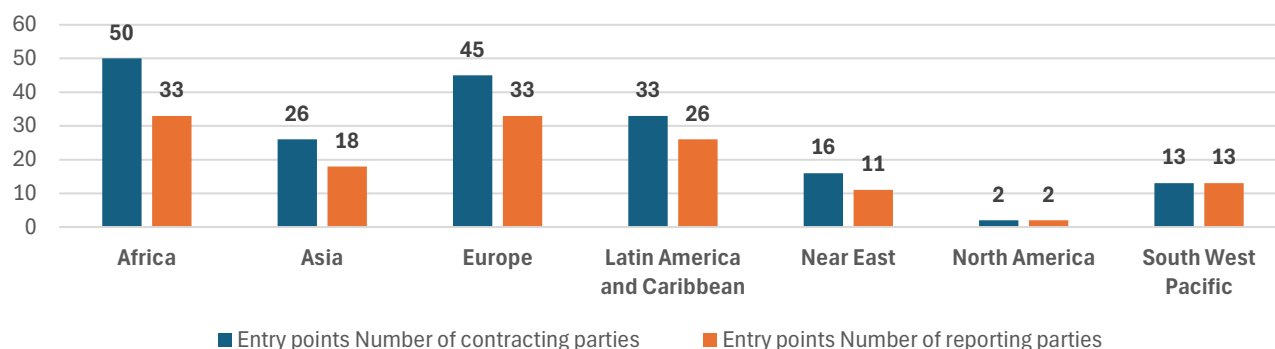
Reporting level

Reporting and updating remains a **major challenge**, even for **public obligations**, a global level commitment is needed **to improve reporting level**

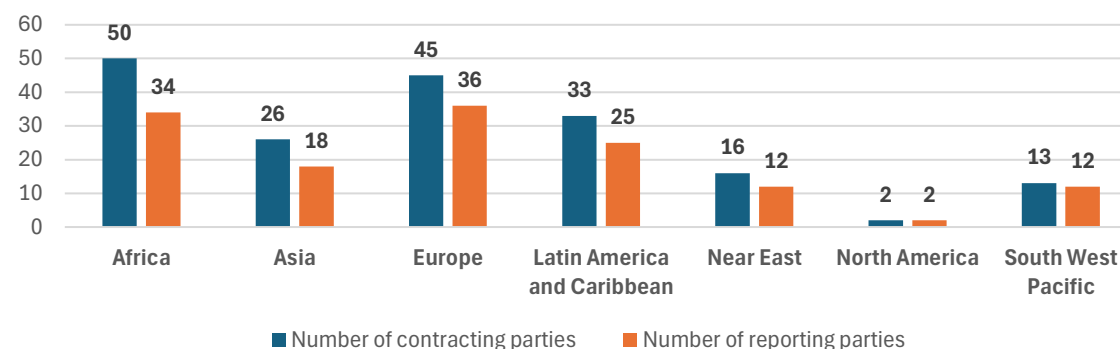


Public NROs statistics in 2024

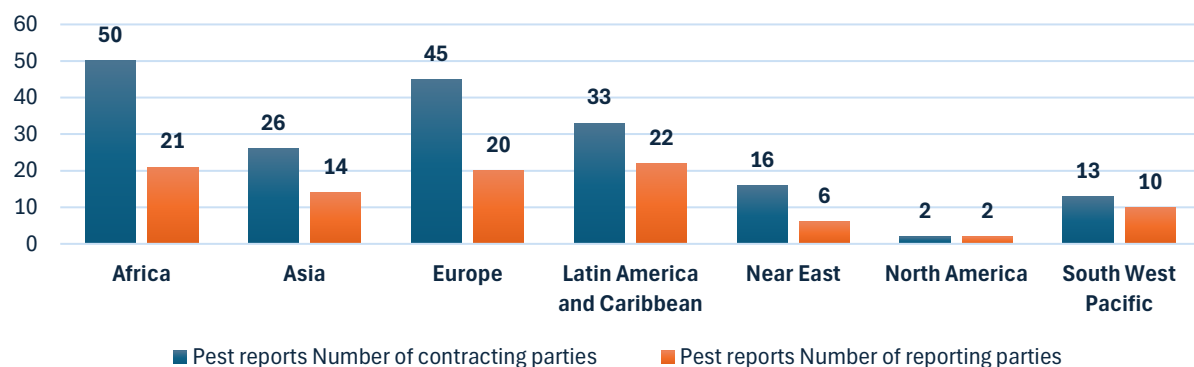
Entry points



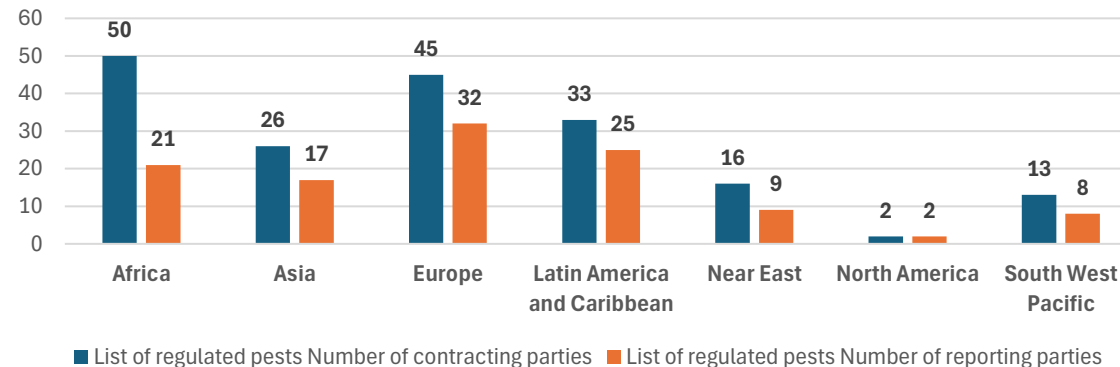
Legislation: phytosanitary requirements/ restrictions



Pest reports



List of regulated pests





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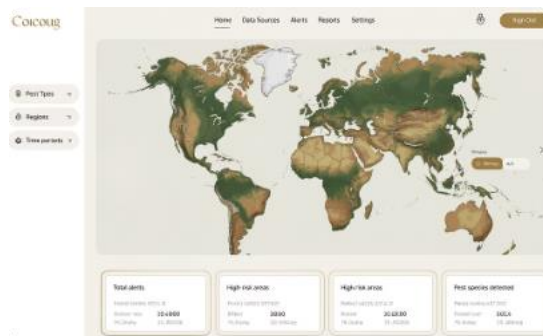
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Proposed 2025 NROs Work Plan

The following activities are envisaged if resources are mobilized for the implementation of the NROs :



**Activate IC
Subgroup on NROs**



**Enhance Pest
Reporting System**



**Revise the NROs
Guide**



**Support to IPPC
Contact Points**



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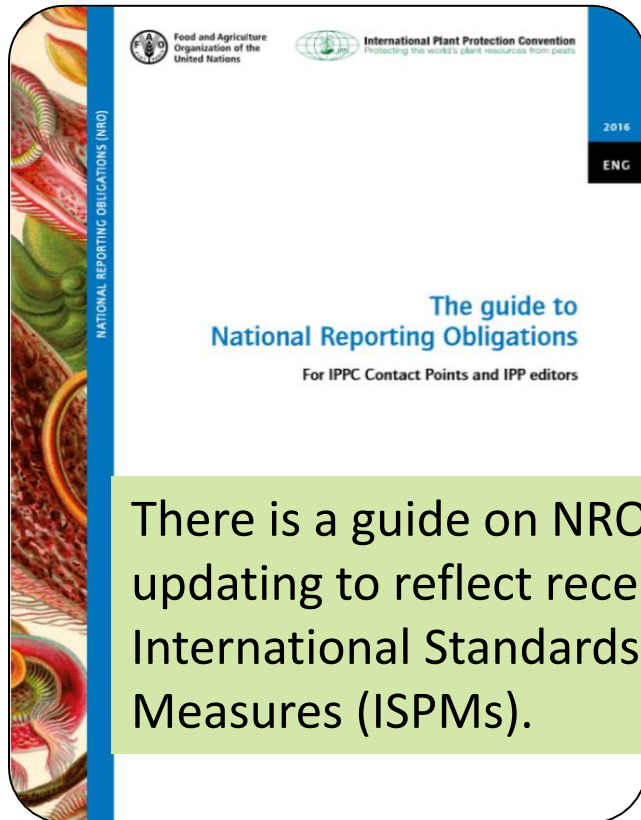


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NROs Capacity development materials

NROs guide



There is a guide on NROs that requires updating to reflect recent changes in International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).

NROs elearning course



National reporting obligations



CERTIFIED COURSE

This e-learning course has been created in collaboration with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). It introduces key concepts related to pest reporting, focusing in particular on national reporting system and National reporting obligations (NROs) for reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests. It will provide practical guidance on what information must be exchanged, responsibilities and receiving entities, plus step-by-step instructions on how to create, publish and update a pest report on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).





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Invitation to provide/update information on NROs

NROs are crucial for effective plant health management at a global level.

By reporting information on **pest outbreaks**, **surveillance efforts**, and **implemented measures**, countries contribute to a shared **understanding of pest risks and facilitate timely responses**.

All contracting parties are strongly encouraged to provide information on NROs to prevent the pests outbreak and spread and contribute to safe trade



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