



NROs Update

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Increase in pest reporting

According to the IPPC Convention the Contracting Parties cooperate in the exchange of information on plant pests, particularly the reporting of the occurrence, outbreak or spread of pests that may be of immediate or potential danger (Article IV.2b & VIII.1a). The IPPC Contracting Parties agreed to carry out such pest reporting via the International Phytosanitary Portal as the preferred mechanism for such action.

To date, 2015 has seen a welcome increase in the IPPC pest reporting. Out of 479 pest reports available on the IPP since 2005, 136 have been provided by the CPs as new or update reports since the beginning of this year (1 January – 7 October 2015). That constitutes 28% of all pest reporting available on the IPP. Especially busy months in 2015 were June (67 pest reports), October (19 pest reports) and February (12 pest reports). In comparison, during the year 2014 53 pest reports were provided by the CPs, while 45 pest reports were made available in 2013.

Country	New pest reports	Updated pest reports
Australia	5	61
USA	22	3
Myanmar	17	-
Costa Rica	-	6
Netherlands	3	-

The table shows the most active countries in 2015. It is also worth noting that in 2015 some countries reported for the first time: Guyana, the Republic of Korea and Rwanda.

The Secretariat welcomes this increase in pest reporting by CPs and hopes this positive trend will continue

and expand. Some of the increase in pest reporting might be due to the launch of the new version of the IPP website in February 2015 which made data entry easier for OCPs and IPP editors. Further guidance on pest reporting will be provided after feedback has been received from all IPPC Regional Workshops.

The Year of "the Organization of the NPPO"

This series of newsletters Vol. 2 (01-12) will be published from April 2015 to March 2016 and will focus on the objectives and functioning of NPPOs. Please make sure you read them all.



Pest reporting – cooperation with RPPOs

One of the main responsibilities of an NPPO is conducting the surveillance of growing plants, including both areas under cultivation (inter alia fields, plantations, nurseries, gardens, greenhouses and laboratories) and wild flora, and of plants and plant products in storage or in transportation. Then one of the main responsibilities of OCPs is reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests, and of controlling those pests. As agreed by CPM, the preferred mechanism for such pest reporting is via the IPP website directly by OCPs or appointed IPP editors.

To facilitate this process, more recently CPM-6 recommended that RPPOs should:

- ◆ actively encourage members to improve on meeting their reporting obligations,
- ◆ develop mechanisms whereby countries that wish to report through RPPOs can do so within the framework established by the Secretariat,
- ◆ develop electronic systems to undertake such reporting on behalf of countries that are compliant with the IPP and will allow the automation of the process.

CPs can choose to undertake the pest reporting via their RPPO provided the RPPO is technically able to undertake this work and agrees to do this. However, as legal responsibility for pest reporting remains with the NPPOs, a form for CPs to provide authority to the RPPO to undertake pest reporting on their behalf is available [here](#). Please note that this form was updated in March 2015 and is available in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. Although the Secretariat is able to receive pest reports from RPPOs with agreed and compatible protocols, this option remains under development but is nearing finalization. **Therefore, it needs to be stressed that at present, CPs remain responsible for direct pest reporting to the IPPC.**

The IPPC Secretariat has been working with the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) and more recently with the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) to achieve this objective. Discussions have also been ongoing with the North America Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO).

Did you know?

Art. VIII 1(a) of the IPPC states that the reporting of pests will be undertaken by CPs "... in accordance with such procedures as may be established by the Commission ...". By publishing pest reports on the public IPP, CPs meet all their reporting requirements at once in this way.



Statistics on reports regarding the Description of the NPPO on the IPP (data valid 30 September 2015)

Description of the NPPO				January-September 2015	
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports	New	Updated
Africa	49	26	39	3	3
Asia	25	14	19	1	2
Europe	45	29	38	1	6
Latin America & Caribbean	33	20	47	4	9
Near East	15	2	3	0	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	14	24	8	7
Total	182	107	173	17	27

Description of the NPPO		September 2015	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	Zambia	0	1
Asia	Myanmar	1	0
Europe	Denmark	0	1
Latin America & Caribbean	Bolivia, Guatemala, Panama	0	4
Near East	-	0	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	Nauru	1	0

Changes among Contact Points in September 2015

In September 2015, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:
Ethiopia, France, Kenya.



Think before your travel – understand the consequences of your actions

How often do we travel and buy wooden curios, flowers or agricultural products to take home to your friends and family? THINK before you do this – you could be taking pests back to your country that could result in a very significant negative economic, food security or environmental impact.

Prevention is better than cure

Be responsible for your actions!

THE ACRONYM FINDER

CP	IPPC Contracting Party
CPM	Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IPP	International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int)
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
NPPO	National plant protection organization
NROs	National Reporting Obligations
NROAG	National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group
OCP	Official Contact Point of a Contracting Party to the Convention
RPPO	Regional plant protection organization

USEFUL LINKS

The **role** of the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/role-ippc-official-contact-points/>

A nomination form for the **IPPC Contact Point**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ippc-official-contact-point-notification-form/>

A nomination form for the **IPP editor**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ipp-editor-nomination-request-nppos/>

"User and Editor **Guide to the IPP**" (2013) and Guide to the IPP (Module IV) NEW VERSION (February 2015)

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/user-and-editor-guide-international-phytosanitary-portal/>
<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>

General info on **NROs**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/>

NROs UPDATE: previous editions

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-official-contact-point/>
<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-organization-of-the-nppo/>

Summary of **NRO reports** provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/>

List of **IPPC Contact Points**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/>

Summary of **pest reports** provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/pestreport/>



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