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### Report on the activities of the Standards Committee in 2015

#### Agenda Item 9.1

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## I. Introduction

1. This report provides a record of the activities of the Standards Committee (SC) in 2015 as well as an insight into the work that is on the horizon for the SC and consequently the contracting parties (CPs). Reports containing the full details are available on the IPP<sup>1</sup>.
2. This has been another busy year for the SC. There have been significant changes, both within the Secretariat and the SC. The SC has worked on delivering against its core mandate of ensuring that ISPMs are technically sound and of the highest quality. The SC has also been engaged in adjusting the IPPC Standard setting procedure and, looking into the future, has provided input into defining the concept of commodity standards. Lastly, the SC has considered ways to enhance collaboration between the SC and the Capacity Development Committee (CDC).
3. The SC continues to strongly rely on CPs, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) and International Organizations for providing their views on draft ISPMs with an aim to increase the common understanding of the IPPC community's challenges. With the support from the CPs in providing SC members and allowing them to take up their duty, a large number of high quality international standards continue to be progressed.

<sup>1</sup> Standard Setting web page: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting>

4. This report highlights the significant input into the development of draft ISPMs to achieve international harmonization provided by the SC, expert drafting group members and the stewards of draft ISPMs throughout the year. In 2015, alone, of the over 100 topics on *the List of topics for IPPC standards*, over 40 draft ISPMs have progressed significantly, and this has considerably increased the input required from all involved, i.e. the SC, experts, CPs and the IPPC Secretariat.

5. I would like to specifically emphasize that the SC would not be able to function without the professionalism and dedication of the IPPC Secretariat's Standard Setting Unit (SSU). In spite of a significant workload and resource constraints the SC continues to strive to meet the CPM expectations, but could not do this without the commitment of the SSU.

## II. ISPMs adopted by Standards Committee on behalf of CPM and Specifications approved by the SC

6. The SC adopted the following three adopted diagnostic protocols (DPs) on behalf of the CPM in January and August:

- 1) DP 7 (*Potato spindle tuber viroid*) (2006-022)
- 2) DP 8 (*Ditylenchus dipsaci* and *Ditylenchus destructor*) (2004-017)
- 3) DP 9 (*Genus Anastrepha Schiner*) (2014-015).

7. The SC approved the following specifications enabling a call for experts and the drafting of these standards to proceed:

- 1) Specification 62 (*Requirements for the use of phytosanitary treatments as phytosanitary measures*) (covering five draft ISPMs on requirements for different types of treatments: 2014-003, 2014-004, 2014-005, 2014-006, 2014-007)
- 2) Specification 63 (*Guidance on pest risk management*) (2014-001).

## III. Consultations

8. The draft ISPMs listed in this section have been considered and reviewed by the SC, the expert drafting groups, the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) and the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) in 2015.

9. The following five draft ISPMs (draft DPs only) submitted for member consultation from 30 January to 30 June 2015:

- 1) DP for *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (2004-016), Annex to ISPM 27 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*)
- 2) DP for *Citrus tristeza virus* (2004-021), Annex to ISPM 27
- 3) DP for *Tomato spotted wilt virus*, *Impatiens necrotic spot virus* and *Watermelon silver mottle virus* (2004-019), Annex to ISPM 27
- 4) DP for *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato* (2004-025), Annex to ISPM 27
- 5) DP for *Genus Liriomyza* (2006-017), Annex to ISPM 27.

10. The following nine draft ISPMs, DPs and phytosanitary treatments (PTs) were submitted for member consultation from 1 July to 30 November 2015:

- 1) Arrangements for verification of compliance of consignments by the importing country in the exporting country (2005-003), Appendix to ISPM 20 (*Guidelines for phytosanitary import regulatory system*)

- 2) Phytosanitary treatment (PT) Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation of wood packaging material (2006-010A) for inclusion and revision of dielectric heating section (2006-010B) of Annex 1 and 2 of ISPM 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*)
- 3) DP for *Aphelenchoides besseyi*, *A. fragariae* and *A. ritzemabosi* (2006-025), Annex to ISPM 27
- 4) DP for *Xanthomonas fragariae* (2004-012), Annex to ISPM 27
- 5) DP for *Sorghum halepense* (2006-027), Annex to ISPM 27
- 6) PT Heat treatment of wood using dielectric heating (2007-114), Annex to ISPM 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*)
- 7) PT Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation of insects in debarked wood (2007-101A), Annex to ISPM 28
- 8) PT Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation of nematodes and insects in debarked wood (2007-101B), Annex to ISPM 28
- 9) PT Vapour heat treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Mangifera indica* (2010-107), Annex to ISPM 28.

11. The following two draft ISPMs were submitted for substantial concerns commenting period (SCCP) from 1 June to 30 September 2015:

- 1) *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies* (Tephritidae) (2006-031): resubmitted by the SC in May 2015
- 2) 2014 Amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001): submitted by the SC-7 in May 2015.

12. During the two DP notification periods<sup>2</sup> (1 July – 15 August 2015 and 15 December 2015 – 30 January 2016) CPs were notified of the following six drafts presented for adoption:

#### July 2015 DP notification period

- 1) DP for *Ditylenchus dipsaci* and *Ditylenchus destructor* (2004-017), Annex to ISPM 27
- 2) DP for Phytoplasmas (2004-018), Annex to ISPM 27
- 3) DP for Genus *Anastrepha* Schiner (2004-015), Annex to ISPM 27.

#### December 2015 DP notification period

- 4) DP for *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (2004-016), Annex to ISPM 27
- 5) DP for *Xiphinema americanum sensu lato* (2004-025), Annex to ISPM 27
- 6) DP for Phytoplasmas (2004-018), Annex to ISPM 27.

13. Three Expert consultations on draft diagnostic protocols (ECDP)<sup>3</sup> took place on five draft DPs, this involved consideration by 74 experts, and reviewing and responding to 21 sets of comments on:

- 1) DP for *Fusarium circinatum* (2006-021), Annex to ISPM 27
- 2) DP for *Phytophthora ramorum* (2004-013), Annex to ISPM 27
- 3) DP for *Dendroctonus ponderosae* (2006-019), Annex to ISPM 27
- 4) DP for *Anguina* spp. (2013-003), Annex to ISPM 27
- 5) DP for 'Candidatus' *Liberibacter solanacearum* (2013-001), Annex to ISPM 27.

<sup>2</sup> Notification Period for draft DPs on IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/draft-ispms/notification-period-dps/>

<sup>3</sup> Expert consultation on draft DPs on IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/en/expert-consultation-on-draft-diagnostic-protocols-eudp/>

#### IV. Recommendation of draft ISPMs to CPM-11 (2016) for adoption

14. The SC in its November meeting and via e-decision agreed that the following four ISPMs be recommended to CPM-11 for adoption (see also CPM paper 2016/05 and attachments):

- 6) 2014 Amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001)
- 7) Draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031)
- 8) Draft PT Irradiation for *Ostrinia nubilalis* (2012-009), Annex to ISPM 28
- 9) Draft PT Vapour heat treatment for *Bactrocera melanotus* and *B. xanthodes* on *Carica papaya* (2009-105), Annex to ISPM 28.

#### V. Standards Committee

##### A. Concept of a Commodity Standard

15. The SC, at its meeting in November, discussed the concept of a commodity standard extensively in the context of the development of current draft ISPMs, new topics proposed, the Framework for Standards and Implementation and taking into consideration discussions from the CPM Working Group meeting on the Concept of a Commodity Standard<sup>4</sup> and the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) October meeting<sup>5</sup>.

16. The SC agreed that the Framework for Standards and Implementation could form the basis for planning and prioritizing ISPMs and other tools. The SC also agreed that ISPMs for commodities should contain requirements, but that this would depend on the scope of the ISPM. It was thought that the scope could be a continuum between “broad” to “narrow” standards. In ISPMs where the scope was broad (e.g. wood, seeds, grain, or fruit and vegetables), harmonized guidance in relation to the options to manage the pest risk associated with a group of commodities would be presented, and hence these ISPMs would only include general requirements. Whereas, when the scope is narrow, the standard would address commodities which share pest risk characteristic and the ISPM could contain specific requirements that address either a pest (e.g. pest free areas for fruit flies and phytosanitary treatments) or the host (e.g. apples, mangoes or tomatoes). The discussions and recommendations from the SC, the SPG and the CPM Working Group meeting are more fully reflected in CPM paper CPM 2016/17.

17. The SC acknowledged that it may be very challenging to develop and achieve harmonization on commodity standards, however, the SC is ready to work together with the expert drafting groups to develop these standards for international harmonization if that is what CPs desire.

##### B. Review of the Standard setting procedure

18. Following the implementation of the majority of the changes outlined in the Standard setting procedure adopted by CPM-7 (2012), the SC has reviewed the procedure as mandated by the CPM, with recommendations to CPM-11 (2016) to further streamline and clarify the IPPC Standard setting procedure and increase transparency and participation (see CPM 2016/11).

19. The review of the IPPC Standard setting procedure took place on a number of occasions, specifically during the SC meeting in May 2014, the SC meeting in November 2014 and during two full days of the “SC-7 plus” May 2015 meeting with a final review by the SC in November 2015.

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<sup>4</sup> Report of the WG on the Concept of a Commodity Standard: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81503/>

<sup>5</sup> Report of the SPG 2015 meeting: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81716/>

### C. Conceptual Issues

20. In support of the CPM-10 (2015) decision to set aside time to consider implementation and conceptual issues related to adopted and draft ISPMs, the SC proposed a number of potential topics for discussion at CPM-11 (2016) to the CPM Bureau for consideration. The mechanism for how to select topics and set aside time during the CPM will be fully discussed by the CPM Bureau in June 2016.

### D. New topics for ISPMs

21. The SC discussed 11 new topics proposed by contracting parties from the 2015 call for, noting that some of the regions had not put forward any new topics. The SC recommended four new topics that met the core criteria for justification and prioritization of proposed topics to the CPM for inclusion on the *List of topics for IPPC Standards* (see CPM 2016/10).

### E. Closer collaboration between SC and CDC

22. The SC also took time to consider options and express ideas to support an integrated approach between standard setting and the implementation of both the standards and the Convention. Details of this discussion are presented in the Report of the SC November 2015 meeting<sup>6</sup>. This was related to the CPM, the SPG and the CPM Bureau expressed desire for such an approach and was recommended as a result of the Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation study presented at CPM-10 (2015) and tabled by the CPM Vice Chair in paper presented to the SC November 2015 meeting.

23. One suggestion was that proposals for topics could be evaluated jointly by the SC and the CDC or other relevant IPPC bodies against the criteria for ISPMs, manuals or CPM recommendations. The aim would be to enable the CPM to decide what (e.g. standard, recommendation or manual) needs to be added to the Framework for Standards and Implementation and the priority that should be given to the development of each of these.

24. The SC expressed their appreciation for this approach and the proposed general call for topics and tools as a means to enhance collaboration between the SC and the CDC. The SC also discussed additional ways to support this suggesting for instance that the two committees coordinate a joint meeting for half a day and directly interact with each other by presenting discussion papers, which identify issues related to the interface between the setting of standards and their implementation and invited the CDC to consider the proposals discussed. Work to increase cooperation will continue.

## VI. ISPMs on the *List of topics for IPPC Standards* considered by SC

25. At the SC meetings in May and November the SC considered in detail a total of 11 draft ISPMs<sup>7</sup>. Not all of these were considered ready for member consultation because further work on conceptual issues was needed.

26. Two draft ISPMs that had received formal objections at CPM-10 (2015) were further considered in this meeting. The SC approved the draft ISPM on the *International movement of growing media in association with plants for planting* (2005-004) for submission to the SCCP, requesting that comments should focus on the main changes that were made to address the formal objection. The SC requested that the steward of the draft ISPM on the *International movement of wood* (2006-009), which had also received a formal objection in 2015, continue redrafting this ISPM in collaboration with the Technical Panel for Forest Quarantine (TPFQ), taking into consideration the SC discussions on the “Concept of a Commodity Standard”.

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<sup>6</sup> Report of the SC November 2015 meeting: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81824/>

<sup>7</sup> See the List of topics for IPPC standards for the stages of topics: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/>

27. The SC also discussed two draft ISPMs on the *International movement of cut flowers and branches* (2008-005) and the *International movement of wood products and handicrafts made from wood* (2008-008) and requested further work by the stewards and requested that they be resubmitted to the next meeting of the SC.

28. Lastly, the SC provided the stewards of the draft ISPM on the *International movement of seeds* (2009-003) and the draft ISPM on *International movement of used vehicles, machinery and equipment* (2006-004) guidance on specific issues raised in member consultation.

### **A. Draft Specifications**

29. The SC considered the stewards' responses to the member consultation comments received for four draft specifications, and approved two of them; *Requirements for the use of phytosanitary treatments as phytosanitary measures* (2014-008) and *Guidance on pest risk management* (2014-001).

30. The SC deferred approval to an SC e-decision for the other two specifications; *Authorization of non-NPPO entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002) and *Use of specific import authorization* (2008-006) (Annex to ISPM 20. *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*).

### **B. SC-7**

31. The SC-7 considered the comments submitted during the 2014 member consultation period and recommend the 2014 Amendments to ISPM 5 (1994-001) to be submitted to the 2015 SCCP.

32. The SC-7 considered many of the comments submitted on the draft ISPM on the International movement of seeds (2009-003) but due to time constraints and the complexity of this draft the SC-7 was unable to recommend it for the 2015 SCCP.

33. The SC-7 in 2016 will have a very heavy agenda as it planned that they will review the following four draft ISPMs on the:

- 1) *International movement of seeds* (2009-003)
- 2) *International movement of used vehicles, machinery and equipment* (2006-004)
- 3) Arrangements for verification of compliance of consignments by the importing country in the exporting country (2005-003) draft Appendix to ISPM 20
- 4) PT Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation of wood packaging material (2006-010A) for inclusion and draft revision of dielectric heating section (2006-010B) of Annex 1 and 2 of ISPM 15 .

### **C. Summary of e-Decisions**

34. To expedite the development of ISPMs and the large number of draft DPs and PTs, and to decide other pending issues, the SC has been using e-decisions (forums and polls).

35. The SC participated in the following 16 e-decisions:

- 5) Five to approve DPs for member consultation
- 6) Five to approve DPs for notification periods, which results in adoption of the DPs
- 7) Two to recommend PTs to the CPM for adoption
- 8) Three for the approval of experts for expert drafting groups, and
- 9) One to agree to a response to a formal objection.

## Future work

To inform CPs and provide additional clarity on the work plan of the SC, the SSU presented a document to the SC outlining the planned activities for the next biennium (2016-2017). The SC found this document very useful and requested the Secretariat to post this on the IPP<sup>8</sup>.

### D. TPs & EWGs

36. The SC oversees the work of the technical panels and expert working groups (EWGs). A summary of their work is presented below.

#### Technical Panel for Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)

37. The TPDP<sup>9</sup> is comprised of eight members<sup>10</sup> and a work programme with 24 DPs under various stages of development under six disciplines (Figure 1). All of the DPs on the List of topics for IPPC standards<sup>11</sup> are drafted; however 1 DP is pending the development of validated molecular tools for the identification of fruit fly larvae. The TPDP oversees the work of over 100 authors in various countries<sup>12</sup>, to ensure quality, consistency in the harmonized DPs.

38. A total of 18 draft DPs progressed in 2015. In 2016, a total of 20 draft DPs are projected to flow through the standard setting process, which represents an increase of 10 percent from 2015 (Figure 2).

39. The development of DPs supports the IPPC's Implementation Programme, which will focus on surveillance for the next few years.

40. The TPDP's work programme was delivered through several consultations (see section III entitled Consultation, above) as well as nine TPDP e-forums. The TPDP also selected six drafting group members from the nominations of experts received in 2015.

41. The TPDP held one face-to-face meeting in June, hosted by P.R. China, and four virtual meetings (February, April, September and November) in 2015. The reports from each meeting are available on the IPP<sup>13</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup> Biennium (2016-2017) work plan for SSU: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81957/>

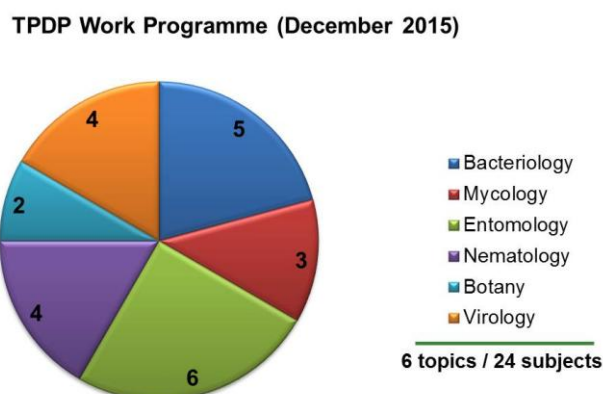
<sup>9</sup> TPDP webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-diagnostic-protocols/>

<sup>10</sup> TPDP membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81560/>

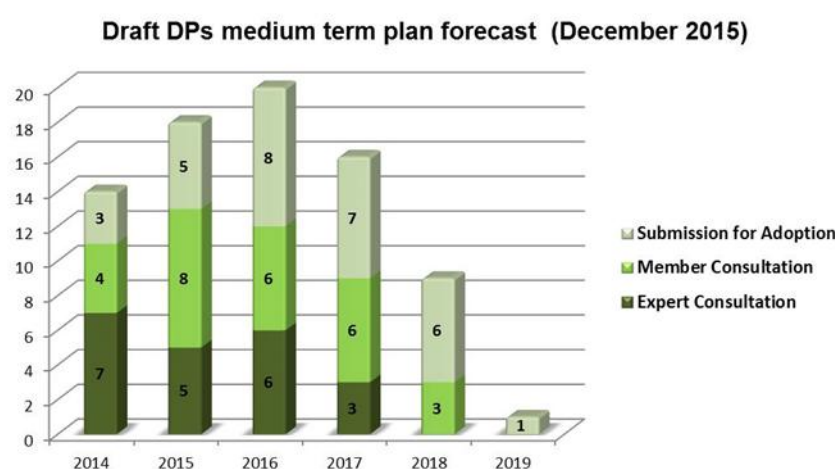
<sup>11</sup> List of topics for IPPC standards: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/>

<sup>12</sup> IPPC Diagnostic Protocols (DPs) drafting groups: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2582/>

<sup>13</sup> Reports of the TPDP meetings: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-diagnostic-protocols/>



**Figure 1.** Number of DPs per discipline under the TPDP work programme (updated on 2015-12-08).



**Figure 2.** Medium term plan forecast for draft diagnostic protocols (updated on 2015-12-08).

### Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)

42. The TPPT is comprised of 10 members<sup>14</sup> and a work programme with 15 PTs and five draft ISPMs (on requirements for the following types of treatment: chemical, fumigation, irradiation, modified atmosphere, temperature)<sup>15</sup>. All of the draft PTs are drafted; however, 10 PTs (of which five received formal objections) are pending the results from research on the possible different responses to cold treatments of fruit fly populations from different regions, which is being carried out by the IAEA/FAO Joint Division of Nuclear Techniques in Agriculture in conjunction with the Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)<sup>16</sup>. The TPPT members are committed and engaged for the development of quality ISPMs and PTs that meet the requirements outlined in ISPM 28.

43. A total of 10 draft PTs progressed in 2015. In 2016, a total of nine draft PTs and one draft ISPM are projected to flow through the standard setting process (Figure 3).

44. The TPPT work programme was delivered through consultations (see section 3 above) and six TPPT e-forums.

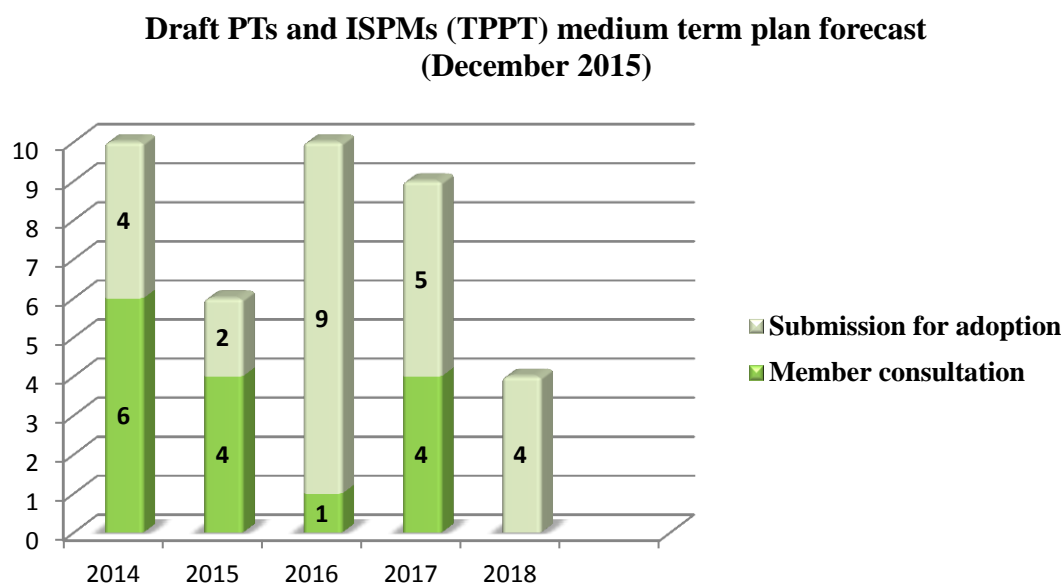
<sup>14</sup> TPPT membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81655/>

<sup>15</sup> List of topics for IPPC standards: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/>

<sup>16</sup> Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (previously called “Phytosanitary Temperature Treatments Expert Group (PTTEG)”: <https://www.ippc.int/en/liasion/organizations/core-activities/standards-setting/phytosanitarytemperaturetreatmentsexpertgroup>.



45. The TPPT held one face-to-face meeting in September, hosted by Japan, and three virtual meeting (February, May and December) in 2015. The reports from each meeting can be found on the IPP<sup>17</sup>.



**Figure 3.** Medium term plan forecast for draft phytosanitary treatments (annexes to ISPM 28) and draft ISPMs on treatment requirements (updated on 2015-05-04).

#### Technical Panel for Forest Quarantine (TPFQ)

46. The TPFQ is composed of eight members<sup>18</sup> and deals with technical matters regarding forest quarantine issues. It also works closely with the other technical panels, particularly the TPPT in developing guidance related to treatment for forest commodities and ISPM 15 treatments. TPFQ's primary function is reviewing relevant technical and scientific information to provide guidance to the SC on development, amendment and revision of standards relating to forest quarantine.

47. One member of the TPFQ is also the Chair of International Forestry Research Group (IFQRG)<sup>19</sup>. IFQRG scientists, at no cost, provide scientific and technical information resulting from analysis of complex phytosanitary issues and are guided by the TPFQ and the SC.

48. In 2015, the TPFQ has worked only virtually through three meetings (February, June and October)<sup>20</sup> to provide input into the following:

- 1) Draft annex *Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade* (2006-010) to ISPM 15.
- 2) Draft annex on *forest tree seed* annex to the draft ISPM for the *International movement of seed* (2009-003). The SC felt it would be useful to consult the draft annex when reviewing the draft ISPM for the *International movement of seed* (2009-003) after SCCP.

<sup>17</sup> Reports of the TPPT meetings: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-phytosanitary-treatments/>

<sup>18</sup> TPFQ membership: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1191/>

<sup>19</sup> IFQRG website: <https://www.ippc.int/en/liason/organizations/internationalforestryquarantineresearchgroup/>

<sup>20</sup> Reports of the TPFQ: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-forest-quarantine/>

- 3) Assist the Steward in responding to the formal objection on the draft ISPM on the *International movement of wood* (2006-029) and improve the draft.
- 4) Responding to member comments; the TPFQ may be asked to assist the Steward on the revision of dielectric heating section (Annex 1 on Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material) to ISPM 15 (2006-010AB).
- 5) Help review the draft ISPM on the *International movement of wood products and handicrafts made from wood* (2008-008).

### Technical Panel on Pest free Areas and Systems Approaches for Fruit Flies (TPFF)

49. The TPFF is composed of 10 international fruit fly experts<sup>21</sup> and includes a representative of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture. The collaboration between the IAEA and the FAO on fruit flies is an excellent example of inter-agency and international cooperation to help create a solid scientific basis for IPPC standards.

50. The TPFF held one face-to-face meeting in October 2015, hosted by the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture. The TPFF worked on:

- The proposed reorganization of the four fruit fly ISPMs to avoid duplication and further harmonize the guidance provided. The major change proposed was to include ISPM 30 as an annex of ISPM 35 because of the connection and subordinate nature of ISPM 30 to ISPM 35. The panel also harmonized cross-referencing between the fruit fly ISPMs and ensured that clear links between the standards, and between the fruit fly standards DPs and PTs were established. The panel proposed ink amendments and consistency changes to the eleven core text ISPMs, annexes and appendices dealing with fruit flies. Finally, the TPFF proposed some technical updates to take into account new scientific knowledge, specifically in relation to taxonomy and new lures, and for transparency, the TPFF proposed to the SC that this be added to the *List of topics for IPPC standard*.
- Providing technical advice for the revision of the draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies* (Tephritidae) (2006-031).

### Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)

51. The TPG is composed of eight experts<sup>22</sup> with knowledge of phytosanitary systems and who together represent all FAO languages.

52. The TPG held one face-to-face meeting in December 2015, hosted by FAO in Rome, where they reviewed 12 draft ISPMs following the July 2015 member consultation and made recommendations to the respective stewards on the use of terminology, consistency and translation issues that may affect the draft standards. The TPG discussed seven Glossary terms, including the concept of “traceability”. Consistency changes were proposed across standards to avoid non-Glossary terms that provide confusion. The TPG updated the explanatory document the “Annotated Glossary”, which will be published in early 2016 (it is published every three years). Additionally, the TPG updated their general recommendations on consistency which contains a list of terms published in the IPPC Style guide for standard setting documents that facilitate the drafting of standards<sup>23</sup>.

53. There are currently 33 terms (29 on the LOT) on the TPG work programme.

### EWG for the Revision of ISPM 6 Guidelines for surveillance

<sup>21</sup> TPFF membership: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/1234/>

<sup>22</sup> TPG membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/8069/>

<sup>23</sup> The IPPC Style guide: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81329/>

54. The meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) for the Revision of ISPM 6 *Guidelines for surveillance* (2009-004)<sup>24</sup> was held in Auckland, New Zealand in September 2015.

55. ISPM 6 is a cornerstone standard and the ability to conduct surveillance properly is essential for many other activities. A revision was requested by CPM to take into account the improved knowledge of surveillance methodologies that are now available, as well as experiences with implementation of the standard.

56. Specifically, the EWG was requested to include more guidance on availability and reliability of surveillance methodologies for different purposes, and include more information on surveillance of pests that have environmental consequences, or cause a reduction in biodiversity.

57. The CPM is invited to:

1) *note* the Report on the activities of the Standards Committee in 2015.

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<sup>24</sup> Report of the EWG for the Revision of ISPM 6: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/expert-working-groups/>