



# NROs Update

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## NROs: needs from the region at the 2019 IPPC Regional Workshops

2019 IPPC Regional workshops have been carried out in the 7 IPPC regions. In these workshops, the National Reporting Obligations presentation focused on the needs from regions. The presentation help participants review the reference of NROs in the Convention that included the purpose, timeline and reasons for fulfilling the obligations. To ensure that the participants get clearer understanding about NROs, they were exposed to all the 13 national reporting obligations which are divided into 7 public and 6 bilateral. The 7 public NROs includes Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point; Description of NPPO; Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions; Lists of entry points; Establish and update List of regulated pests; Reporting of the occurrence, outbreak or spread of pests; Immediately report emergency actions. The 6 bilateral NROs on the other hand includes Description of organizational arrangements of plant protection; Rationale for phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions; Reporting of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification; Reporting the result of investigation regarding significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification. Develop and maintain information on the pest status and make such information available; Providing the technical and biological information necessary for pest risk analysis.

The participants were also made to note that Public NROs are the ones in which all the Contracting Parties are obliged to make information available even without request while the Bilateral ones are where CPs are demanded to make information available when required by another Contracting Party to the extent practically possible and all Contracting Parties have a right to ask for that information. Participants were also encouraged to share their successful experience when submitting their reports.

All materials gathered so far are available on [2019 IPPC Regional Workshops](#) and on [workshops report page](#).

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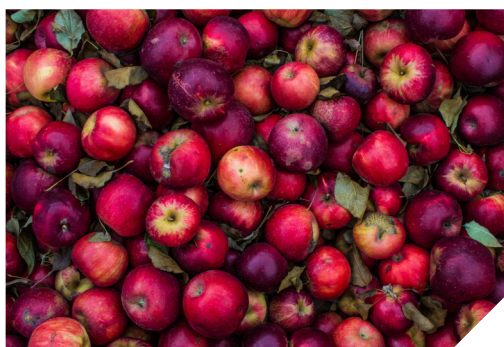
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## A brand new IPPC guide on Pest Free Areas is now online!

The IPPC Guide for Establishing and Maintaining Pest Free Areas has just been released! The technical guidebook aims at facilitating an understanding of the principal requirements and procedures for Pest Free Areas (PFA), Pest Free Places of Production (PFPP), Pest Free Production Sites (PFPS) and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence (ALPP). Providing a number of case studies. Learn more and read the publication at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/>



## The IPPC NRO Workshop held for the Near East & North Africa Region

The 2019 IPPC National Reporting Obligations Workshop was held in Beirut, Lebanon from 5 to 6 September. Thirty-seven representatives and observers from 16 IPPC contracting parties as well Representatives from Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa Region of FAO (FAO-RNE), Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO), Plant Production and Protection Division (AGP) of FAO, Arab Society for Plant Protection (ASPP) and IPPC Secretariat, attended the Workshop. It was financially supported by IPPC Global Project on Capacity Development under the Framework of FAO-China South to South Cooperation. This workshop was jointly organized by the IPPC Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, the Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO), and the Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon.

During the two day Workshop participants were made familiar with basic information on NROs and the latest developments in NROs, such as:

- Public and Bilateral NROs;
- General and specific NRO rules and procedures;
- NROs UPDATE newsletter;
- New NRO oversight body;
- NROs e-learning
- NROs automatic reminders;
- NROs statistics
- NROs Survey.

The Workshop included a hands-on training of the IPP data entry and upload of pest reports brought by the participants. Participants were given guidance and practical advice connected with issues such as how to change the password, compile of a report, contents of a report and upload of a report on the IPP.

Participants were also requested to complete the NROs survey. Valuable feedback from participants regarding improvements to reporting and the IPP website was collected. It will serve as the basis for future work and improvements in the NROs area. Participants hope IPPC Secretariat could hold more regional NROs Workshops subject to availability of funding.

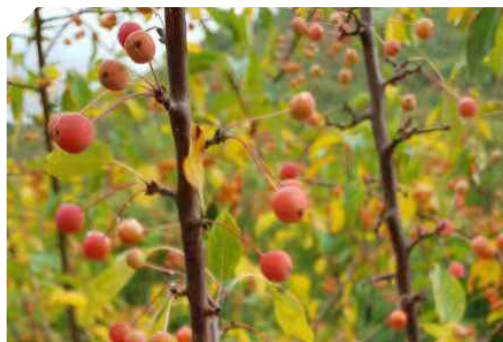
[You can find all the materials prepared for the workshop here.](#) The workshop was held in Arabic and English.

## New IPPC Factsheet on Plant Health and Capacity Development published

[Plant Health and Capacity Development](#) is the IPPC annual theme for 2019. A new IPPC factsheet has been released to illustrate through case studies how the IPPC Community develops national phytosanitary capacity to protect plant resources and facilitate safe trade.

The publication is available at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/ca6041en>





## Statistics on [Pest Reports on the IPP](#) (data valid: 22 October 2019)

Pest report: the overall state for 2019			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	19	85
Asia	25	14	68
Europe	45	20	182
Latin America and Caribbean	33	21	115
Near East	16	1	1
North America	2	2	229
South West Pacific	13	9	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>793</b>

Pest report: changes in reporting during 2019		
Region	New reports	Updated reports
Africa	6	8
Asia	7	10
Europe	1	2
Latin America and Caribbean	5	8
Near East	1	1
North America	16	16
South West Pacific	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>47</b>

## IYPH Call for plant health stories deadline extended!

03 September 2019, Rome - FAO and the IPPC Secretariat are calling for inspiring first-hand stories on plant health to promote the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) 2020. Deadlines of the Call for human-interest stories on plant health have been extended as follows: Applicants can send their story proposals by 30 September 2019; Finalized stories and images must be sent using the specific template by 15 November 2019.

## 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 ( <a href="http://www.ippc.int">www.ippc.int</a> )
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
NPPO	National plant protection organization
NROs	National Reporting Obligations
NROAG	National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group
OCF	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/>

**Guide to National Reporting Obligations** (Version 1.1, May 2016)

<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/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-nro-year-of-the-pest-reports/>

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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