



IRSS PEST CATEGORIZATION / LISTING

During the June 2012 Bureau meeting, the Secretariat proposed a project entitled “*Global survey and analysis to identify the world’s top ranked regulated pests*” (attached below). The Bureau considered that such a project would stimulate the exchange of valuable scientific information and would be a good communication tool, but was unsure as to whether such a project would be appropriate for the IRSS. As a result, the Bureau proposed additional discussion at the SPG on the proposed project.

The SPG is invited to:

- 1) *discuss* the proposed project, “*Global survey and analysis to identify the world’s top ranked regulated pests*”, and
- 2) *provide advice* to the Bureau as to whether this should be an IRSS project or a project conducted under an alternative means.

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| Activity Title: Global survey and analysis to identify the world's top ranked regulated pests Lead Agency: IPPC Key project collaborators: EWG-CD/CDC; Contracting parties; RPPOs Funding source: IPPC-IRSS Project Project duration: 6-9 months | |
| Background | <p>The "IPPC Implementation Review and Support System" (IRSS) concept emanated from an IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) proposed to the Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement (SBDS) for the establishment of a possible IPPC Compliance Mechanism, in 2007. This concept was refined by the SBDS and a modified program for the development of an IRSS that was adopted by CPM in 2008, while noting the importance of this programme in the implementation of the IPPC and the implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).</p> |
| Objective | <p>The primary objective of this activity is to collect and analyse regulated pest information from contracting parties and RPPO's to help identify common pest threats and to use this information to assist NPPO's and RPPO's to inform and update their lists of regulated pests.</p> <p>This activity supports the implementation of Guidelines on Lists of Regulated Pests (ISPM 19), since it stimulates sharing information on, review and analyse the current lists of regulated pests.</p> |
| Purpose | <p>To provide a listing of top ranked regulated pests and a full analysis of regional differences and commonalities regarding plant health, promoting regional harmonized actions. The results of this project could help inform and drive initiatives for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determining surveillance priorities. ○ Identifying and preparing diagnostic protocols. ○ Determining the need for contingency plans and emergency actions for priority pests. ○ Preparing pest management guidelines ○ Identifying and prioritizing availability and use of resources for capacity development and other areas of the IPPC. ○ Identifying and preparing treatment protocols. ○ Identifying training priorities. ○ Promoting regional analysis of PRA methodologies <p>Additionally, the information shall be used by the IPPC for setting priorities on its related activities and could help other Conventions to establish sound programs related to AIS and plant health.</p> <p>The information obtained helps to fulfil commitments of IPPC contracting parties under ISPM 19.</p> |
| Key outputs and outcome | <p>The key outputs will be:</p> <p>A report of a survey of NPPOs and RPPOs to determine top ranked regulated pests, in support of the implementation of Guidelines on Lists of Regulated Pests (ISPM 19).</p> <p>The expected project outcome is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Global/Regional listing of top ranked regulated pest b) Highlight some challenges for implementation of ISPM 17 and 19. c) Drive key complementary safeguarding initiatives, such as pest surveillance and promoting regional harmonization and analysis (pests, commodities, pathways) |
| Expected impact | <p>Countries: Could better utilise and benefit from a harmonized approach to identifying common pests threats and actions arising to improve their capacity to implement the Convention and reduce the risk of global movement of plant pests.</p> <p>RPPOs and RECs: Obtain information to focus their activities and efficiently allocate resources for regional harmonization.</p> |

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| | <i>IPPC and related Conventions:</i> Prioritize global actions, influence cross-cutting priorities related to the environment (e.g.: CBD) and food security. |
| <i>Targets</i> | NPPOs, RPPO's |
| <i>Approach</i> | The following outlines and strategy to produce listed outputs |
| Date (To be adjusted later) | Activity |
| 01 Jul- 31 Aug 2012 | Prepare and distribute survey of NPPOs and RPPOs |
| 01 Sep-30 Nov 2013 | Collate and analyse responses |
| 01 Dec-31 Mar 2013 | Prepare report |
| 30 Apr 2013 | Report |