



# IPPC Factsheet

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international plant health agreement that aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests. International travel and trade are greater than ever before. As people and commodities move around the world, organisms that present risks to plants travel with them.

By protecting plant resources from pests and diseases, the IPPC helps to:

- ◆ Protect farmers from economically devastating pest outbreaks
- ◆ Protect the environment from loss of species diversity
- ◆ Protect ecosystems from loss of viability and function as a result of pest invasions
- ◆ Protect industries and consumers from the costs of pest control or eradication
- ◆ Facilitate safer trade by implementing Standards that regulate the safe movements of plants and plant products.

## Organization

- ◆ There are 181 contracting party signatories to the Convention
- ◆ Each contracting party has a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) and an Official IPPC contact point
- ◆ 10 Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) established to coordinate NPPOs on a regional level
- ◆ IPPC liaises with relevant international organizations to help build regional and national capacities
- ◆ Secretariat is provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-UN).

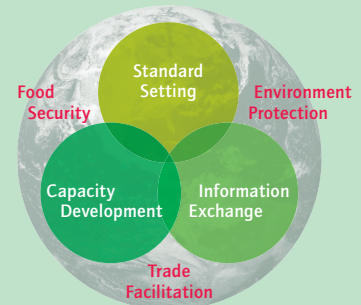
## History

- ◆ Original IPPC came into force in 1952
- ◆ Amended in 1979, entered into force in 1991
- ◆ Amended in 1997 for consistency with SPS agreement principles and expectations and to establish a Secretariat and Standard-setting.

## Funding

- ◆ FAO regular programme support: USD 3M per annum
- ◆ IPPC Trust Fund: USD 1.07M
- ◆ Capacity building projects: USD 5M per annum

## Main roles & impact



## Current topics we're working on

- Biosecurity Frameworks
- Building Phytosanitary Institutions
- Capacity Evaluation
- E-Learning Modules
- Electronic Phytosanitary Certificates
- Export Certification Systems
- Forestry Guidelines
- Implementation Review and Support
- Import Regulatory Systems
- Information Exchange
- International Phytosanitary Portal
- Pest Reporting
- Pest Risk Analysis
- Pest Surveillance
- Phytosanitary Capacity Development
- Phytosanitary Manuals
- Phytosanitary Projects Database
- Phytosanitary Resources
- Phytosanitary SOPs
- Plant Health Inspection Systems
- Plant Health Legislation
- Plant Quarantine
- Regional Workshops
- Sea Containers Guidelines
- Standards Setting
- Technical Panels

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