

# NROs UPDATE

## National Reporting Obligations

*Protecting the world's plant resources from pests*



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## New version of the IPP website and the Guide

In February 2015 a new version of the IPP website was launched. The main aim was to make the data entry easier while improving a general layout and simplifying the presentation of information.

To help users with the new format the IPPC Secretariat has prepared a new User and Editor Guide to the IPP. At the moment the Guide consists of the Module IV A (Accessing your account & Data entry and Data Management) **intended for the IPPC Contact Points and IPP editors** and Module IV B (Accessing your account & Data) intended for other IPP users. The updated versions of the other modules (like general advice on information exchange and more detailed advice on the content of obligatory reports) of [the 2013 Guide](#) will follow soon. At the moment, you can find the English version here: [The IPP Guide](#). The versions in other languages will be available shortly.

At present, the available module of the new IPP Guide offers advice on:

- accessing your account;
- password related issues;
- updating your profile information;
- editing National Reporting Obligations: creating a new report and updating existing reports;
- extracting information from the site: e.g. how to search for data on National Reporting Obligations.

## Did you know?

The IPPC Secretariat now issues a regular **newsletter** on general issues so you can keep up-to-date with IPPC news and activities. This is a simple and easy way of following our work or to find out about some of our activities.

You can subscribe to the **IPPC Newsletter** by following [this link](#).

You can see all the previous editions [here](#)

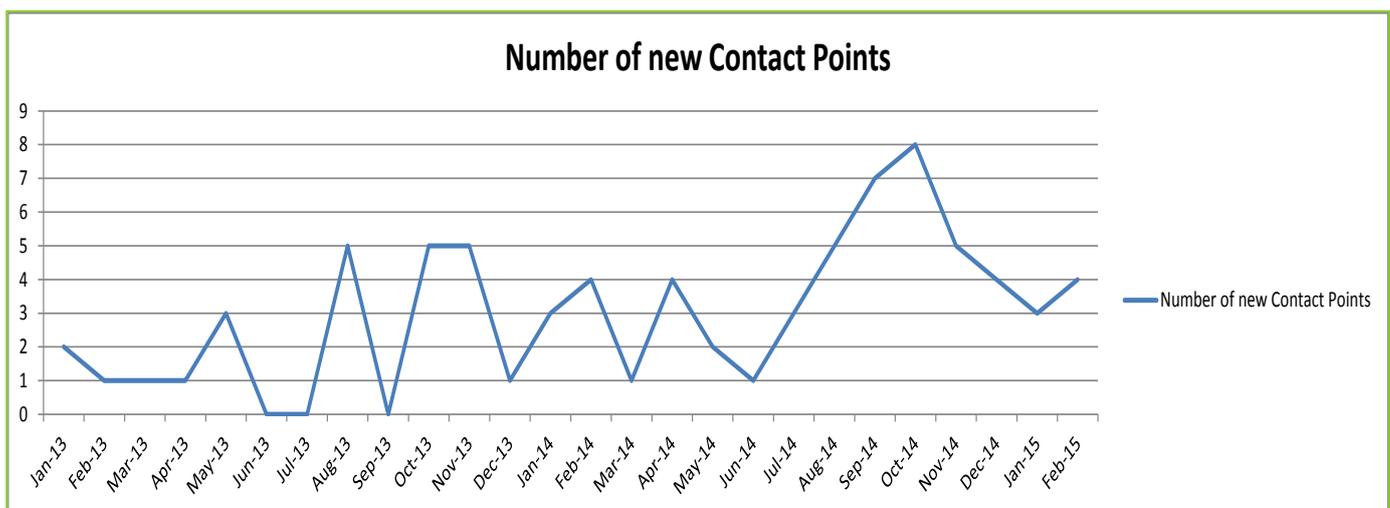


## New Contact Points – trends in numbers

In 2013, the average number of new nominations for Contact Points received by the IPPC Secretariat was 2 per month, with 3 months (June, July, and September) with 0 nominations received by the IPPC Secretariat. In total in 2013 24 nominations were received. The annual reminder letter to all IPPC Contact Points about meeting the IPPC contracting party reporting obligations was sent out in mid-year.

In 2014, the average number of new nominations for Contact Points received by the IPPC Secretariat was 3.9 per month. 61% of all 2014 nominations were received between August and December 2014, with 2 peak months: September and October (respectively 7 and 8 nominations received). In total in 2014, 47 nominations were received which is a **49%** increase in comparison to the previous year.

After the first meeting of NROAG in August 2014 the IPPC Secretariat sent an official letter reminding the countries to meet their reporting obligations to the all IPPC Contact Points. In October 2014, the monthly NROs UPDATE was initiated focusing on topics related to the Official Contact Points. In addition, in June 2014 a new staff member was employed by the IPPC Secretariat as National Reporting Obligations Support.



### Year of the IPPC OCP

This series of newsletters (01 – 06) were published from October 2014 to March 2015 and focused on the objectives and functioning of OCPs. Please make sure you read them all.

## The list of main OCPs related topics covered

### by this series of NRO newsletters (01 – 06): October 2014 - March 2015

1. [Why and how to use the IPP?](#) (NROs UPDATE October 2014)
2. [The Role of Official Contact Points](#) (NROs UPDATE October 2014)
3. [How to nominate a new Official Contact Point?](#) (NROs UPDATE October 2014)
4. [The role of the IPP editor](#) (NROs UPDATE November 2014)
5. [Advantages of keeping the OCP's contact details up to date and possible consequences of not keeping the OCP's contact details up to date](#) (NROs UPDATE November 2014)
6. [Good practices for nominating a new Official Contact Point \(OCP\)](#) (NROs UPDATE November 2014)
7. [How to edit your national data on the IPP](#) (NROs UPDATE December 2014)
8. [Before you add information... \(to the IPP\)](#) (NROs UPDATE December 2014)
9. [National networking to collect NRO-related information](#) (NROs UPDATE January 2015)
10. [Timely reporting of information](#) (NROs UPDATE February 2015)
11. [Reporting NRO information – who and what?](#) (NROs UPDATE February 2015)
12. [The content of the report](#) (NROs UPDATE February 2015)
13. New version of the IPP website and the Guide (NROs UPDATE March 2015 - *this issue*)

## Changes among the OCPs in February

In February 2015, the following contracting parties and partners nominated new OCPs:

- Costa Rica
- Kyrgyzstan
- El Salvador
- North American Plant Protection Organization



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 cause 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
OCP	Official Contact Point of a Contracting Party to the Convention
RPPO	Regional plant protection organization



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