The IPPC
Online Comment System

Near East Regional Workshop

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Purpose

- **To provide a simple, effective, user-friendly system that NPPOs, RPPOs and International Organizations will use to submit comments on draft ISPMs to the IPPC Secretariat**

Benefits to the Secretariat, NPPO, RPPO, and International Organization

- **Easily share comments**

- **Easily edit comments and provide an explanation**

- **Reduce Secretariat resources to compile duplicate comments**

- **Accelerate the compilation process**

- **Significantly reduce human error**

- **Provide commenting statistics to the IPPC Secretariat**

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Financial

- **Funded in part from a $50,000 donation from the United States**

System Requirements

- **Adobe FLASH 10.1 or newer**

- **Internet Explorer 6.0 or newer, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari (Google Chrome coming soon)**
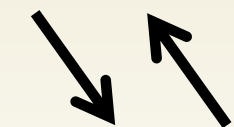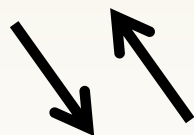
Modules

- **The IPPC Online Comment System has four Modules (users profiles)**

  - **Secretariat**

  - **Contact Point**

  - **Assistant**

  - **Reviewer**

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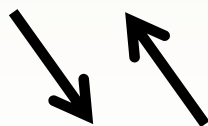
Communication between Modules

Secretariat

Contact Point

Assistant (optional)

Reviewer

Secretariat Module Functions

- **uploads the draft ISPM in languages**

- **verifies each language version**

- **manages the official IPPC Contact Point**

- **invites NPPOs, RPPOs, and International Organizations to comment**

- **compiles the comments**

- **exports the comments to post them on the IPP**

Contact Point Module Functions

- **creates and manages Assistants and Reviewers**

- **designates an Assistant to oversee the comment process *(optional)***

- **invites Reviewers to comment**

- **receives comments from Reviewers and/or the Assistant and accepts and modifies them as necessary**

- **adds his or her own comments**

- **submits the final comments to the Secretariat**

- **shares comments with other Contact Points**

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Assistant Module Functions

- **creates and manages Reviewers**

- **invites Reviewers to comment**

- **receives comments from Reviewers and accepts and modifies them as necessary**

- **adds his or her own comments**

- **submits the final comments to the Contact Point**

Reviewer Module Functions

- **adds his or her own comments**

- **submits the final comments to the Contact Point or Assistant**

Designating an Assistant

- **Optional**

- **The Contact Point can assign an Assistant to oversee the comment process**

- **The Assistant _cannot_ submit comments to the Secretariat**

Submitting Comments to the Secretariat

- **Only the Contact Point submits the official comments to the Secretariat**
  - **Ensures all comments submitted have come from the official Contact Point**
  - **Eases Secretariat resources to verify all comments come from the official Contact Point**

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Sharing Comments

- **Contact Points from countries, regions, and international organizations can easily share comments with each other**
  - **Accept and modify shared comments**
  - **Reduces Secretariat effort to compile duplicate comments, which in turn accelerates the compilation process**
  - **Reduces human error**

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Comments from Regional Workshops

- **Possibility to share comments from Regional Workshops on Draft ISPMs**

- **Contact Points can accept and modify comments from the Regional Workshop**

Future Versions

- **Allow the steward to provide responses to comments in the system**

- **More Contact Point features available to the Assistant**

- **More comment sharing functions**

- **Commenting on all types of IPPC documents**

- **Offline version**

- **Possibility the Secretariat could share the system with other organizations**

Questions?

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