

# REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION (IPPC)

## Update on RPPPO Activities e

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# 27<sup>th</sup> TC - RPPO

- Hosted by the North American Plant Protection Organisation (NAPPO)
- In collaboration with the:
  - US Department of Agric,
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - Plant Protection and Quarantine
  - International Phytosanitary Standards Group from the US NPPO

# 27<sup>th</sup> TC - RPPO

- Venue: Memphis, Tennessee from November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2015
- 9 RPPO were present:
  - Asia & Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC)
  - Comite' de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono Sur (COSAVE)
  - Comunidad Andina (CA)
  - European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO)
  - Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (IPSAC)
  - North American Plant Protection Organisation (NAPPO)
  - Near East Plant Protection Organisation (NEPPO)
  - Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA)
  - Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO)

# Review of RPPOs Activities

- Each RPPO informed on their regional activities over the past year related to the following:
  - Development of workplans, regional standards and guidelines for phytosanitary measures
  - Involvement in the organisation of regional workshops
  - Information exchange including pest reporting
  - Improvement of phytosanitary capacity through capacity building projects
  - Development of contingency plans
  - Major pest issues
  - RPPO website information

# Pest on International Concern (*Xylella fastidiosa*)



- Australia is working to broaden and strengthen quarantine measures to safeguard against entry of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Xf) because:
- There are a number of subspecies of the bacterium, which are spreading around the world

# ***Xylella fastidiosa***

- The host range of these subspecies is extensive (200+) and increasing almost daily
- With the recent detections in France and Italy we think it is inevitable that the disease will continue to spread within Europe – it will be very difficult to eradicate it
- Vectors are widespread

# ***Xylella fastidiosa***

- Some hosts are symptomless and many are traded internationally as nursery stock
- The disease poses a significant threat to the large number of susceptible plant species including horticultural industries such as almond, blueberry, cherry, citrus, coffee, grape, olive, peach and plum, forestry and amenity trees. It also infects some grasses.

# Role of IPPC

- Given the potential significant and global threat that is posed by the spread of *Xylella*, it would be very useful for the IPPC to step up and facilitate global action to reduce the spread of the disease.
- The IPPC did get involved in the risk alert and some responses to the threat of wheat stem rust (UG99) some years ago.



# Role of IPPC

- This could be by:
- Issuing a global alert - immediately
- Reporting spread
- Establishing an expert advisory committee to assist CPs with risk assessment (there is a recent one out of Europe), changes in host status, surveillance, diagnostics, phytosanitary risk measures and management

# Role of IPPC

- Providing useful resource materials/references to assist CPs reduce the risk of spread and disease impact



**Thank You**