

# NROs Update

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## Towards the International Year of Plant Health in 2020

We are happy to announce that a campaign to establish an International Year of Plant Health in 2020 (IYPH 2020) has been moving forward.

FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) formally discussed this subject on 29 September 2016 during its plenary held in Rome, Italy. Mr. Veli-Pekka Talvela, Director General of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, presented the proposal on behalf of the Government of Finland providing both good background and justification for the proposed IYPH 2020.

There was a full support from countries and regional representatives for IYPH 2020 with 17 countries actively expressing their strong support. COAG recognized the critical importance of healthy plants on agricultural development, biodiversity, food security and nutrition, and called for strong international collaboration to support the IYPH 2020 and to contribute to its observance.

COAG approved the proposal by the Government of Finland to establish IYPH 2020 in the UN system. This proposal will now go for the consideration of the 155<sup>th</sup> Session of FAO Council to be held in December 2016, and for the approval by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference to be held in June 2017. You can [read more about this subject here](#).

## The Year of Pest Reporting

This series of newsletters Vol. 3 (01-12) will be published from April 2016 to March 2017 and will mainly focus on issues relevant to national pest reporting. Please make sure you read them all.



## Updating an existing pest report on the IPP (Part I)

In order to update an existing pest report on the IPP you need to follow these steps:

1. [Log in to the IPP website](#) and click on the button labelled "Edit Country Information".
2. Underneath the title "National Reporting Obligations" there is a list of reports, including pest reports (Pest Reports), which can be submitted by countries.
3. To see the list of all pest reports submitted by your country you need to click on the "Pest Reports".
4. From the list of all pest reports submitted by your country you need to select the report you would like to update by clicking on "Edit" on the right.
5. Clicking on this button activates a form. This form opens enabling you to update data submitted before in that report.
6. When you have finished filling in the form remember to save the data by clicking on the button labelled: "Update Report" at the bottom of the page.

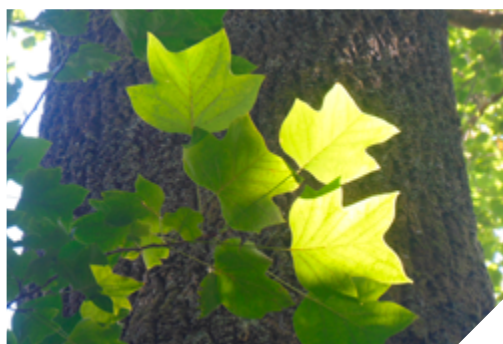
Remember that not all fields need to be filled in order to technically submit the report to the IPP. Insert as much information as possible and available. The report can be updated with new information at any time once more data becomes available. There is no limit on the number of updates of your report. You can update the report even if by only correcting a spelling mistake or error if you happen to find them after you submitted your report. All the changes to the report that you will save are tracked – all previous versions (revisions) of reports are available on the IPP.

For more detailed information about pest reporting, please go to the [International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure No 17: Pest reporting](#) and the [International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure No 8: Determination of pest status in an area](#).

If you experience any problem with editing do not hesitate to contact the IPPC Secretariat for assistance. You can send an email with your query to [ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org) or directly to [dorota.buzon@fao.org](mailto:dorota.buzon@fao.org).

## Did you know?

In September 2016 six countries reported a pest report via the IPP for the first time: Sao Tome and Principe, Zambia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines and Timor-Leste. Congratulations!



## Statistics on Pest Reporting on the IPP (data valid: 30 September 2016)

Pest Reports			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	14	52
Asia	25	12	49
Europe	45	15	144
Latin America & Caribbean	33	16	86
Near East	15	0	0
North America	2	2	132
South West Pacific	13	9	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>563</b>

Pest Reports		September 2016	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Zambia	4	1
Asia	Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, Timor-Leste, Republic of Korea	6	3
Europe	Ukraine	0	1
Latin America & Caribbean	Guyana, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago	5	3
Near East	-	0	0
North America	USA	2	17
South West Pacific	-	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>

## Changes among Contact Points in September 2016

In September 2016, the following countries nominated new Contact Points: Bangladesh, Colombia, Haiti, India, Nigeria, Venezuela- Bolivarian Republic of.





## 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 result in 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

### USEFUL LINKS

The **role** of the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/role-ippc-official-contact-points/>

A nomination form for the **IPPC Contact Point**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ippc-official-contact-point-notification-form/>

A nomination form for the **IPP editor**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ipp-editor-nomination-request-nppos/>

**Guide to National Reporting Obligations** (Version 1.1, May 2016)

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>

General info on **NROs**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/>

**NROs UPDATE:** previous editions

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-official-contact-point/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-organization-of-the-nppo/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-nro-year-of-the-pest-reports/>

Summary of **NRO reports** provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/>

List of **IPPC Contact Points**

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/>

Summary of **pest reports** provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/pestreport/>



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