

2017 First consultation

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Compiled comments for Draft diagnostic protocol for *Puccinia psidii* (2006-018)

Summary of comments

Name	Summary
Cameroon	Examen achevé
Cuba	No hay comentarios al PD
EPPO Σ	Finalised by the EPPO Secretariat on behalf of its 51 Member Countries.
European Union	Comments finalised by the European Commission on behalf of the EU and its 28 Member States on 29/09/2017.
Samoa	no further comments
South Africa	No comments from the National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa.

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1	G	(General Comment)	Cameroon Ce protocole de diagnostic est complet, détaillé et abondamment illustré. Il apporte un outil pour l'identification de ce champignon. Il aidera les ONPV dans leurs activités <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
2	G	(General Comment)	Myanmar This disease is absent in Myanmar. <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
3	G	(General Comment)	Peru We agree with the DRAFT ANNEX to ISPM 27 – <i>Puccinia psidii</i> Winter (2006-018) <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
4	G	(General Comment)	United States of America The United States has no comments on this draft standard. <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
5	G	(General Comment)	Canada Canada supports the draft annex to ISPM 27 on <i>Puccinia psidii</i> . Minor editorial comments are presented. <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
6	G	(General Comment)	Guyana Guyana has no objection to this Annex <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
7	G	(General Comment)	Nicaragua En este protocolo se debe tomar en cuenta la especificidad de <i>Puccinia</i> porque para la identificación a nivel de especie, cada especie tiene su propia especificidad, el cual indica que para cada una de las especies deben de diseñarse primers o cebadores para

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			su identificación. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
8	G	(General Comment)	Nicaragua Cada análisis de laboratorio tiene sus propias especificaciones de acuerdo al método de ensayo utilizado. Estos instructivos tienen condiciones ambientales específicas que han sido validados o verificados en los mismos procesos de análisis, comprobando la obtención de resultados confiables. Este párrafo 93 esta vinculado al párrafo 39. Nicaragua esta de acuerdo con lo señalado en ambos párrafos. Se propone al Comité de Normas que se continúe la investigación para identificar especies de <i>Puccinia</i> a través de métodos moleculares. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
9	G	(General Comment)	Panama Panama has no comments on this document. <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
10	G	(General Comment)	Tajikistan I support the document as it is and I have no comments <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
11	G	(General Comment)	PPPO I do agree with the draft. Have not comments to make <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
12	G	(General Comment)	New Zealand Have no comments to make on the draft <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
13	G	(General Comment)	Bahamas The vast distribution of <i>P. psidii</i> , its means of movement and dispersal and immense social and economic impacts, poses a phytosanitary risk for the region. The Bahamas therefore supports the adoption of this diagnostic protocol. <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
14	G	(General Comment)	Thailand agree with the proposed draft DP for <i>Puccinia psidii</i> <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
15	G	(General Comment)	Lao People's Democratic Republic Lao PDR agreed with this drafted ISPM. <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
16	G	(General Comment)	Honduras HONDURAS NO TIENE COMENTARIOS <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
17	G	(General Comment)	Lao People's Democratic Republic Lao PDR has no comment on draft annex to ISPM 27 <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
18	G	(General Comment)	Colombia El Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA), como Organización Nacional de Protección Fitosanitaria de Colombia, revisó y analizó el borrador en cuestión, encontrando que el protocolo de diagnóstico propuesto cumple con los requisitos y esta actualizado de acuerdo con la evidencia científica existente. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>

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19	G	(General Comment)	Algeria Des précisions sont nécessaires concernant : le nombre d'échantillons à analyser au laboratoire (échantillon représentatif) le contrôle s'il doit être réalisé obligatoirement sur toute les parties de la plante. Le protocole d'analyse est il valable pour les échantillons asymptomatiques. Category : <i>TECHNICAL</i>
20	1	DRAFT ANNEX to ISPM 27 – <i>Puccinia-Austropuccinia psidii</i> Winter (2006-018)	China The Taxonomic state of <i>Puccinia psidii</i> has been changed. See LUDWIG BEENKEN (2017) <i>Austropuccinia</i> : a new genus name for the myrtle rust <i>Puccinia psidii</i> placed within the redefined family Sphaerophragmiaceae (Pucciniales) Category : <i>SUBSTANTIVE</i>
21	17	2016-07 FeTo Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) meeting	China Editorial mistake. Category : <i>EDITORIAL</i>
22	37	As a result of the description of a second rust pathogen from eucalyptus in a recent publication (Maier <i>et al.</i> , 2016), the diagnostic protocol was strengthened to ensure distinction from that rust.	Nicaragua El equipo de revisión del Anexo para NIMF 27 (<i>Puccinia psidii</i>) del IPSA de Nicaragua, considera que: Se sugiere se mantenga lo planteado por Maier et al., 2016. Category : <i>TECHNICAL</i>
23	38	A real-time PCR has recently been published (Baskarathevan <i>et al.</i> , 2016) and is included in the protocol.	Nicaragua Nicaragua está de acuerdo se incluya. Category : <i>TECHNICAL</i>
24	39	The protocol does not discriminate between genotypes of the rust. Identifying and distinguishing <i>P. psidii</i> pathogenic genotypes is still a research question, and is not robust or reproducible enough for diagnostic purposes yet.	Nicaragua Nicaragua está de acuerdo se sigan realizando estudios para distinguir genotipos y se valide el protocolo. Category : <i>TECHNICAL</i>
25	40	Name of <i>Puccinia psidii</i> has been changed to <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> Beenken 2017 after the approval of the draft DP for consultation by the SC (Beenken, L., 2017. <i>Austropuccinia</i> : a new genus name for the myrtle rust <i>Puccinia psidii</i> placed within the redefined family Sphaerophragmiaceae (Pucciniales). Phytotaxa, 297(1): 53-61).	Nicaragua Nicaragua sugiere se tome en cuenta la reclasificación del patógeno y se incluya en el protocolo. Category : <i>TECHNICAL</i>
26	53	<i>P. Puccinia</i> <i>psidii</i> is considered to be a threat to plants of the family Myrtaceae worldwide (Coutinho <i>et al.</i> , 1998). Since the rust spread out of its native region, its host range has expanded rapidly (Maier <i>et al.</i> , 2016). As of September 2014, the global host list comprised more than 300 species from 73 genera in this family (Giblin and Carnegie, 2014), but it is likely that the majority of the thousands of Myrtaceae species have the potential to be infected (Carnegie and Lidbetter, 2012; Morin <i>et al.</i> , 2012). <i>P. psidii</i> is not known to infect host plants that are not Myrtaceae. There is evidence of physiological specialization within <i>P. psidii</i> (Graça <i>et al.</i> , 2013), which may have quarantine implications (Roux <i>et al.</i> , 2016).	Canada Sentence to start with the genus name and not abbreviation. Category : <i>EDITORIAL</i>
27	54	<i>P. Puccinia</i> <i>psidii</i> is an obligate biotroph with an autoecious, but incomplete, life cycle, producing urediniospores, teliospores and basidiospores on an infected host (Glen <i>et al.</i> , 2007). Under natural conditions, <i>P. psidii</i> can reproduce quickly and simply through	Canada Sentence to start with genus name and not abbreviation. Category : <i>EDITORIAL</i>

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		asexual reproduction whereby urediniospores are produced in pustules known as uredinia. These spores are dispersed to leaves on the same plant or to other hosts, which in turn are infected and on which the pathogen produces pustules with more urediniospores. In some circumstances, the uredinia may switch to producing teliospores, which can germinate <i>in situ</i> to produce basidiospores. Teliospores may also be produced by another type of spore producing body, telia. Teliospore and basidiospore production were initially considered rare stages of the life cycle, but in some regions are often observed along with urediniospore production within a single sorus (Pegg <i>et al.</i> , 2014). While the production of all three types of spores in a host is considered to be a strategy for survival in adverse conditions, the role of teliospores and basidiospores in the life cycle of <i>P. psidii</i> has not been understood (Morin <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Giblin, 2013). Spermatogonia and aecia have never been observed.	
28	55	<i>P.</i> <i>Puccinia psidii</i> prefers wet tropic and subtropic regions where moist conditions and warm temperatures prevail, but a spread to cool regions has been reported (Kriticos <i>et al.</i> , 2013) and the optimum temperature for survival of the fungus is unknown. Disease development is favoured following periods of rainfall or in high humidity or fog. Extended periods of leaf wetness promote urediniospore germination and infection of the host. Urediniospores must encounter a host plant during stages of active growth or flush, which can occur throughout the year depending on the host species and climatic conditions (Pegg <i>et al.</i> , 2014).	Canada Sentence to start with genus name and not abbreviation. Category : EDITORIAL
29	58	Name: <i>Austropuccinia</i> <i>Puccinia psidii</i> G. Winter, 1884	Australia Austropuccinia: a new genus name for the myrtle rust <i>Puccinia psidii</i> placed within the redefined family Sphaerophragmiaceae (Pucciniales) Beenken, L. (2017). Phytotaxa 297(1): 53-61 Category : SUBSTANTIVE
30	58	Name: <i>Austopuccinia</i> <i>Puccinia psidii</i> G. Winter, 1884	China Name has been changed. Category : EDITORIAL
31	59	Synonyms: <u><i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> (G. Winter) Beenken, 2017</u> <u>Basionym: <i>Puccinia psidii</i> G. Winter, 1884.</u> <u><i>Bullaria psidii</i> (G. Winter) Arthur & Mains, 1922</u> <u><i>Dicaeoma psidii</i> (G. Winter) Kuntze, 1898.</u> <u><i>Aecidium glaziovii</i> Henn., 1897</u> <u><i>Caeoma eugeniarum</i> Link, 1825</u> <u><i>Puccinia actinostemonis</i> H.S. Jacks. & Holw., 1931</u> <u><i>Puccinia barbacensis</i> Rangel, 1916</u> <u><i>Puccinia brittoi</i> Rangel, 1916</u> <u><i>Puccinia camargoi</i> Puttemans, 1930</u> <u><i>Puccinia cambucae</i> Puttemans, 1916</u> <u><i>Puccinia eugeniae</i> Rangel, 1916</u>	China The Taxonomic state of <i>Puccinia psidii</i> has been changed. See LUDWIG BEENKEN (2017) <i>Austropuccinia</i> : a new genus name for the myrtle rust <i>Puccinia psidii</i> placed within the redefined family Sphaerophragmiaceae (Pucciniales), Farr, D.F., & Rossman, A.Y. Fungal Databases, U.S. National Fungus Collections, ARS, USDA. Retrieved July 25, 2017, from https://nt.ars-grin.gov/fungalDATABASES/ . There are missing data about Synonyms according to International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (Melbourne Code). Category : SUBSTANTIVE

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		<u>= <i>Puccinia grumixamae</i> Rangel, 1917</u> <u>= <i>Puccinia jambolani</i> Rangel, 1912</u> <u>= <i>Puccinia jambosae</i> Henn., 1902</u> <u>= <i>Uredo eugeniarum</i> Henn., 1895</u> <u>= <i>Uredo flavidula</i> G. Winter, 1885</u> <u>= <i>Uredo goeldiana</i> Henn., 1903</u> <u>= <i>Uredo myrtacearum</i> Pazschke, 1890</u> <u>= <i>Uredo myrciae</i> Mayor, 1913</u> <u>= <i>Uredo neurophila</i> Speg., 1884</u> <u>= <i>Uredo pitangae</i> Speg., 1899 (published as “pitanga”)</u> <u>= <i>Uredo puttemansii</i> Henn., 1902</u> <u>= <i>Uredo rangelii</i> Simpson, Thomas & Grgurinovic, 2006</u> <u>= <i>Uredo rochaei</i> Puttemans, 1906</u> <u>= <i>Uredo seclusa</i> Jacks. & Holw., 1931</u> <u>= <i>Uredo subneurophila</i> Speg., 1884</u>	
32	85	Taxonomic position: Eukaryota, Fungi, Basidiomycota, Pucciniomycotina, Pucciniomycetes, Pucciniales, Sphaerophragmiaceae, Austropuccinia-Pucciniaceae, Puccinia	China The Taxonomic state of <i>Puccinia psidii</i> has been changed. Category : SUBSTANTIVE
33	90	All plants in the family Myrtaceae should be considered potentially susceptible to infection by <i>P. psidii</i> , and rust infecting any plants in this family should be investigated to rule out <i>P. psidii</i> infection. Early detection is very important to minimize spread of the disease.	European Union Sentence not really relevant in this paragraph. Category : SUBSTANTIVE
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41	95	Symptoms of infection by <i>P. psidii</i> range from minor leaf spots to severe foliage and stem blight, and in some species, flowers and fruits are infected (Figures 2–4). Since establishing it has established in Australia in 2010, the rapid increase-expansion of the fungus' host range has resulted in a wide range of symptoms being observed which vary depending on the host species, the level of host susceptibility within a host species and the age of the host tissue. Symptoms become more obvious during rust epidemics.	Singapore Proposed revision for better sentence structuring. <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
42	96	The primary symptom is the appearance of yellow pustules (uredinia) on the upper and lower leaf surfaces of Myrtaceae hosts, with more tending to be found a <u>higher prevalence</u>	Singapore Proposed revision for better sentencing. <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>

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43	97	The first symptoms and signs of infection are often chlorotic flecks and young sori on leaves, shoots and fruits, which appear two to four days after infection. These early symptoms are similar to those caused by many other pests and disorders so are not enough for a diagnosis disorders. Hence, but lesions identification based on symptoms alone may not be used sufficient for diagnosis . Further confirmation for <i>P. psidii</i> infection can be carried out using molecular testing if there is any reason to suspect it is diagnostic methods. P. psidii.	Singapore Proposed revision to better structure the sentence. <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
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45	101	3.2 Sampling and sample preparation	Argentina In the case of symptomless plants, it would be very useful to include the minimum number of leaves, flowers, etc required for <i>P. psidii</i> detection. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
46	102	Samples of suspected rust or suspicious lesions on plant stems, flowers, fruits, shoots or leaves should be collected. Where possible, triplicate samples from each infected host species should be collected, with each sample comprising several lesions. The likelihood of obtaining enough material for DNA extraction and of finding features for a robust morphological diagnosis is increased with an increased number of collected lesions. In the event of an older infection, woody twigs and branches with swellings or galls or other evidence of infection should be sampled.	European Union Disinfection of tools with bleach requires "draining". Is this rinsing with water? Implies that also water is taken to the field in sufficient quantities to rinse the disinfected tools. According to the instructions, paper towelling also needs to be taken to the field. Usually alcohol based cleaning/disinfection is used, also allows flaming of metal parts. If not rinsed than tools will corrode due to bleach. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
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55	108	Because rust spores have a high potential for dispersal, samples should be handled with care during the diagnostic process. A large sheet of paper can be placed under the work area and changed between samples. Use of a laminar flow cabinet is not advisable as this may disperse the spores. At the end of the work period, all packaging, gloves, benchcoating, paper, tissues, etc. should be considered contaminated, double-bagged and disposed of as required for quarantineable waste (e.g. by autoclaving or incineration). Equipment should be surface-sterilized with 70% ethanol.	European Union Change of gloves and disinfection of equipment (scalpel, forceps, etc.) between samples should also be advised (given that you advice other similar measures). <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
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59	110	The samples should be examined under a dissecting microscope for rust sori. Rust spores should be picked up carefully with a disposable scalpel or needle, mounted in a drop of lactic acid on a microscope slide and covered with a coverslip. The slide should be heated gently to remove air bubbles, then observed under a compound light microscope fitted with high quality optics, including a 100× oil immersion objective. Urediniospores and teliospores of <i>P. psidii</i> are readily distinguishable by light microscopy (Figure 5).	European Union Is it critical that it is mounted in lactic acid? Other labs may use other mounting media such as water or lactoglycerol <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
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64	115	3.4.1 Preparation of <u>plant</u> material	Singapore More appropriate definition of this section title <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
65	116	DNA for PCR analysis can be extracted from individual sori or small pieces (10–100 mm ²) of infected plant tissue excised from the sample if sori are not yet erumpent. If spores are abundant, they should preferentially be used by placing them into a microcentrifuge tube using a clean brush.	European Union How is contamination via the brush avoided? New brush for each sample? Bleach? EtOH will not be sufficient to remove DNA. How is the mortar and pestle decontaminated between samples? <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
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67	117	The sample is placed into a tube or mortar bowl. Different grinding methods can be used such as mortar and pestle with liquid nitrogen, plastic pestles and microcentrifuge tubes with liquid nitrogen, or a TissueLyser (Qiagen ¹). The spore wall is very strong and all methods for DNA extraction and purification depend on its adequate disruption. For the TissueLyser, the addition of two 3 mm tungsten carbide beads, the pre-freezing of tubes in liquid nitrogen for 1 min, and two 2 min sessions in the TissueLyser at 30 r.p.m. <u>Hz</u> is sufficient for adequate grinding. For other methods, adequate grinding can be checked by microscopic examination of the ground material: if >50% of the urediniospores have lost their contents and are hyaline rather than yellow, grinding is sufficient.	European Union Technical correction. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
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72	121	3.4.3 Conventional PCR using primers that amplify fungal, rust or <i>P. psidii</i> DNA	European Union This section should be placed after the species specific tests. Also it is unclear whether it is being used as a diagnostic tool or an identification tool. If it is diagnostic does it add anything when there are two species specific tests in the protocol. If it is being used as an identification tool, it should be moved to section 4.2. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
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76	145	<i>β-tubulin</i>	China Due to the obligately biotrophic nature of <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> and the poor condition of its DNA, it is difficult to amplify the fragment of <i>β-tubulin</i> and elongation factor 1 α . An epitype has been designated for <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> . A morphological description

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77	154	<i>elongation factor 1α</i>	<p>China</p> <p>Due to the obligately biotrophic nature of <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> and the poor condition of its DNA, it is difficult to amplify the fragment of β-tubulin and elongation factor 1α. An epitype has been designated for <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i>. A morphological description and DNA characterization are provided from the epitype, obtained from the same location and host of the lectotype, also designated. Thus it is better to amplify the fragment of rDNA, such as 28S, 18S and ITS.</p> <p>Beenken, L., Zoller, S. & Berndt, R. (2012) Rust fungi on Annonaceae II: the genus <i>Dasyscypha</i> Berk. & M. A. Curtis. <i>Mycologia</i> 104:659–681.</p> <p>Beenken, L. & Wood, A.W. (2015) <i>Puccorchidium</i> and <i>Sphenorchidium</i>, two new genera of Pucciniales on Annonaceae related to <i>Puccinia psidii</i> and the genus <i>Dasyscypha</i>. <i>Mycological Progress</i> 14: 49.</p> <p>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</p>
78	172	2.0 mM	<p>Philippines</p> <p>what is mM? or should it be μM?</p> <p>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</p>
79	188	94 °C for 2 min	<p>European Union</p> <p>Can this time be stated if the mastermix composition is not named as this may vary depending which reagents are used.</p> <p>Category : TECHNICAL</p>
80	202	95 °C for 3 min	<p>EPPO</p> <p>Can this time be stated if the mastermix composition is not named as this may vary depending which reagents are used.</p> <p>Category : TECHNICAL</p>
81	226	This method is <i>fast-and-fast</i> , sensitive and is suitable for high throughput and for detection of the pathogen in its early infection stages, but it requires species-specific primers and a dual-labelled probe. Species specificity has been demonstrated against other <i>Puccinia</i> species, including <i>P. coronata</i> , <i>P. graminis</i> , <i>P. hemerocallidis</i> , <i>P. hordei</i> , <i>P. myrsiphylla</i> , <i>P. oxalidis</i> and <i>P. striiformis</i> (Baskarathevan <i>et al.</i> , 2016). The TaqMan real-time PCR can detect as little as 0.011 pg of <i>P. psidii</i> genomic DNA (Baskarathevan <i>et al.</i> , 2016). An internal control based on amplification of the host cytochrome oxidase (<i>coxI</i>) gene	<p>European Union</p> <p>Better wording.</p> <p>Category : EDITORIAL</p>

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85	227	The method is repeatable and reproducible with a coefficient of variation when repeated (for cycle threshold (Ct)) between 0.8 and 1.6. Three combinations of primers/probes were developed – two targeting the rDNA ITS and one targeting <i>β-tubulin</i> – but only the most sensitive primer combination is outlined here.	Philippines Provide records of validation as attachment Category : TECHNICAL
86	256	CAL Fluor Red 610-TGC TTA CGC TGG ATG GAA TGC CCT-BHQ2	European Union This is not the dye listed in Weller et al, either needs to be the same dye or note that it is amended from Weller et al. Category : TECHNICAL
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88	309	PCR products can be visualized on a transilluminator after electrophoresis on agarose gel and staining with a compatible DNA-binding dye such as ethidium bromide-gel red .	Philippines ethidium bromide is carcinogenic, gel red is a good replacement. Category : TECHNICAL
89	353	95-94 °C for 3 min	Singapore Incorrect temperature cited from Langrell et al 2008 paper. Category : EDITORIAL
90	357	95-94 °C for 1 min	Singapore Incorrect temperature cited from Langrell et al 2008 paper. Category : EDITORIAL
91	359	57-55 °C for 1 min	Singapore Incorrect temperature cited from Langrell et al 2008 paper. Category : EDITORIAL
92	363	72 °C for 7-10 min	Singapore Incorrect temperature cited from Langrell et al 2008 paper. Category : EDITORIAL
93	373	For To reliably consider the test result obtained to be considered reliable test results , appropriate controls – which will depend depends on the type of test used and the level of certainty required – should be considered for each series of nucleic acid isolation and amplification of the target pest or target nucleic acid. For PCR, a positive nucleic acid control and a negative amplification control (no template control) are the minimum controls that should be used.	Ghana Category : EDITORIAL
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95	374	Positive nucleic acid control. This control is used to monitor the efficiency of the test method (apart from the extraction), and specifically the amplification. Pre-prepared (stored) genomic DNA, whole genome amplified DNA or a synthetic control (e.g. cloned PCR product) may be used. Any fungal DNA will be a suitable positive control for the ITS1-F/ITS4 primers, and any rust DNA for the ITS1-F/Rust1 primers. The other primer pairs (PpsiBtubF/PpsiBtubR, PPEFF/PPEFR, PpsiITS1F/PpsiITS1R, Ppsi1/Ppsi6 and Ppsi2/Ppsi4) require <i>P. psidii</i> DNA (genomic DNA or suitable plasmid or amplicon) as a positive control. In the absence of a positive control, it may be possible to confirm the presence of <i>P. psidii</i> , but not its absence.	Philippines identify NPPO who are willing to provide genomic DNA to be used as positive control. <i>Category : SUBSTANTIVE</i>
96	375	The efficiency of the extraction method is confirmed with amplification of the rDNA ITS using the primers ITS1-F/ITS4.	European Union Does this require a heading to make it clear it is being used as an extraction control? <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
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98	376	Negative amplification control (no template control). This control is necessary to rule out false <u>positives-positives</u> , due to contamination during preparation of the reaction mixture. PCR-grade water that was used to prepare the reaction mixture is added in place of template DNA at the amplification stage.	Ghana <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
99	377	Negative extraction control. This control is used to monitor both contamination <u>both</u> during nucleic acid extraction and cross-reaction with the host tissue. The control comprises nucleic acid that is extracted from uninfected host tissue and subsequently amplified. Alternatively, extraction blanks may be processed with the samples to be tested if sufficient uninfected host tissue is not available.	Philippines <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
100	380	Baskarathevan <i>et al.</i> (2016) were able to detect 0.011 pg of <i>P. psidii</i> DNA at a Ct of 35, which represents less than one genome copy for an expected genome size of 100–150 mega base pairs. The infected plant samples had a Ct ranging from 17 to 35, depending to some extent on the severity of infection. Samples with a Ct of 35 or less can be regarded as positive, provided controls (negative amplification controls) are negative.	European Union Does a Ct threshold need to be given here? In EPPO Protocols Ct threshold are only provided for situations where the Ct is unusual. For other cases we have the following standard text: Verification of the controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PIC and PAC (as well as IC and IPC as applicable) amplification curves should be exponential. • NIC and NAC should give no amplification When these conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A test will be considered positive if it produces an exponential amplification curve. • A test will be considered negative, if it does not produce an amplification curve or if it produces a curve which is not

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102	388	<p>Table 7. Morphological characters of the six currently accepted rust species that infect Myrtaceae</p> <p><u>To distinguish the <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> from other rust fungi, the host related and taxonomic related species should be taken into account. Such as <i>Phakopsora rosmaniae</i>, <i>Physopella jueli</i>, <i>Physopella xanthostemonis</i>, <i>Puccinia cygnorum</i>, <i>Puccinia rompelii</i>, <i>Puccinia sanguinolenta</i>, <i>Melampsora</i> spp., <i>Dasyscypha</i> spp., <i>Puccorchidium</i> and <i>Sphenorchidium</i> spp.</u></p>	<p>China See Simpson et al. (2006). Uredinales species pathogenic on species of Myrtaceae. Australasian Plant Pathology. 35 (5) 549–562. Beenken, L. & Wood, A.W. (2015) Puccorchidium and Sphenorchidium, two new genera of Pucciniales on Annonaceae related to Pucciniapsidii and the genus Dasyscypha. Mycological Progress 14: 49. Category : <i>TECHNICAL</i></p>
103	431	The following key (Maier <i>et al.</i> , 2016) can be used to distinguish the two described rust fungi on eucalyptus:	<p>European Union The key by Maier in 4.1. is not consistent with the description by Pegg in 4.1.1 in terms of the colour of the uredinia (bright yellow to orange versus yellowish brown). Which should be followed? Category : <i>SUBSTANTIVE</i></p>
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110	451	In cases where other contracting parties may be affected by the results of the diagnosis, in particular in cases of non-compliance (ISPM 13 <i>Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action</i>) and where <i>Puccinia psidii</i> is found in an area for the first time, the following records and evidence and additional material should be kept for at least one year in a manner that ensures traceability: <u>Add the topic and sentence “Sample storage. After the samples have been detected as positive they should be kept in refrigerator with 4oC. Once expired storage, samples should be sterilized to prevent the</u>	<p>China The storage of samples will be propitious to expert review. <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i></p>

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113	465	Further information on this protocol can be obtained from:	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
114	466	Agriculture Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Australia, AgriBio Centre for AgriBioscience, La Trobe University, 5 Ring Road, Bundoora, Victoria 3083, Australia (Jacqueline Edwards; e-mail: jacky.edwards@ecodev.vic.gov.au).	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
115	467	School of Land and Food, University of Tasmania, Private Bag 98, Hobart, Tasmania 7001, Australia (Morag Glen; e-mail: Morag.Glen@utas.edu.au).	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
116	468	Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail (ANSES), Laboratoire de la Santé des Végétaux [Plant Health Laboratory], Unité de mycologie [Mycology Unit], Domaine de Pixérécourt – Bâtiment E, C.S. 40009, 54220 Malzéville, France (Jacqueline Hubert; e-mail: jacqueline.hubert@anses.fr).	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
117	469	General Research and Biotechnology Unit, Nigeria Agriculture Quarantine Service, Post-Entry Quarantine Station, Moor Plantation (NCRI Compound), Apata, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria (Kazeem Shakiru Adewale; e-mail: kazeems2001@yahoo.com).	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
118	470	United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Regulations, Permits and Manuals, 4700 River Rd. Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737, United States of America (José R. Hernández; e-mail: Jose.R.Hernandez@aphis.usda.gov).	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
119	471	A request for a revision to a diagnostic protocol may be submitted by national plant protection organizations (NPPOs), regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) or Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) subsidiary bodies through the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org), which will in turn forward it to the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP).	Viet Nam move to Appendix 1 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
120	472	7. Acknowledgements	Viet Nam move to Appendix 2 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
121	473	The first draft of this protocol was written by J. Edwards (Agriculture Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Australia (see preceding section)), M. Glen (School of Land and Food, University of Tasmania, Australia (see preceding section)), J. Hubert (Mycology Unit, ANSES, France) (see preceding section)), J. Hernandez (USDA APHIS, United States of America (see preceding section)) and K. Shakiru Adewale (General Research and Biotechnology Unit,	Viet Nam move to Appendix 2 <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>

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		Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service, Nigeria (see preceding section)). In addition, the following experts were significantly involved in the development of this protocol: M. Piepenbring (Department of Mycology, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany), C. Rodriguez-Delgado (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Australia), F. Sorgoni (Ministero delle Politiche Agricole Alimentari e Forestali and Consiglio per la Ricerca in Agricoltura e l'Analisi dell'Economia Agraria, Italy) and H. Shirato (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Yokohama Plant Protection Station, Japan).	
122	474	86. References	Viet Nam <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
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125	503	 Modify the figure 1 about paraphyses.	China It is difficult to distinguish <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> from other related rust pathogen of Myrtaceae, such as <i>Phakopsora rossmaniae</i> , <i>Physopella juei</i> , <i>Physopella xanthostemonis</i> , <i>Puccinia cygnorum</i> and so on, by the character of paraphyses. See Simpson et al. (2006). Uredinales species pathogenic on species of Myrtaceae. Australasian Plant Pathology. 35 (5) 549–562. Cummins GB, Hiratsuka Y. (2003). Illustrated genera of rust fungi. 3rd edn. (APS Press: St Paul, MN). LUDWIG BEENKEN (2017). <i>Austropuccinia</i> : a new genus name for the myrtle rust <i>Puccinia psidii</i> placed within the redefined family Sphaerophragmiaceae (Pucciniales) <i>Category : TECHNICAL</i>
126	517	Figure 5. <i>Puccinia psidii</i>: (a), (b) urediniospores; (c)–(d), teliospores and urediniospores; (e) teliospore, and (f), germinated teliospores and basidiospores. Scale bars: 20 µm.	European Union The scale bar in figure f) appears to be slightly out as the description says basidiospores are 8-11 µm in diameter but two of them appear to be the same length in diameter as the scale bar which is 20 µm. <i>Category : EDITORIAL</i>
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