Submission form for topics for Standards and Implementation

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Name of Country or Organization Japan

Introduction

In Accordance with CPM-13 decision, a combined call for topics for standards and tools for implementation is opened in 2018. IPPC contracting parties and RPPOs are invited to submit proposals for topics to be included as gaps in the Framework for Standards and Implementation for consideration to be put onto the IPPC work programme. Each submission should clearly define the problem needing resolution in sufficient detail to determine how it fits into the Framework for Standards and Implementation and the cost/benefit of the development of the standard or tool. Submitters are requested to consult the current IPPC Framework for Standards and Implementation (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/82439/>) to identify areas where the proposal can contribute.

Standards

This form covers submissions for new ISPMs, new components to an existing ISPM and revision or amendments to an ISPM, supplement, annex or appendix, including diagnostic protocols. Please note that a separate call for phytosanitary treatments (PTs) is made, more information on this call is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-treatments/>.

Please refer to the IPPC Standard Setting Procedure Manual[[1]](#footnote-1) for an explanation of the hierarchy of terms for standards (technical area, topic and subject). The list of topics for IPPC standards adopted by the CPM is available at <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards>.

Implementation

This form covers submissions for new IPPC implementation resources for implementation of the Convention, ISPMs and CPM recommendations or for revisions to IPPC implementation resources. Please refer to the IPPC Framework for Standards and Implementation on implementation resources that have been adopted/developed, are under development or are planned to be developed.

Submission

This completed form should be submitted by the IPPC official contact point, preferably via e-mail, to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) no later than **31 August 2018**. Please use one form per topic.

An electronic version of this form is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-and-implementation/call-for-topics-standards-and-implementation/>.

Save and submit the completed submission form as:   
2018\_TOPIC\_*[Country or organization name – Proposed title of topic]*.docx.

(Text in brackets given for explanatory purposes)

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| **Submission form for topics for Standards and Implementation** |
| 1. **Proposed by**: (Name of IPPC Official Contact Point)   Yasuro FUNAKI |
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| 1. **Proposed Topic (Choose one box only)**   [✓] Standard **(go to 4)** [\_] Implementation resource **(go to 5)** |

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| 1. **Standards**    1. **Type of topic: (Choose one box only)** | | |
| A. New ISPM:  [✓] Concept  [\_\_] Pest specific  [\_\_] Commodity specific  [\_\_] Reference | B. New component to an existing ISPM:  [\_\_] Supplement  [ ] Annex  [　] Appendix  [\_\_] Technical panel (technical area)  [\_\_] Diagnostic protocol (subject) | C. Revision/Amendment of:  [\_\_] ISPM  [\_\_] Supplement  [\_\_] Annex  [\_\_] Appendix |
| **Draft specification:**  As agreed by CPM-7 (2012) and CPM-11 (2016), submissions in answer to the call for topics (except for draft diagnostic protocols, which are subject to additional criteria, see below) should be accompanied by a draft specification. Proposals for phytosanitary treatments are submitted using a different submission form in a separate call: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-treatments/>.  An annotated template for the draft specification for Standards is available on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81324/>) in English, French and Spanish.  **(go to 6)** | | |

**OR**

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| 1. **Implementation**    1. **Type of topic: (Choose one box only)** | |
| 1. New implementation resource:   [ ] Guide (e.g. Manual)  [\_\_] Training material (e.g. e-Learning)  [\_\_] Awareness material  [\_\_] Other (Please specify ) | 1. Revision of implementation resource   [\_\_] Guide (e.g. Manual)  [\_\_] Training material (e.g. e-Learning)  [\_\_] Awareness material  [\_\_] Other (Please specify ) |
| * 1. Featured Convention articles, ISPMs and CPM recommendations in the proposed implementation resource   [\_\_] for Convention articles (Please specify )  [\_\_] for ISPM (Please specify )  [\_\_] for CPM Recommendation (Please specify ) | |
| **Draft outline:**  Submissions for topics on implementation should be accompanied by a draft outline of implementation resource defining a scope and purpose, or a draft implementation resource. Commitment for financial/in-kind resources to support the development of the implementation resource may be included in the submission (non-obligatory).  **(go to 6)** | |

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| **6.Proposed title of document**  Guidelines for field inspection |
| **7. Proposed priority**  [✓] 1 (high) [\_\_] 2 [\_\_] 3 [\_\_] 4 (low)  Comments:  Field inspection is conducted as a phytosanitary measure to detect some regulated pests that produce visible symptoms. ISPM38 briefly describes field inspection as one of phytosanitary measures on seeds but there are no guidelines in other ISPMs. Internationally agreed guidelines on field inspection will help to harmonize procedures to carry out phytosanitary inspection activities for the purpose of export of plants. |
| **8. Featured outcome of standard/implementation resource**  This standard will provide general and technical guidance on field inspection procedures and methodologies to be used by NPPOs in developing guidelines in the countries and conducting inspection in the fields for the purpose of export. Technical information about disease diagnosis in field and laboratory should be provided in Appendix. Technical information about inspection methods for each commodity and commodity class should be provided in Appendices. |
| **9. Contribution to filling the gaps of the Framework for Standards and Implementation:** (2 lines max)  As for inspection, “ISPM23: Guidelines for inspection” is already adopted. Although there is no specific standard on field inspection. |
| **10. Summary of justification for the proposal** (2 lines max)  Since field inspection is conducted exporting countries, a harmonized standard on field inspection will contribute to enhancement of predictability and reduction of pest risk. |

**Criteria for justification and prioritization of proposed topics[[2]](#footnote-2):**

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| Submissions should address the applicable criteria for justification of the proposal (as listed below). Where possible, information in support of the justification and that may assist in the prioritization should be indicated.  All core criteria must be addressed; supporting criteria should be addressed if applicable.  Priority will be given to topics with the largest global impact. |
| **Core criteria (must provide information. It is expected that all submissions meet the following core**  **criteria)** |
| Contribution to the purpose of the IPPC as described in article I.1.  IPPC IV 2 b, c, d, e, f, VII 1 a, b, c, d, 2 a, b, c, g, j |
| Linkage to IPPC Strategic Objectives (SOs) and Organizational results demonstrated.  This ISPM and the future activities related to the topic of this ISPM will result in achieving the following objectives of IPPC Strategic objectives(2012~2019)  A protect sustainable agriculture and enhance global food security through the prevention of pest spread;  A1 Pests are detected, reported and eradicated or controlled by means of improved inspection, monitoring, surveillance, diagnosis, pest reporting and pest response systems.  A3 The movement of food commodities and basic horticultural products is facilitated by relevant ISPMs.  A4 Food security is enhanced by aligning the IPPC capacity development strategy on developing national phytosanitary capacity with FAO and other programmes.  B protect the environment, forests and biodiversity from plant pests;  B1 The environment protection and forestry sectors, both domestically and internationally, is provided with sufficient information and tools concerning new pests and their distribution.  B3 Appropriate standards, recommendations and other technical resources that underpin the protection of the environment and help to limit the impact of climate change  B4 Countries are able to protect their natural plant resources against pests as supported by capacity development.  C facilitate economic and trade development through the promotion of harmonized scientifically based phytosanitary measures;  C1 Countries evaluate and upgrade their phytosanitary certification systems to take account of the revised standards.  C2 Safe trade is facilitated by the provision in the IPPC of a forum for discussion of plant health issues and by the development of pestspecific or commodity-based ISPMs along with associated phytosanitary measures.  D develop phytosanitary capacity for members to accomplish A, B and C.  D3 The Implementation Review and Support System is fully implemented. This provides information on the implementation of the IPPC and its standards, and the challenges that members are dealing with, including  problems with the implementation of standards. |
| Feasibility of implementation at the global level (consider ease of implementation, technical complexity, capacity of NPPO(s) to implement, relevance for more than one region).  Field inspection at production sites and places is one of the useful and effective inspection methods which are globally conducted. So we need criteria and standards to implement filed inspection on a harmonized manner. |
| Clear identification of the problems that need to be resolved through the development of the standard or implementation resource.  It may be necessary to improve capacities of inspectors so that they can carry out inspection with the accuracy or sensitivity of techniques. |
| Availability of, or possibility to collect, information in support of the proposed standard or implementation resource (e.g. scientific, historical, technical information, experience).  Implementation experience by NPPOs and supporting organizations  Standards and manuals developed by NPPOs and supporting organizations |

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| **Supporting criteria (information may be provided, as appropriate):** |
| **Supporting criteria (Practical)**   1. Is there a regional standard and/or implementation resource on the same topic already available and used by NPPOs, RPPOs or international organizations. 2. Availability of expertise needed to develop the proposed standard and/or implementation resource. |
| **Supporting criteria (Economic)**   1. Estimated value of the plants protected. 2. Estimated value of trade including new trade opportunities affected by the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. volume of trade, value of trade, the percentage of Gross Domestic Product of this trade) if appropriate. |
| **Supporting criteria (Environmental)**   1. Utility to reduce the potential negative environmental consequences of certain phytosanitary measures, for example reduction in global emissions for the protection of the ozone layer. 2. Utility in the management of non-indigenous species which are pests of plants (such as some invasive alien species). 3. Contribution to the protection of the environment, through the protection of wild flora, and their habitats and ecosystems, and of agricultural biodiversity. |
| **Supporting criteria (Strategic)**   1. Extent of support for the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. one or more NPPOs or RPPOs have requested it, or one or more RPPOs have adopted a standard on the same topic). 2. Frequency with which the issue to be addressed, as identified in the submission emerges as a source of trade disruption (e.g. disputes or need for repeated bilateral discussions, number of times per year trade is disrupted). 3. Relevance and utility to developing countries. 4. Coverage (application to a wide range of countries/pests/commodities). 5. Complements other standards and/or implementation resources (e.g. potential for the standard to be used as part of a systems approach for one pest, complement treatments for other pests). 6. Conceptual standard and/or implementation resource to address fundamental concepts (e.g. treatment efficacy, inspection methodology). 7. Urgent need for the standard and/or implementation resource. |
| **Diagnostic protocols are subject to additional criteria. For proposals for DPs, please elaborate on the following criteria to help the future consideration of the subject proposed:**   * Need for international harmonization of the diagnostic techniques for the pest (e.g. due to difficulties in diagnosis or disputes on methodology) * Relevance of the diagnosis to the protection of plants including measures to limit the impact of the pest. * Importance of the plants protected on the global level (e.g. relevant to many countries or of major importance to a few countries). * Volume/importance of trade of the commodity that is subjected to the diagnostic procedures (e.g. relevant to many countries or of major importance to a few countries). * Other criteria for topics as determined by CPM that are relevant to determining priorities * Balance between pests of importance in different climatic zones (temperate, tropics etc.) and commodity classes. * Number of labs undertaking the diagnosis. * Feasibility of production of a protocol, including availability of knowledge and expertise. |
| **Literature review**[[3]](#footnote-3) (This section will provide a **summary of the topic** based on scientific and technical publications, including a referenced **list of literature reviewed**. This will help provide the scientific basis for the content of the standard/implementation resource to be used by the selected experts during the development of the standard/implementation resource)**.** |

**Send submissions to:** **Address:** IPPC Secretariat (AGDI)

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**DRAFT SPECIFICATION FOR ISPM: [Title of ISPM] ([Topic no.])**

Specifications are the first stage in the process of preparing the text of a new standard. The content of the specification in its draft and approved format changes only very little. This template shows what a specification should include.

Specifications are commented on in the OCS and paragraph numbering is provided via the OCS.

**Status box**

“Status box” is changed to “Publication history” after approval of the specification and the content rewritten according to established style.

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| This is not an official part of the specification and it will be modified by the IPPC Secretariat after approval | |
| **Date of this document** | [2017-8-31 |
| **Document category** | Draft specification for an ISPM |
| **Current document stage** |  |
| **Major stages** |  |
| **Steward history** |  |
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**Title**

1. [Guidelines for field inspection].

**Reason for the ISPM**

Field inspection may be conducted as a phytosanitary measure to detect some regulated pests that produce visible symptoms. ISPM38 briefly describe field inspection as one of the phytosanitary measures on seeds but there are no guidelines in other ISPMs. Internationally agreed guidelines on field inspection will help to harmonize procedures to carry out phytosanitary inspection activities for the purpose of export of plants.

**Scope and Purpose**

1. This standard will provide general and technical guidance on field inspection procedures and methodologies to be used by NPPOs in developing guidelines in the countries or conducting inspection in fields for the purpose of export of plants.

**Tasks**

1. The expert drafting group (EDG) should undertake the following tasks:
2. Consider procedures for field inspection, field inspection strategy, inspection objectives, responsibility, requirements for inspectors, other considerations for inspection, inspection in relation to PRA
3. Consider field inspection methodologies:

* examination of documents
* visual examination for targeted pests, e.g. nematode, virus, viroid, bacteria, fungi and insects and symptom of plants
* inspection methods (e.g. inspection pattern e.g. stagger “X” pattern, equidistant passes pattern, appropriate timing and the number of inspection, selection for sites and places, sampling for plants and detection methods)
* asymptomatic cases
  + - inspection outcome

1. Identify requirements of inspectors, equipment and tools
2. Describe other requirements such as compliance with phytosanitary regulations, review of inspection systems, training, transparency, documentation and reporting
3. Consider whether detailed technical information is provided in Appendices: disease diagnosis in field and laboratory, commodity and commodity class based inspection methods
4. Consider whether the ISPM could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment. If this is the case, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft ISPM.
5. Consider implementation of the standard by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the Standards Committee (SC).

**Provision of resources**

1. Funding for the meeting may be provided from sources other than the regular programme of the IPPC (FAO). As recommended by ICPM-2 (1999), whenever possible, those participating in standard setting activities voluntarily fund their travel and subsistence to attend meetings. Participants may request financial assistance, with the understanding that resources are limited and the priority for financial assistance is given to developing country participants. Please refer to the *Criteria used for prioritizing participants to receive travel assistance to attend meetings organized by the IPPC Secretariat* posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) (see <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/>).

**Collaborator**

1. To be determined.

**Steward**

1. Please refer to the *List of topics for IPPC standards* posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) (see https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards).

**Expertise**

1. An EWG of five to eight phytosanitary experts who among them have practical expertise in designing and undertaking field inspection programmes for quarantine pests; experience with filed inspection methodologies;.

**Participants**

1. [To be determined.]

**References**

1. The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.
2. Further information or specific references can be added if necessary.

**Discussion papers**

1. Participants and interested parties are encouraged to submit discussion papers to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) for consideration by the EDG.

1. IPPC Standard Setting Procedure Manual URL: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85024/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As agreed by CPM-13 (2018) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. As agreed by CPM-7 (2012) and CPM-11 (2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)