Protecting the world's plant resources from pests

Project Title: The third cycle (2018-2020) of the IPPC Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) project	
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1. **Project Profile**	
Recipient Region(s)/ Countries	Global
Donor/ Resource Partner	European Commission (EC)
IC Representative (if applicable)	N/A
IPPC Secretariat Representation (if applicable)	Brent LARSON
RPPO Representation (if applicable)	N/A
Collaboration / Participating Organizations	A Letter of Agreement is under preparation with Wageningen University to develop a M&E framework for the implementation of the IPPC
Project Budget (detailed funds and/or in-kind)	992,758 USD (of which 742,925 USD from the EC and 179,833 USD as IPPC co-funding)
Project Timing	2018-02 – 2021-01

2. Project Scope and Relevance to the IPPC

The IRSS project was conceived to tackle the issue of the limited capacity to prevent and respond to pest introductions by the IPPC contracting parties, focusing on developing countries. The project is a tool used by the IPPC Secretariat to identify such challenges by monitoring and evaluating CPs implementation of the Convention, ISPMs and CPM Recommendations. In order to define the implementation challenges, the project undertakes the following activities: surveys, desk studies, scanning for emerging issues, technical analyses, provision of a Helpdesk and the development of an IPPC Community M&E Framework. The core areas of work include: a) standard setting; b) capacity development; c) implementation review and support system (IRSS); d) dispute avoidance and settlement; e) national reporting obligations; and f) communication and partnerships.

3. Project Milestones and Deliverables [e.g. reports, manuals, workshops etc]

Milestones and deliverables are organized by each output (as described below).

Output 1: 1) An implementation analysis of plant health activities related to emerging issues is conducted by the end of the project in the view of enhancing contracting parties' implementation resilience; 2) Topics and issues are identified by end of year 2 for development into ISPMs and/or implementation resources; 3) By the end of the project, it is expected that the number and quality of the National Reporting Obligation (NRO) data submitted by contracting parties is increased.

Output 2: 1) A global training is organized on the IRSS helpdesk and annual exercises are held at regional workshops; 2) Triennial summaries and annual M&E reports are produced to describe in detail, the overall improvement in implementation by developing countries.

4. Expected Goals, Outcomes and Outputs of the Project [e.g. linking to ISPMs and/or IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 priorities that the project will address]

The IRSS project has the following structure:
- Overall impact: Global protection of plant resources from pests
- Outcome: Improved contracting parties' implementation of the Convention, ISPMs and CPM recommendations
- Outputs: 1) Challenges and success of contracting parties' implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs, and CPM recommendations are identified, monitored and evaluated; 2) Contracting parties are helped to address gaps in implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs and CPM recommendations through specific actions or activities to improve implementation

5.   Project Team and related Expertise [e.g. names and expertise]

The IRSS project and budget includes the following team:
- Brent Larson: Coordinator
- Orlando Sosa: IRSS analyst
- Alejandra Jimenez Tabares and Ewa Czerwien: administrative support
- Mirko Montuori: communication support

6.   Project Beneficiaries [directly and indirectly (individual NPPOs, RPPO's, industry representatives, growing communities, exporters etc)]

The participants and direct beneficiaries are the IPPC's 183 contracting parties, the regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) and the wider IPPC community. The contracting parties involved in specific activities can be identified according to priorities set by the CPM.

7.   Project Challenges and Successes

The project has been operating since 2012 and it is built on lessons learned from the achievements and challenges of the previous two cycles, including comments and recommendations made both by the Donor and at IPPC internal level (contracting parties).

8.   Project IPPC, IC, SC or IPPC Network Involvement [e.g. possible project collaboration with the relevant IPPC committees, networks, task forces and working groups]

The Implementation Committee (IC) has the role of overseeing the implementation of the IRSS project by setting up a dedicated IC Sub-Group on IRSS. Currently, the IC Sub-Group has reviewed all the submitted topics to present them to the IC in November for them to select the topics for the studies.

The IRSS project is also connected to the IPPC Secretariat's Task Force on Monitoring and Evaluation (TFME) with regards to the M&E component.

9.   Project Supporting Materials and Attachments [e.g. hyperlinks]

IRSS news, materials and other documents are uploaded in a dedicated section of the IPPC website:

https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/implementation-review-and-support-system/