



# NROs Update

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## NROs e-learning

The National Reporting Obligations (NROs) e-learning course has been available and was distributed in September 2019 during the NROs workshop. This e-learning is intended mainly for Official Contact Points of the International Plant Protection Convention contracting parties and their International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) editors. It is also recommended for other phytosanitary specialists involved in reporting at national level.

The NRO e-learning course consists of 5 lessons each containing interactive activities and/or step-by-step instructions that help explain it, along with additional background and links to important resources.

For full access to the course, you'll need to take a minute to create a new account for yourself on this website. Each of the individual courses may also require an enrollment to the course. Please click the following link to register to access the courses: <https://www.ippc.int/en/e-learning/>.

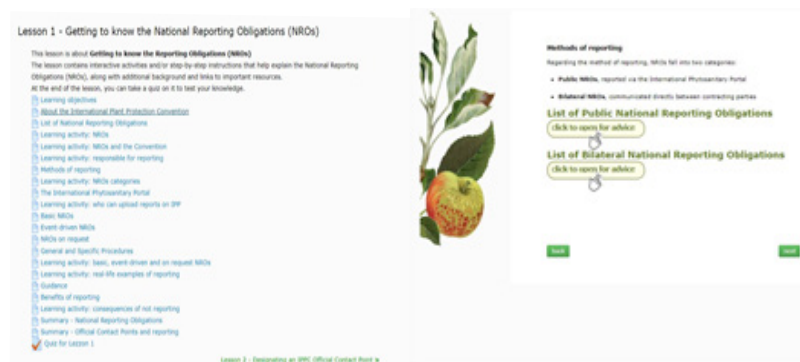
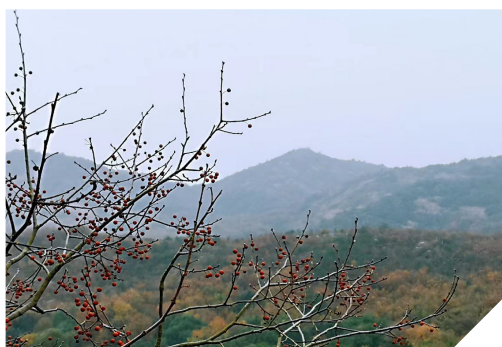
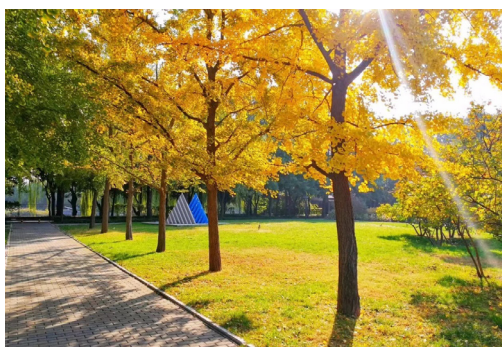


Fig 1. NRO e-learning course

## International Year of Plant Health 2020: Communication guide

The Communication guide for International Year of Plant Health 2020 is on line now! The action-oriented IYPH campaign will be targeted to specific audiences including: general public; media professionals; schoolchildren; farmers; government representatives; policy makers and legislators; donors; UN and International organization staff members; people working in the private and trade sectors. Learn more and read the publication at the following link: <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/ca7186en>



## NROs survey result

A survey on National Reporting Obligations (NROs) was launched in April 2019 to gather comments and suggestions from the IPPC Community to improve the function and effectiveness of the NRO programme (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z92BBR3>). 48 contracting parties responded to the survey.

### Conclusions

- 1) As almost 50% of the respondents were from the NENA NROs workshop, it can be concluded that administering the survey during a regional workshop helps increase the response rate;
- 2) Most respondents to the survey thought the top four most useful features of the IPPC NROs programme were: the contact point information page, country pest reports, NROs guide and newsletters;
- 3) The main challenges to submitting reports included:
  - a. IPP reporting system is not user friendly for submitting report. For example, it always shows an error when submitting a pest report without showing why;
  - b. Information gathering process at the national level is not established;
  - c. Convincing the government officer to submit the pest report is often difficult.

Some participants suggested making the current reporting process more user-friendly, by improving the current structure of the country pages and enhancing the NRO training materials. Provision of assistance to perform surveillance in developing countries was also suggested by a participant. Successful experience in controlling pests and alert to new pests, were also mentioned.

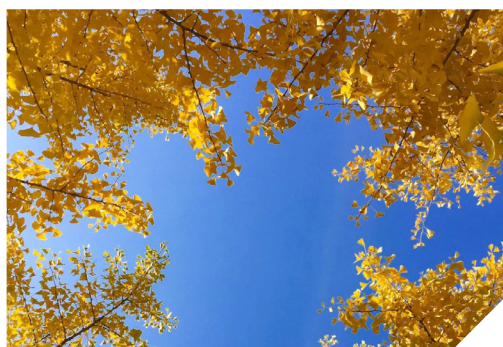
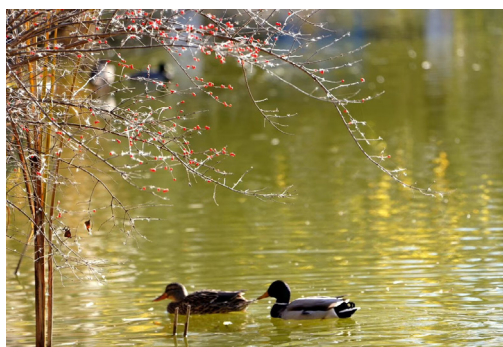
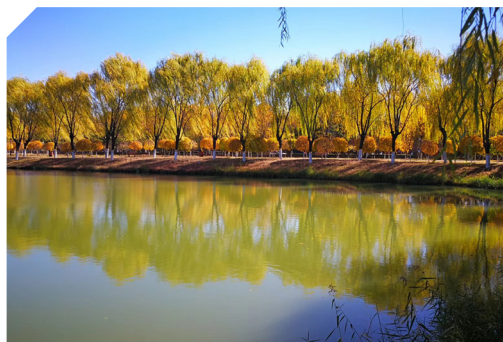
The 2019 IPPC National Reporting Obligations Workshop was held in Beirut, Lebanon from 5 to 6 September. Thirty-seven representatives and observers from 16 IPPC contracting parties attended the Workshop. During the workshop, the following 7 recommendations were presented:

- 1) Detailed explanation for using the NRO tool on IPPC website.
- 2) Hands-on training and exercise were particularly useful for countries that have never use the system before;
- 3) Provide more user-friendly interface and make data easily accessible;
- 4) Real time notifications on reports through sms, app, etc;
- 5) Add a notification to country editors;
- 6) Develop a movie tutorial about NROs;
- 7) Include word version of all standards to facilitate coping text.

## Did you know?

In 2020, there will be two NROs workshops for Africa region and Caribbean regions with financial support from the IPPC-China global project on phytosanitary capacity development under the framework of the FAO-China South-South Cooperation (SSC) Programme.





## Statistics on Pest Reports on the IPP

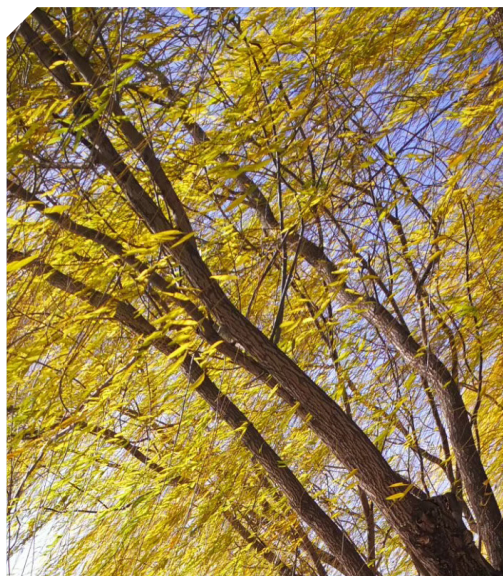
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Pest report: the overall state for 2019			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	19	88
Asia	25	14	71
Europe	45	20	182
Latin America and Caribbean	33	21	115
Near East	16	1	1
North America	2	2	242
South West Pacific	13	9	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>814</b>

Pest report: changes in reporting during 2019		
Region	New reports	Updated reports
Africa	9	13
Asia	10	13
Europe	1	1
Latin America and Caribbean	5	8
Near East	1	1
North America	29	29
South West Pacific	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>69</b>

### Did you know?

Commemorative coin for the International Year of Plant Health will soon be presented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the State Printing and Mint Institute, Italy



## 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/>

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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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