

IRSS Pest Free Areas Survey

Introduction

This survey on the implementation of Pest Free Areas is being conducted to evaluate the implementation of the ISPMs pertaining to Pest Free Areas under the IPPC Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS), funded by the EC.

This survey contains 17 questions and takes approximately about 40 minutes to complete. The survey is divided into the following components - Part I: Introduction; Part II: As an Exporting Contracting Party, looking to gain market access; Part III: As an Importing Contracting Party, who receives requests for the recognition of Pest Free Areas; and, Part IV: Conclusion.

This survey requests information on the size of Pest Free Areas, the most common pests/commodities, and potential size of export markets – it might be helpful to have compiled information on these questions when completing this survey.

The completion of this survey will enable the Secretariat to orient the provision of technical assistance to further implementation of Pest Free Areas.

Please complete this survey by 29.11.2019. If you have any questions, please contact Vinitha.johnson@fao.org.

In the event no Pest Free Areas are maintained in your country, an option is available to exit the survey in the first page.

1. Kindly identify the region your NPPO is based in:

- Asia
- Africa
- Middle East North Africa
- Latin America
- Europe and Central Asia
- Pacific
- Caribbean
- North America

2. Kindly identify the country your NPPO is based in: _____

3. Are Pest Free Areas established and maintained in your country?

If no, thank you for completing the survey. You can exit the survey now.

If yes, kindly proceed to the following questions

Yes

No

If no, why:

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Exporting Contracting Party, looking to gain Market Access

In this portion of the survey, kindly respond identifying challenges in negotiating and gaining market access, establishing and maintaining pest free areas.

4. Please outline the number of Pest Free Areas/PFPP/PFPS managed by your NPPO in the following table:

	1	2-4	4+
The NPPO has declared the following number of Pest-free areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The NPPO has declared the following number of PFPPs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The NPPO has declared the following number of PFPS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please provide comments if any

5. Which pests/commodities are under Pest Free Areas/PFPP/PFPS? Please complete this table, with approximate information if necessary, for the top pests/commodities of economic importance to your country.

Pest (Common name/scientific name)

Commodity (Common name/scientific name)

Approximate size of market access opportunity (USD)

Approximate area in the country (hectares)

Pest 2 (Common name/scientific name)

Commodity (Common name/scientific name)

Approximate size of market access opportunity (USD)

Approximate area in the country (hectares)

Pest 3 (Common name/scientific name)

Commodity (Common name/scientific name)

Approximate size of market access opportunity (USD)

Approximate area in the country (hectares)

6. Legislation, Transparency and relationship with trading partners

< 50% and 50% of
the time

51% - 75%

76% - 100%

Importing Contracting Parties (your target export markets) have in place legislation, which **recognises** Pest Free Areas.

Do you wish to provide any further information:

The Importing Contracting Party (your target export markets) have legislation in place which clearly indicates the process, and **conditions for suspending imports** from a Pest Free Areas (when area freedom is lost).

Do you wish to provide any further information:

Importing Contracting Parties (which are your target export markets), **publish a) basis for recognition of pest-or-disease free areas**

Do you wish to provide any further information:

Importing Contracting Parties (which are your target export markets), **publish b) the general process used**

Do you wish to provide any further information:

Importing Contracting Parties (which are your target export markets), **publish c) the information required to evaluate such requests**

Do you wish to provide any further information:

7. General Surveillance and Specific Surveillance of a Pest Free Area

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Your NPPO has the resources (human) to undertake general surveillance for the establishment of a Pest Free Area

Further comments

Your NPPO has the resources (financial) to undertake general surveillance for the establishment of a Pest Free Area

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Further comments

Your NPPO has access to information for General Surveillance (See ISPM 6) for the establishment of a pest free area: (official and unofficial reports, scientific resources, trade data, personal communications and observations).

Further comments

The NPPO has the resources (financial) to undertake the following surveys for specific surveillance: Detection surveys (used to determine whether or not a pest species is present in an area)

Further comments

The NPPO has the resources (financial) to undertake the following surveys for specific surveillance: Delimiting Surveys (used to determine the boundaries of an area considered to be infested or free of a pest)

Further comments

The NPPO has the resources (human) to undertake the following surveys: Detection surveys (used to determine whether or not a pest species is present in an area)

Further comments

The NPPO has the resources (human) to undertake the following surveys: Delimiting Surveys (used to determine the boundaries of an area considered to be infested or free of a pest)

Further comments

Your NPPO maintains documentation on the Pest Free Areas and regularly communicates with the NPPOs of the countries it exports to, to comply with the terms of the bilateral agreement

Strongly Agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Further comments

Your NPPO faces challenges in maintaining buffer zones

Further comments

Efforts are made to ensure the product is not exposed to pest risks during transporation

Further comments

Adequate Packing Facilities ensure that the product is not exposed to pest risks during transportation

Further comments

In your country, coordination structures between various ministries exist (e.g. Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Environment), and function optimally to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of a Pest Free Area.

Further comments

8. Loss and Suspension of Pest Free Area recognition

Yes

No

In some cases your NPPO has had Pest Free Area recognition status temporarily suspended

Your NPPO has had Pest Free Area recognition reinstated - after having lost Pest Free Area recognition status, or having had Pest Free Area status temporarily suspended

Do you wish to provide any further information

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As an Importing Contracting Party, who receives requests for Recognition of PFAs

In this portion of the survey, we are looking to identify the challenges an NPPO in an Importing Contracting Party faces when receiving and handling requests for recognition of pest-free areas, verifying pest free areas, etc.

9. In the last five years, how many new requests for recognition of pest-and disease free areas of low pest or disease prevalence did your NPPO receive?

- None
- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-30
- 31-50+

Comments, if any:

10. The conditions for suspending imports from a Pest Free Area when area freedom is lost, are indicated in legislation.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please feel free to provide further information

11. In your view, what are the three main challenges in handling requests for recognition of PFAs?

- Challenge 1: _____
- Challenge 2: _____
- Challenge 3: _____

comment

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Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The insights provided by you in this survey will help the Secretariat immensely in developing relevant technical assistance in this area.

12. The following ISPMs, IPPC resources, and WTO SPS resources have been helpful in establishing/maintaining/recognizing pest free areas

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<u>ISPM 04 Requirements for the Establishment of Pest Free Areas</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 05 Glossary of phytosanitary terms</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 06 Surveillance</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 08 Determination of Pest Status in an Area</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 09 Guidelines for Pest Eradication Programmes</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 10 Requirements for the establishments of pest free places of production and pest free production sites</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 17 Pest Reporting</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 22 Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 26 Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 29 Recognition of Pest Free Areas and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 35 Systems approach for pest risk management of fruit flies (Tephritidae)</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>ISPM 37 Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae)</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

IPPC Guide for Establishing and Maintaining Pest free Areas: Understanding the principal requirements for pest free areas, pest free places of production, pest free production sites and areas of low pest prevalence

IPPC Guide on Plant Pest Surveillance: A guide to understand the principal requirements of surveillance programmes for national plant protection organizations

IPPC Guide to Delivering Phytosanitary Diagnostic Services

WTO Guidelines to Further the Practical Implementation of Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Comments, if any

13. Please indicate if and how the ISPMs/other technical resources listed above need to be amended to further the establishment, management and recognition of Pest Free Areas

14. In your opinion, what kind of specific technical assistance/capacity development is essential to enhance establishment, implementation and recognition of Pest Free Areas?

15. If you have any other comments on challenges in implementing Pest Free Areas, please share them here:

16. Could you kindly provide us with the following details

Name

Organisation

Country

Email Address

Phone Number