

Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

Questionnaire:

ISPM 8 Determination of Pest Status in an Area

Endorsed by the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in November 1998, this standard describes the content of a pest record, and the use of pest records and other information in the determination of pest status in an area. Descriptions of pest status categories are provided as well as recommendations for good reporting practices.

In 2011, the IPPC received funding to initiate the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS). This system is an overarching programme of the IPPC aimed at identifying challenges of contracting parties for implementation of the IPPC and its standards as well as identifying resources for resolving those challenges. This year, the IRSS will be cataloguing the gaps and challenges faced by NPPOs for the implementation of this standard with a view to making recommendations to the review panel of ISPM8 on ways to improve the standard in its upcoming revision of the standard.

As a way to assist us to conduct this review you are invited to complete this mini-questionnaire consisting of 7 questions.

IMPORTANT:

- This questionnaire is to be filled by the NPPO – IPPC Contact point and/or designated IPP editor.
- We ask that you kindly:
 1. Edit this form using Microsoft Word 2003 or above.
 2. Fill out the ISPM8 mini-questionnaire in English or a rough translation of English.
 3. Return completed form to: ippc@fao.org and in the Subject Line of the email please enter: [your country name]IRSS ISPM8 response.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS IRSS SURVEY

Country Name:		
1	To what extent has the NPPO applied ISPM8?	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Totally <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
2	If your response to the question above what partially, or not at all, please list the reasons	1. 2. 3. 4.
3	Identify the most difficult aspects of the Standard to apply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion of all required information needed for a pest record <input type="checkbox"/> Sourcing and maintenance of accurate information on pest records <input type="checkbox"/> The different categories for describing pest status in an area <input type="checkbox"/> Deciding on the most appropriate way to describe pest status in an area <input type="checkbox"/> Good recommended practices for reporting pest status <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
4	Identify any pertinent aspect or situation experienced by your NPPO which is considered not to have been covered by the current ISPM:	[free text]
5	Do you feel that certain elements of the standard conflicts with or is inconsistent with any other ISPM(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
6	If your response to the question above was YES, please list the key elements and the relevant ISPM:	[free text]
7	What additional guidance or tools do you consider necessary to help your NPPO better implement ISPM8?	[free text]