



# NROs Update

NATIONAL REPORTING  
OBLIGATIONS' NEWSLETTER

## Contracting parties increased to 184

On 13 January, the IPPC community welcomed a new member, Uzbekistan after having officially joined the Convention. On that date, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr Abdulaziz Kamilof, deposited a letter of instrument of adherence to the Director-General of FAO, inaugurating a new era for the global plant health community and giving extraordinary vibrancy to 2020. With Uzbekistan's agreement to join the Convention, the number of IPPC contracting parties reached 184 countries. The decision taken by the Republic of Uzbekistan is an encouraging occurrence, showing how the work of an international standard setting body, such as the IPPC, is indispensable for countries sharing a common mission and vision.

Protecting plants and plant products from the introduction of pests, while facilitating safe trade is at the core of the IPPC mandate and the key goal of the Convention for the next decade, as indicated in the IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030. Aligning national phytosanitary systems to international requirements can trigger cooperation among importing and exporting countries, strengthen phytosanitary capacity and the implementation of international standards at the national level.

With its adherence to the IPPC, Uzbekistan recognized the necessity of common and effective actions, and the importance of international cooperation in controlling the movement of plant pests and diseases, and preventing their spread and introduction into new areas. The IPPC community applauds the Uzbek's decision and welcomes this new contracting party on-board.

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## NROs Virtual workshops

The IPPC Secretariat would like to relaunch the organization of IPPC Regional workshops 2020 as well as NROs workshops for Africa and Caribbean regions.





## Pest report bulletin online and functional

The IPPC Secretariat has always been striving to provide the IPPC community with the most up-to-date information on pest status to protect plants from pests and facilitate safe trade. The provision of pest reports is an opportunity to keep IPPC contracting parties and stakeholders aware of an immediate or potential danger. Pest reports allow countries to adjust their phytosanitary import requirements and take technically justified measures based on any changes in pest risk. Pest reports provide useful current and historical information for operating phytosanitary systems. Accurate information on pest status facilitates technical justification of phytosanitary measures and helps to minimize unjustified interference with trade. So far, IPPC contracting parties have been submitting pest reports through the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP), while having the possibility of notifying other contracting parties and relevant stakeholders through a specific "Notification" button.



Based on experience and aiming at increasing the functionality and full use of the IPP to support the global phytosanitary community, the IPPC Secretariat created a [pest reports bulletin](#), whose first version is now online. The bulletin is a monthly summary of pest reports submitted by countries whose icon/bar is placed on the IPP homepage. The pest reports bulletin provides daily notifications on new and updated pest reports. This IPP feature will be supporting the IYPH 2020 campaign and the exchange of information among IPPC contracting parties.



More information can be found by clicking here: <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/ippc-secretariat-launches-new-ippc-pest-reports-bulletin-to-facilitate-global-phytosanitary-information-exchange/>

### Did you know?

The Global Action for Fall Armyworm Control is a pioneering initiative that aims to mobilize USD 500 million over the period 2020–2022 to take radical, direct and coordinated measures to fight Fall Armyworm at a global level. IPPC Secretariat will be involved in establishing FAW phytosanitary network.



## Statistics on Pest Reports on the IPP

(data valid: 9 June 2020)

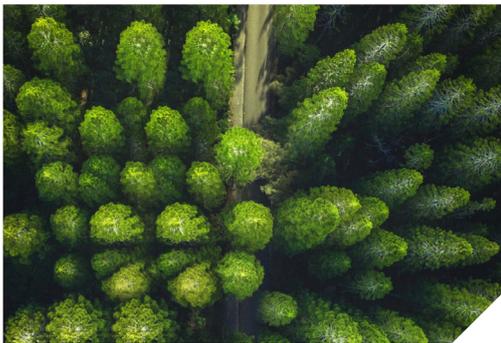
Pest report: the overall state for first semester of 2020

Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	20	90
Asia	26	14	72
Europe	45	20	182
Latin America and Caribbean	33	21	119
Near East	16	2	2
North America	2	2	248
South West Pacific	13	9	120
Total	184	88	833



Pest report: changes in reporting during 2020

Region	New reports	Updated reports
Africa	2	3
Asia	1	1
Europe	0	1
Latin America and Caribbean	4	8
Near East	1	1
North America	6	7
South West Pacific	5	5
Total	19	26



### Did you know?

A new function has been released in the IPPC website, users now can subscribe to receive notifications when News, Announcements and Calls are posted in the website.



## 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/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-organization-of-the-nppo/>

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-nro-year-of-the-pest-reports/>

#### 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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