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I. Introduction

1. CPM 9 (2014) decided to formalize the IPPC Secretariat's relationship with relevant international organizations². Lists of these organizations and in some cases details can be found on the respective IPP web pages.
2. Those organizations not listed that wish to establish such a relationship with the IPPC Secretariat should submit a written proposal to the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org). This request will be considered by the Secretariat, with input from the Bureau, to examine new proposals on a case by case basis, using the criteria and processes agreed to at CPM-9 (2014), paying special attention to the resources available to the Secretariat for engaging in any proposed partnership.
3. For this paper these organizations have been divided into three:
 - 1) Partners³,
 - 2) Liaison and Cooperation,
 - 3) Organizations which the IPPC Secretariat participates as a member or a partner.
4. A brief summary of the interactions the IPPC Secretariat had in 2014 with the various international organizations is provided below. In a few cases, the IPPC Secretariat has invited some organizations to submit their own reports under Agenda item 14.

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² CPM 2014/21 <https://www.ippc.int/publications/ippc-secretariats-relationship-other-organizations>

³ Partners: <https://www.ippc.int/partners>

II. Partnerships

A. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

5. The IPPC Secretary attended the Conference of the Parties to the CBD meeting in October 2014, hosted by Republic of Korea where guidance to minimize the risk of invasive species was approved. This guidance targets pets, terrarium and aquarium species and live bait. In addition, an initial version of a tool kit for the management of invasive species was presented and the IPPC has been requested to revise this guidance to ensure tools in the IPPC framework can be utilized.
6. The joint work plan is now out of date and the two Secretariats have agreed to review and revise it.
7. See CBD Secretariat report to CPM-10 (2015) under agenda item 14.3.

B. Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex)

8. The IPPC Secretariat continues to work with Codex on updating the Online Comment System. The costs of maintaining and updating this system are now shared.

III. Liaison and Cooperation

A. CABI

9. The IPPC Secretariat continues their engagement with CABI Plantwise workshops to create awareness of IPPC reporting requirements and the legal role and responsibility of the NPPOs. To date, this has been a positive and valuable opportunity to create awareness about the IPPC and the role of the NPPO in countries.

B. Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

10. Two IPPC Regional Workshops were supported by the IICA in 2014 (Caribbean and Latin America region). The IICA Secretariat attended the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) meetings during 2014 as an observer.

C. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

11. The IPPC Secretariat and the FAO/IAEA Joint Division of Nuclear Techniques in Agriculture produced a joint news article⁴ in November 2014 on the synonymisation of four fruit fly pests in the *Bactrocera* genus – a taxonomic revision with important implications on the application of phytosanitary measures, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa where *B. dorsalis* outbreaks have been occurring in recent years. An expert consultation⁵ was organized by the IPPC Secretariat in Okinawa, Japan, in December 2014 and co-sponsored by the FAO/IEAE Joint Division and the host agency, the Japanese Plant Quarantine Office, to review and address concerns associated with the design, operationalization and evaluation of phytosanitary treatment research on pests in the *B. dorsalis* complex.

D. International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG)

12. The IPPC Secretariat hosted the annual meeting in Rome in September 2014 where one of the main discussion points was on the Cardiff Protocol which is the foundation for the draft criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010) a draft annex to ISPM 15

⁴ <https://www.ippc.int/news/ippc-secretariat/four-devastating-fruit-flies-pests-are-one-and-same-species>

⁵ <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standard-settings/expert-consultation-phytosanitary-treatments-bactrocera-dorsalis-complex>

(Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade). More information is posted on the IFQRG web page of the IPP⁶.

E. International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

13. Following CPM-9 (2014) decisions regarding the topic Minimizing pest movement by sea containers (2008-001), the IPPC Secretariat wrote to the heads of IMO, ILO and UNECE to express appreciation for the work done by these three organizations on the revision of the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code). The IPPC Secretariat informed them about CPM-9 (2014) agreed statements on the issue and sought further collaboration. A contact on the Sea Containers topic has now been identified within IMO and he will be invited to take part in the 2015 Expert Working Group on Sea Containers.

F. International Seed Federation (ISF)

14. ISF was invited to submit comments on the draft standard on the International movement of seeds (2009-003) during the 2014 member consultation which closed on 30 November 2014. All comments received have been posted on the IPP⁷. They are currently being reviewed by the steward and will be presented to the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7) on 11-15 May 2015 together with the draft standard.

G. ISO

15. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) through a working group (WG4) restarted the development of the ISO Plant pathogen related standard called ISO/TC 34/SC 16/ 13484: Molecular Biomarker Analysis: General requirements for molecular biology analysis for detection and identification of plant pests. There is no forecast when this draft standard will be presented to the ISO committee for comments, but it is likely to be presented in 2015. CPM members may wish to follow the development of this ISO standard and submit comments through their national ISO contact point when the ISO commenting period opens. It is important to note that CPM-8 (2013) agreed that ISO standards are not mandatory for implementation of ISPMs and that in the phytosanitary area, ISPMs take precedence over ISO standards.

H. Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement Secretariat

16. The IPPC is an active participant in meetings of the WTO SPS Committee. In 2014, the IPPC was represented at all three meetings of the SPS Committee, providing reports on IPPC activities. In particular, the IPPC encouraged SPS Committee representatives to ensure that they are fulfilling their national reporting obligations, reported on the development of new training materials available on the phytosanitary.info web page, and activities related to the development of international standards. The IPPC also participated as an expert presenter in several workshops supported by the SPS Committee.

17. See SPS Secretariat report to CPM-10 (2015) under agenda item 14.3.

I. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNCEC)

18. As mentioned above, following CPM-9 (2014) decisions regarding the topic Minimizing pest movement by sea containers (2008-001), the IPPC Secretariat wrote to the head of UNECE to express appreciation for the work done on the revision of the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code).

⁶ IFQRG: <https://www.ippc.int/partners/liaison/international-forestry-quarantine-research-group>

⁷ <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/compiled-member-comments-draft-standards>

J. World Customs Organization (WCO)

19. The IPPC Secretariat continues to liaise with the WCO and actively engaged in discussions on the new WTO Trade Facilitation workshop. The WCO is also working with the IPPC Secretariat on issues related to sea containers.

K. National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM)

20. The IPPC Secretariat together with NIPHM, APHIS-USDA and FAS held a regional workshop in India creating awareness on the IPPC and developing capacity on specific ISPMs in late 2014. This participation involved presentations over 3 days and will likely continue in 2015.

IV. Organizations which the IPPC Secretariat participates as a member or a partner.

A. Biodiversity Liaison Group

21. In order to enhance coherence and cooperation in implementation, a liaison group was established in 2002 between the heads of the secretariats of the seven biodiversity-related conventions. The Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) meets regularly to explore opportunities for synergistic activities and increased coordination, and to exchange information. The IPPC became the most recent member of the BLG in August 2014. This membership is expected to open doors for the IPPC in a number of ways including access to new sources of extra-budgetary support as well as broader collaborative efforts with new partners.

22. The CBD hosts the website⁸ for this group where information and reports from the meetings are posted.

B. Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species (IALG-IAS)

23. The Secretariat attended a meeting in January 2014 hosted by CABI Africa and IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office. During the meeting, participants shared information to help build synergies and avoid duplication in the area of IAS management. The CBD hosts the website⁹ for this group where information and reports from the meetings are posted.

C. Standard Trade Development Facility (STDF)

24. The IPPC is a key participant in the activities of the STDF as both a reviewer of project proposals and as an organization presenting project proposals for consideration. In 2014, the IPPC Coordinator served as the chairperson of the STDF expert working group. This group's activities included advancing a proposal to consider the redrafting of the operational rules of the STDF to the STDF Policy Committee, considering a risk-based management approach for the operations of the STDF Secretariat, providing input and feedback on STDF Secretariat-sponsored papers, among other things. The IPPC closely collaborates with FAO Food Safety Unit, Codex, and the OIE in an effort to ensure that projects are consistent and sound from an SPS perspective. At the end of 2014, the IPPC put forth a project proposal to support global ePhyto development. It is expected that this proposal will be addressed in the next meeting of the STDF expert working group during the week of March 23, 2015.

25. The CPM is invited to:

- *note* the activities of the IPPC Secretariat in relation to international organizations.

⁸ BLG webpage: <http://www.cbd.int/blg/>

⁹ IALG-IAS webpage: <http://www.cbd.int/invasive/lg/>