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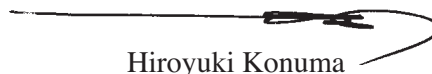
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FOREWORD

South American leaf blight (SALB) is a fungal disease of rubber trees and poses a major threat to the region. Prevention of the introduction of SALB is of major concern to member countries of the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) and is one of the priority areas in the work plan of the APPPC. FAO has provided technical support to the initiatives of the APPPC over the past years with remarkable success.

The development of a training programme and publication of reference materials were identified for follow-up action by the APPPC working group on SALB. Accordingly, the APPPC organized a regional workshop for development of a training programme and production of reference materials for protection against SALB in 2011. The reference materials include promotional materials to raise awareness of the dangers posed by the introduction of SALB in the region. They include a pamphlet, a booklet, posters, banners and PowerPoint presentations for training sessions for various audiences including the general public, extension and quarantine officers, pathologists and technical officers. The workshop also prepared operational guidelines and training modules for prevention of the introduction of SALB in the region. The main objective of the operational guidelines is to facilitate establishment of an effective procedure for the importation of planting materials by reducing the potential risk of the entry and spread of SALB in Asia and the Pacific region. The operational guidelines will be used by National Plant Protection Organizations (plant quarantine officers, plant quarantine inspectors, plant pathologists and other related personnel) in APPPC rubber growing countries to deal effectively with the importation of rubber planting materials from SALB endemic countries.

It is expected that rubber producing countries in the region will be able to frequently use the reference materials contained in this publication to enhance the capacity and capability of each country's readiness in detecting, preventing and managing the introduction of SALB. Translation of this publication, or selected parts, is encouraged to maximize the potential benefits for countries in the region.



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