

Concept paper for the global symposium on plant pest surveillance
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1. Initiation of this meeting

This meeting has arisen from two sources – the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) Standards Implementation Programme and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS).

The members of the APPPC have felt for sometime that the Commission should put some effort into helping members implement. The 27th Session of the APPPC looked at the implementation of standards at its meeting in Manila, the Philippines in 2011. It was agreed that the APPPC look at the implementation of ISPM 6: *Guidelines for surveillance*. A symposium on the implementation of ISPM 6 was suggested as part of the programme biennium with the meeting to be held in the Republic of Korea. The intent of the meeting was to prepare guidance in the form of manuals and training courses for officials of APPPC member NPPOs to assist in the implementation of ISPM 6.

The IRSS also selected ISPM 6, along with ISPMs 4 and 8, as part of its initial implementation programme. As the basis for the implementation programme, the IRSS has conducted a comprehensive survey of IPPC contracting parties on the use of ISPM 6. The results of this survey are available. The results and subsequent analysis by IRSS staff have provided a great deal of information on the benefits of this standard and on the shortcomings of the standard. Countries have provided clear indications on the areas where they require guidance and those areas where they require more information. The results of the survey will provide the basis for discussions at the symposium

The work with ISPM 6 also coincides with another aspect of the programme of the CPM. CPM has requested the IPPC Standards Committee to revise three of the early standards ISPMs 4, 6 and 8. The results of the survey and the discussions at the symposium will provide clear guidance on the areas of ISPM 6 that need revision.

2. The purpose of the meeting

2.1 Manuals

As noted above the meeting will use the results of the IRSS survey of ISPM 6 to identify the areas where countries require guidance and assistance. The nature of the guidance and assistance will be identified by the participants of the meeting.

It is felt that the development of manuals will be part of this process. Therefore, the aim is to begin the process of preparing manuals for members covering the identified priority areas. The outcomes of this symposium will then be draft manuals, or framework manuals, covering the priority areas identified by the survey participants.

The framework manuals will provide the base material for experts to construct manual guides. The guides are what countries will use to prepare their own national manuals for the implementation of ISPM 6. It is expected that the IPPC capacity development programme will

facilitate and contribute funding towards the completion of the manual guide for IPPC members.

2.2 Training courses

The meeting participants will also provide information on other ways that the IPPC (capacity development programme) and the APPPC can assist the implementation of ISPM 6 (eg training courses). Capacity development sponsors/donors will be invited to attend the meeting (at their own cost) and assist with the development of such products or programmes.

3. Organization of the meeting

The meeting will last the five days.

The meeting agenda and work will be organised by a symposium organising group made up of APPPC members and IPPC staff.

Funding for developing country APPPC members will be supplied by the APPPC. Korea will fund some ASEAN country members. Four or five other facilitator-experts will be funded to attend the meeting. The IPPC will invite FAO regions (7) to select a surveillance expert to attend the meeting – five of these will be funded by the APPPC. The GSSOG, as guided by the IPPC Secretariat, will also invite some capacity development sponsors/donors. The IPPC will send two staff members (1 Capacity Development and 1 IRSS) to assist in the meeting.

The meeting agenda and work will be organised by the Global Surveillance Symposium Organising Group (GSSOG) made up of APPPC and IPPC members. The administrative aspects of the organisation of the meeting will be managed by the NPPO of Korea.

4. Expected outputs

The expected outputs of the symposium include:

- Concrete suggestions/recommendations/programmes for the further development of manual frameworks.
- Suggestions for the revision of ISPM 6.
- The listing of other support activities for surveillance implementation.
- Possible suggestions for a number of framework standards in the areas of surveillance: Surveillance operational guidance, Surveillance technical support, and Surveillance management support.

5. Proposed agenda (draft)

Day 1 – the surveillance assessment results

Participants will work with the IRSS/Capacity Development Officers to briefly examine the results of the IRSS ISPM 6 review.

- The IRSS will provide a brief overview of the surveillance review.
- The priority areas will be selected for the work programme for manual initiation for the week.

Participants will be divided up into three groups to study the areas: Surveillance operational guidance, Surveillance technical support, and Surveillance management support. Each group will:

- identify the five priority areas, in order of importance, for the production of manual frameworks.
- The group leaders will present the results of the studies.

Day 2 - Surveillance operational guidance

The meeting will take the priority listing of areas for manual framework production and:

- develop the draft frameworks (i.e. manual headings).
- The meeting will divide into groups to develop contents lists for the manuals.

Day 3 - Surveillance technical support

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Day 4 - Surveillance management support

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Day 5 – Resources and future activities include:

- Other support for surveillance implementation
 - o the participants will discuss other programmes that could assist with the implementation of ISPM 6
- Revision of ISPM 6
 - o the participants will discuss possible amendments to ISPM 6
 - Further initiatives by capacity development sponsors/donors/technical assistance providers including for the development of manuals supporting the implementation of ISPM 6
 - o Presentation by donors and
 - o discussion with sponsors/donors on possible further initiatives including for the development of manual frameworks.

