



**An Introduction  
to the  
International Plant Protection Convention  
Committee on Forestry  
2007**



# What is the IPPC?

INTERNATIONAL PLANT  
PROTECTION CONVENTION

NEW REVISED TEXT





# The International Plant Protection Convention

## An international treaty aimed at:

the protection of the world's plant resources from the introduction and spread of pests

## Purpose

“... to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products into endangered areas ...”

Adopted by the Conference of FAO at its Sixth Session in 1951

161 contracting parties (08.03.07)





## The IPPC extends to the protection of the environment



**International Standard (ISPM) #11:  
Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests, including analysis of  
environmental risk and living modified organisms**





## Scope

The IPPC covers anything that can act as a vector for the spread of pests of plants

Examples - containers, soil, used vehicles and machinery, and packaging material.





## Relation to other international agreements

### WTO: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

- **IPPC - 1 of 3 international standard setting organizations recognized by the WTO SPS Agreement**

### Convention on Biological Diversity

- **Cooperation between FAO / IPPC Secretariat and the CBD Secretariat**
- **Cooperation with the CBD on invasive alien species**





## **International Standard Setting**





# IPPC standard setting work programme

## Approved ISPMs

**27 ISPMs**

## Currently

- **33 topics under development**
- **20 diagnostic protocols under development**

## Examples of topics under development:

- **Alternatives strategies to methyl bromide**
- **Classification of commodities by phytosanitary risk related to level of processing and intended use**
- **Appropriate level of protection**
- **Pest risk management for plants for planting in international trade**
- **Guidelines for the interpretation and use of the phrase “not widely distributed”**





# Outputs

## Information Exchange

The screenshot shows the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) website. At the top left is the IPPC logo. The main header reads "International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) the official web site for the International Plant Protection Convention". Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu for "Title, keywords, description" and a "Search" button. A navigation menu includes "Home", "IPPC", "IPPC Publications", "National", and "Calendar". There are also buttons for "Search", "Member Login", "Site map", and "Help", along with language options: العربية, 中文, français, and español.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Welcome to Madagascar, Myanmar, Nepal, and Ukraine as new IPPC contracting parties in May 2006.**
- IPPC Hot Topics**
  - External review of IPPC underway (more information to be posted shortly)
  - Draft ISPMs for country consultation in 2006
  - 2006 Regional Workshops on draft ISPMs
- Convention (IPPC)**
  - Convention text
  - Contracting parties
  - Benefits of membership
  - Adherence
- Standards (ISPMs)**
  - Adopted ISPMs
  - Draft ISPMs for country consultation
  - Specifications for ISPMs
- The Commission (CPM)**
  - About the CPM
  - 1st CPM Rome, April 2006
  - CPM/ICPM reports
  - Report of 1st CPM
- Standard setting**
- Information exchange**
- Technical assistance**
- Recent News**
  - 28/06/2006 [View All News](#)
  - 28/06/2006 [Report of GPM-1](#)
  - 28/06/2006 [2006 International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures now available](#)
  - 08/06/2006 [New explanatory document on International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures](#)
  - 07/06/2006 [Draft ISPMs for country consultation](#)
  - 04/07/2006 [Call for nominations - expert drafting groups and diagnostic protocol authors](#)
  - 18/05/2006 [Specifications for country consultation - May 2006](#)
- All National Information**
  - NPPO Contact Points
  - Pest Reports
  - Phytosanitary Regulations
  - Lists of Regulated Pests
  - Points of Entry
  - Emergency Actions
  - Description of NPPO

At the bottom, there is a row of regional organization logos: RPPOs, APPPC, CA, COSAVE, CPCC, EPPO, IAPSC, NAPPO, OIRSA, and PPPO. The FAO logo is also visible in the bottom left corner.



# Outputs

## Information Exchange

### Contracting parties

#### Provide:

- Official contact points
- Official information on pests and phytosanitary measures
- Pest reporting: new pests, change of status, outbreaks

### IPPC Secretariat

- Provides official documents (ISPMs and reports)
- Facilitates information exchange
- Maintains the IPPC web site

### International Phytosanitary Portal

- Internet-based information system between the Secretariat and contracting parties
- Designed to hold phytosanitary information published in accordance with the Convention, and decisions by the CPM.





## Technical assistance





## Technical assistance:

### Areas of emphasis for capacity building

- **Modernization of legal frameworks**
- **Institutional strengthening**
- **Phytosanitary systems evaluation**
- **Training in the ISPMs, pest surveillance to provide the basis for conducting PRAs**
- **Skills training in conducting PRAs**
- **Information systems for decision making**
- **Establishment of pest free areas**
  - **documented procedures**
  - **laboratory facilities**





## The IPPC extends to the protection of the environment



**.. which includes Forestry.**

