

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Guide to the Implementation of ISPMs
in Forestry Core Group Meeting
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Outline

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- Organizational framework
- Standard setting
- Information exchange
- Phytosanitary capacity building
- Dispute settlement

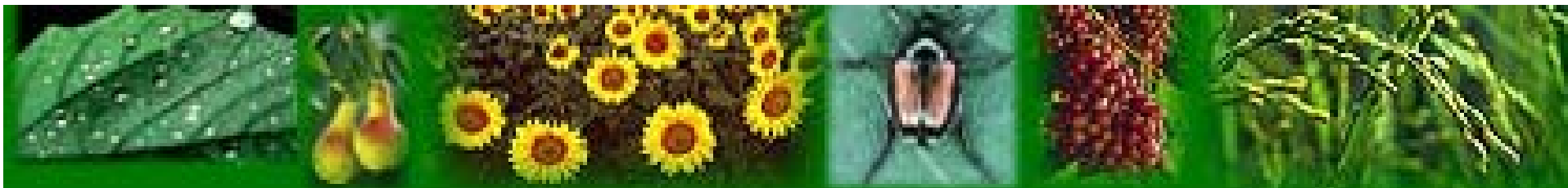




The IPPC

- Multilateral treaty for international cooperation in plant protection
- A standard setting organization
- Identified in the WTO-SPS Agreement as the authority for plant health standards



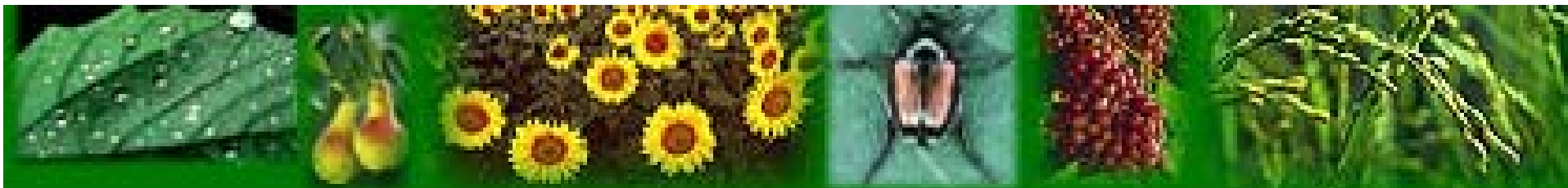


Purpose of the IPPC

- *"...to secure common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control"*

(Article I of IPPC)





Scope of the IPPC

- International cooperation in the protection of plants and plant products from harmful pests
 - plants: agricultural plants, forests and wild flora
 - plant pests: invertebrates, diseases and weeds
 - harm: includes indirect effects such as those from weeds
 - not limited to trade





Scope of the IPPC (cont'd)

- Extends to items capable of harbouring or spreading pests, such as:
 - storage places: sorting yards, assembly points, dockyards
 - conveyances: under-deck cargo, logging truck
 - containers: containerized logs, lumber
- Includes biological control organisms
- Provision for research or other purposes





History

- Original IPPC adopted in 1951 and entered into force in 1952
- Revised in 1979 and amendments entered into force in 1991
- Revised again in 1997 and amendments entered into force in 2005
 - consistent with SPS principles and expectations
 - formalizes Secretariat and standard-setting
- 170 contracting parties





Key Principles of the IPPC

- Sovereign right to regulate
- Measures taken only when necessary
- Measures should be:
 - Consistent with the risk, technically justified and the least restrictive
 - Non-discriminatory
 - Transparent (published)

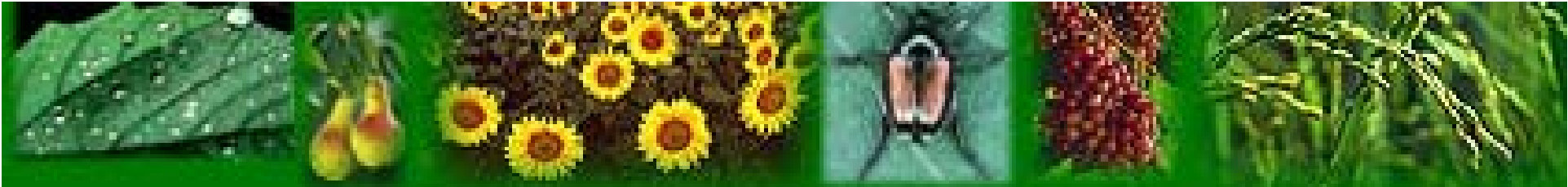




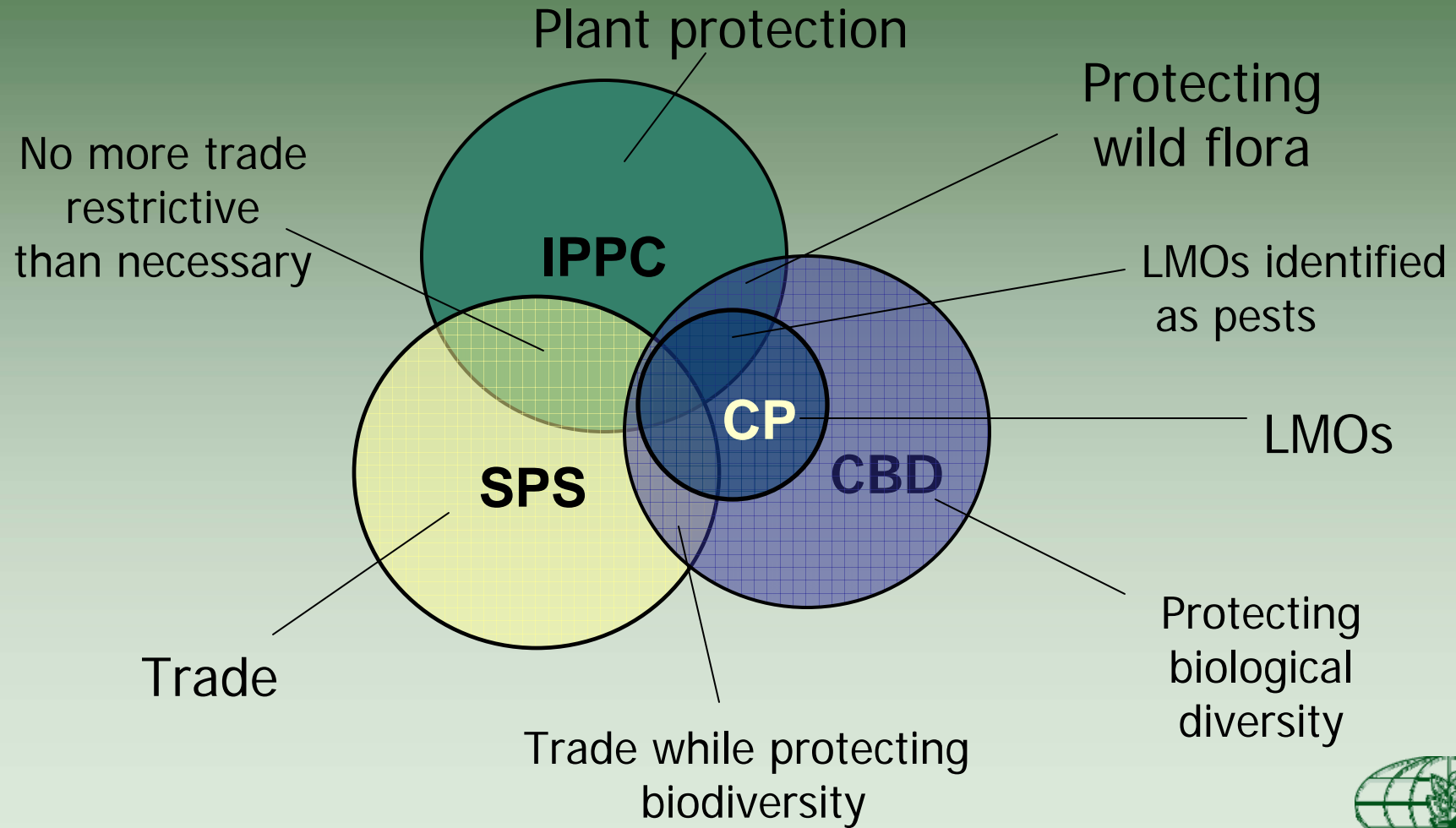
Key obligations of the IPPC

- Set up and administer a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)
- Designate an official IPPC contact point
- Administer treatments and certify exports
- Regulate imports
- Cooperate internationally
 - Share information on pests and regulations
- Develop and take into account phytosanitary standards





International regulatory framework (cont.)





Bodies established under the IPPC

- Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (Article XI)
- IPPC Secretariat (Article XII)
- Regional Plant Protection Organizations (Article IX)





Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

- Governing body for the IPPC, works by consensus
- Reviews global plant protection needs and sets the annual work programme
- Develops and adopts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)
- Promotes technical assistance and information exchange activities





CPM (cont.)

- Membership: Contracting parties only
- Observers: Countries that are not contracting parties, Regional Plant Protection Organizations and international organizations
- Meets annually

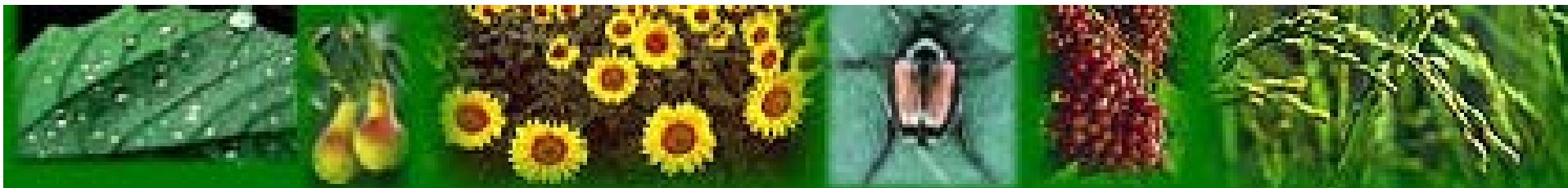




Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs)

- Observers to the CPM
- Currently the CPM recognizes 9 RPPOs
- Meet annually
- Governments that are not contracting parties to the IPPC may belong to an RPPO, and some contracting parties do not belong to an RPPO





RPPOs (cont.)

- APPPC: Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission
- CAN: Comunidad Andina
- COSAVE: Comité de Sanidad Vegetal del Cono Sur
- CPPC: Caribbean Plant Protection Commission
- EPPO: European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization
- IAPSC: Inter-African Phytosanitary Council
- NAPPO: North American Plant Protection Organization
- OIRSA: Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria
- PPPO: Pacific Plant Protection Organization
- NEPPO: Near East Plant Protection Organization
 - New RPPO

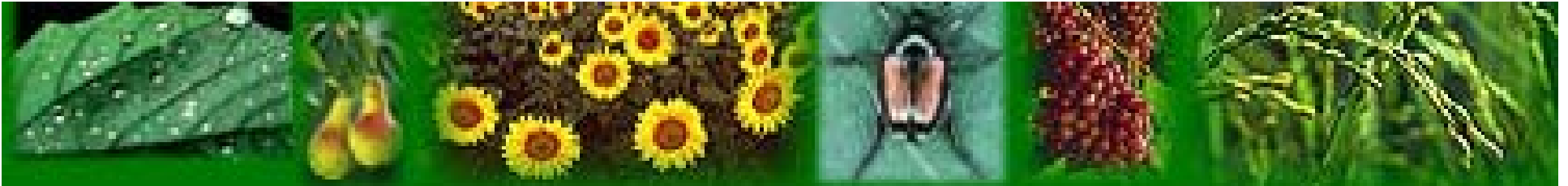




RPPOs (cont.)

- RPPOs develop regional standards
 - RPPOs identify priorities for regional standards
 - Standards are developed and implemented regionally and often become the basis for international standards (ISPMs)





CPM administrative bodies

- Standards Committee
- Informal Working Groups
- Expert Working Groups and Technical Panels

- Others: Bureau and the Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement





Standards Committee (SC)

- Oversees the standard setting process and standard development work programme
- Approves specifications for ISPMs, reviews and recommends changes to draft ISPMs, ensures consistency among ISPMs and recommends ISPMs for adoption by the CPM
- Group of 25 international technical experts from the 7 FAO regions
- Meets two times per year (usually in May and November)

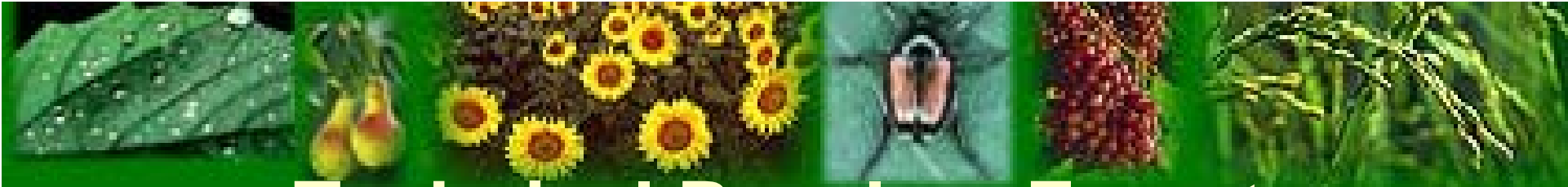




Expert working groups (EWGs) & Technical panels (TPs)

- Experts nominated by NPPOs or RPPOs, selected by the Standards Committee (SC)
- A Steward (usually a member of the SC) guides process
- EWGs
 - Draft ISPMs for SC review
 - usually meeting only once
- Five TPs:
 - diagnostic protocols
 - forest quarantine
 - fruit flies, pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence
 - phytosanitary treatments
 - Glossary of phytosanitary terms

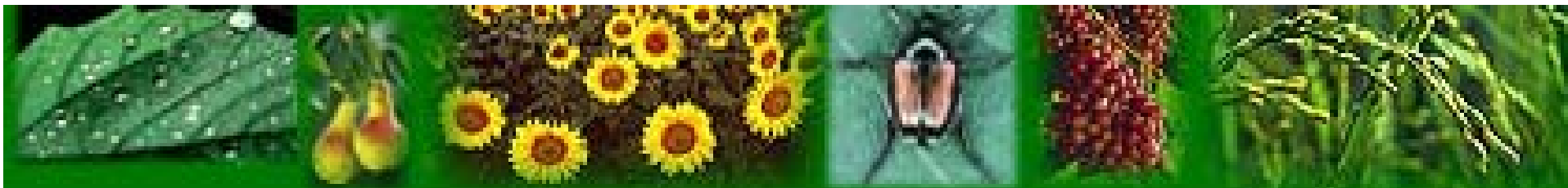




Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ)

- TPFQ successes:
 - Revision to ISPM No. 15
 - Review of criteria for treatments associated with ISPM no. 15
 - Development of guidance on the implementation of ISPM No. 15
- TPFQ future work:
 - New standards on wood and forest seeds
 - Refinement of the criteria for treatments
 - Consideration of the topic: biological control in forestry
- Close relationship with science – International Forest Quarantine Research Group

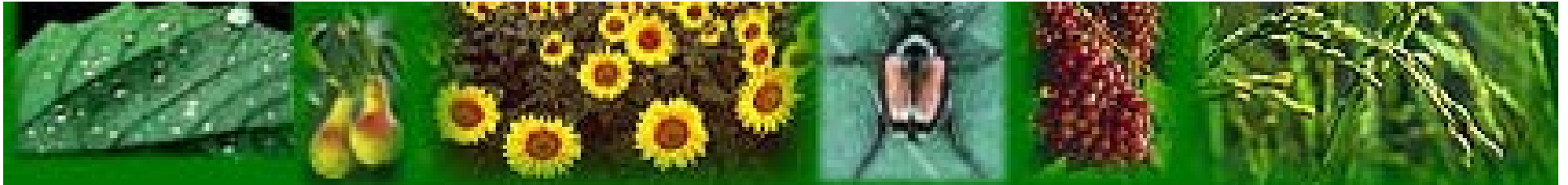




Standard setting

- Topics for ISPMs are submitted by NPPOs, RPPOs, international organizations or the IPPC Secretariat
- CPM decides which topics are added to the work programme and corresponding priorities for development
- Expert working groups/Technical panels draft ISPMs
- Standards Committee reviews drafts
- Country consultation on drafts
- Standards Committee incorporates comments
- Adoption by the CPM





Current IPPC standard setting work programme

- 32 diagnostic protocols at various stages of development on the work programme
- 28 phytosanitary treatments at various stages of review
- 25 other topics approved for development as international standards





IPPC standard setting work programme (cont.)

- Example of some topics currently being developed:
 - Integrated measures approach for managing risks associated with international trade of plants for planting
 - International movement of wood
 - PRA for plants as pests
 - International movement of forest tree seeds
 - Forestry surveillance





Opportunities for country participation in the standard setting process

- Through NPPOs:
 - Suggestion of topics for new ISPMs or revision of existing ISPMs
 - Provision of comments on draft specifications for ISPMs during country consultation
- Nomination of experts for Expert Working Groups and Technical Panels
 - TPFQ member sought – June 1
 - Call for topics – July 31
- Provision of comments on draft ISPMs during country consultation and participation in regional workshops on draft ISPMs

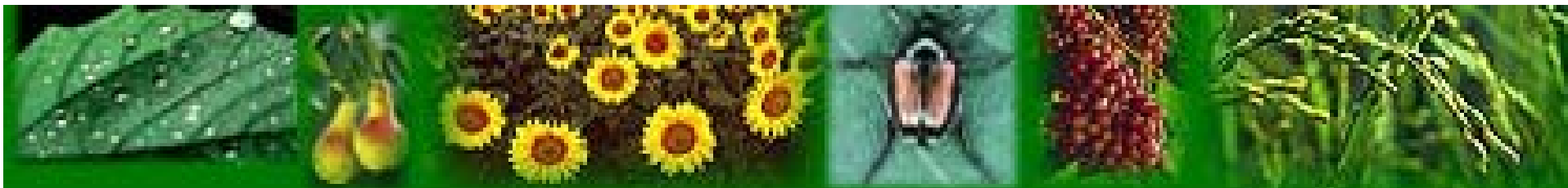




ISPMs

- Adopted by the CPM
- Implemented by countries
- ISPMs currently adopted:
 - Total: 32
 - Concept: 29
 - Reference: 2 (ISPMs No. 1 and 5)
 - Specific: 1 (ISPM No. 15)
 - Commodity, pest, or measures

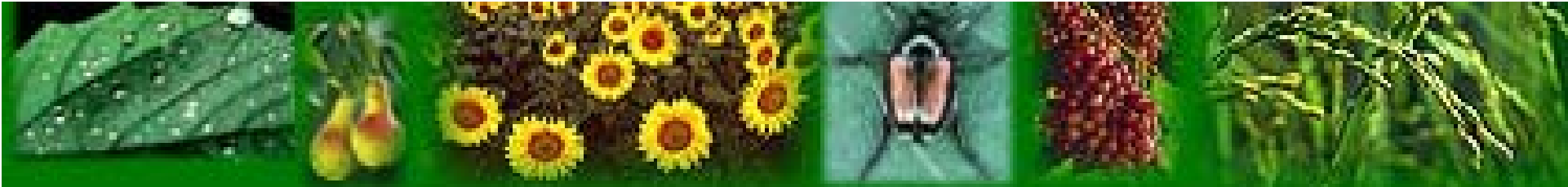




Most recently adopted ISPMs (April 2009)

- ISPM No. 15 (2009): *Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*
- ISPM No. 5 (2009): *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*
 - Appendix: Terminology of the convention on biological diversity in relation to the glossary of phytosanitary terms
- ISPM No. 32: *Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk*





International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)

www.ippc.int

- Official website of the IPPC, containing information such as:
 - Official contact points for NPPOs
 - Phytosanitary news
 - Official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
 - Phytosanitary information from countries
 - Related information from international organizations, RPPOs, etc.



www.ippc.int

The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, IPPC, IPPC Publications, National, and Calendar. Below this is a search bar and a language selection menu (العربية, 中文, français, español). The main content area is divided into several sections: a welcome message for Guinea-Bissau as a new contracting party, a 'Hot Topics' section with links to recent reports and CPM responses, a 'Recent IPPC News' section with dates and titles of news items, and several informational sections including 'All National Information', 'The Commission (CPM)', 'Standards (ISPMs)', 'Standard setting', 'Information exchange', and 'Dispute Settlement'. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'USER FRIENDLY VERSION COMING SOON!' is overlaid diagonally across the entire page.

Welcome to
Guinea-Bissau
as a new IPPC contracting party in October 2007.

IPPCC Hot Topics

- IPPC Evaluation Report, 12 May 2007
- CPM response to the IPPC Evaluation Report, June 2007
- Draft irradiation treatments for member consultation (fast-track process)

Recent IPPC News

News: [All IPPC NPPO RPP0](#)

26/10/2007 **Draft irradiation treatments for member consultation available (fast-track process)**

03/09/2007 **2007 procedural manual available**

13/08/2007 **Training Workshop on the Use of Irradiation as a Phytosanitary Treatment**

30/07/2007 **Update: CPM response to the IPPC External Evaluation report**

06/09/2007 **Update: Call for nominations of experts**

27/06/2007 **Call for**

All National Information

- NPPO Contact information
- contracting parties
- non-contracting parties

The Commission (CPM)

- About the CPM
- Business Plan of the CPM
- Report of 2nd CPM
- 3rd CPM Rome, April 2008
- All CPM/ICPM Reports

Standards (ISPMs)

- Adopted ISPMs
- Draft ISPMs for country consultation
- Specifications for ISPMs

Standard setting

Information exchange

- IPP/Information Exchange Workshops

Dispute Settlement

- Dispute Settlement Manual
- Form to initiate an IPPC dispute

Optional reporting

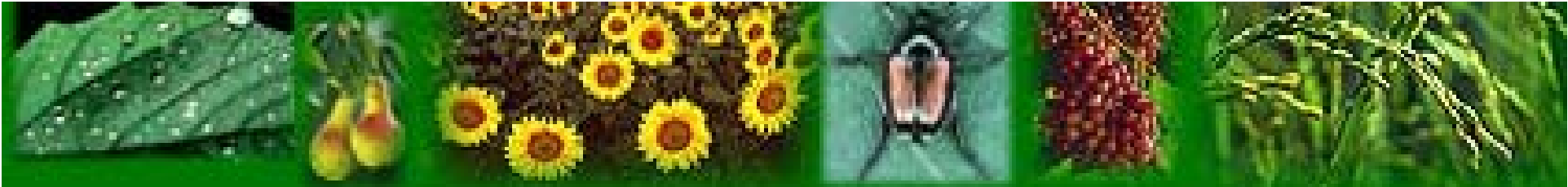
- Rationale for phytosanitary requirements / PRAS
- Organizational arrangements of NPPO



Capacity building

- Secretariat provides phytosanitary support to:
 - FAO technical cooperation programme
 - Programmes of national, regional and international organizations
- Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation tool
 - Self-diagnostic tool for evaluation of national phytosanitary systems





Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)

- Questionnaire to help countries identify limiting factors and assistance required
- Self-diagnostic technical assistance tool
- Helps to form national phytosanitary strategy
- Available for download on the IPP or on CD-ROM upon request to the IPPC Secretariat

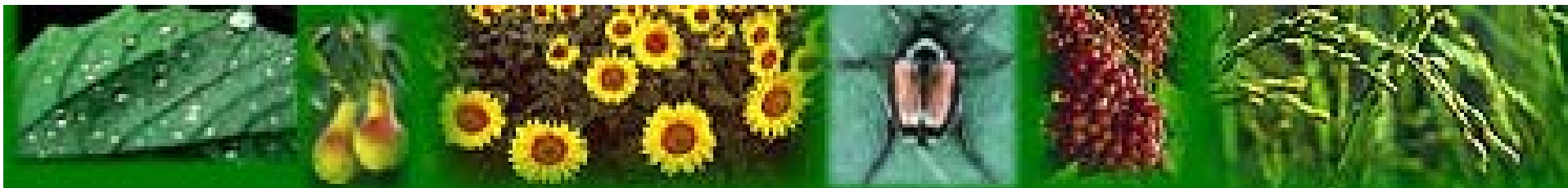




Review

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- Organizational framework - CPM, IPPC Secretariat, RPPOs, other bodies
- Standard setting
- Information exchange
- Capacity building and the PCE
- Dispute settlement





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