General overview of the guide

Meeting Summary

Technical meeting to develop a guide on implementing international standards for phytosanitary measures in the forest sector
13-15 May 2009 – Rome, Italy
Objective of the meeting

• Discuss development of a written guide to clarify how ISPMs apply to forestry

• Guide should:
  – Interpret the standards relevant to international forestry pest risks into the appropriate terminology & framework of forest health
  – Provide sufficient guidance on good forest health management
  – Provide practical examples of the application of ISPMs in forestry
Scope of the guide

• Build upon ISPMs & explanatory documents approved by the Standards Committee of the CPM

• Focus on the practical application of the standards in the forest sector
Major outputs from the meeting

• A strategy & workplan for the:
  – written guide which places ISPMs in the context of forest health
  – training materials to support programmes & workshops that promote communication between forest sector & NPPOs
The guide – draft outline

• Introduction
• Target audiences
• Biosecurity issues
• Phytosanitary concepts
• Case studies
• Gaps in ISPMs in addressing forest health
• Conclusions
• Annexes: Glossary; Where to go for more information; the ISPMs
The guide - introduction

• Why we need this guide
• Value of forests & the value in protecting the world’s only natural renewable resource
• Linkages between protection & day-to-day forestry activities
• Global trade & the problem of pests
• What is the IPPC – why does it exist, history, structure, etc
The guide - introduction

- IPPC relationship with other international instruments impacting forest health, trade issues, biodiversity, climate change, etc.

- What are ISPMs
The guide - introduction

- Discussion on the guide format, i.e. some information provided in the guide will consider best practices for forest health from seed to end use & some will be more relevant to ISPMs
The guide - target audiences

- Several teams of people representing many viewpoints but joined into a common goal of safe trade & healthy forests
- Transboundary considerations
- Forest practitioners, growers, policy-makers
- Importers
- Exporters
- Regulators
The guide - biosecurity issues

- Good management of forests
- Reduction of pest loads
- Enhancing silvicultural practices to reduce quarantine pests
- Managing forestry from planting to utilization
The guide - phytosanitary concepts

- ISPM/phytosanitary (and other) topics related to forestry linked to target audiences explained
- Pointing out the importance/roles of ALL the forest sector stakeholders & the importance of cooperation
The guide - phytosanitary concepts

- ISPMs/where to find more info
- Surveillance
- Evaluating pest risk (the process including ISPMs)
- Pest management (eradication, biological control, etc)
- Pest free areas, pest free production areas
- Import/export
- Equivalence
- Pest reporting
- Inspection
- Etc.
The guide - case studies

- Applying ISPMs in the forest sector/by the target audiences – considering geographic coverage
The guide - gaps, conclusions & the rest

• Gaps in ISPMs in terms of addressing forest health issues

• Conclusions

• Annexes: Glossary; Where to go for more information (other links, publications, etc.); The ISPMs
Next steps

• 22 May 2009 – Forestry/IPPC forwards first draft & report to the group

• 22 May 2009 – Assignments of authors to draft text on missing text based on the drafting plan

• 29 May 2009 – Comments on the first draft back to Forestry
Next steps

• 29 May 2009 – Further identification of gaps in text by core group

• July 2009 – Final draft completed by July

• August 2009 – Initiate broader consultation of foresters, other stakeholders

• September 2009 – some core group members meets to further refine the draft at IFQRG meeting
Next steps

• October 2009 – Presentation of the project at the World Forestry Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina

• September 2009-February 2010 – Consider priority/strategy for training plan for field application

• February 2010 – Finalization of the guide in broader stakeholder workshop consultation
Next steps

• February-September 2010 – Review of stakeholder consultation & refinement of the guide and preparation of draft WP

• October 2010 – presentation of the draft WP for approval at COFO

• December 2010 – Finalize training plan

• 2011 – Field testing of the guide