



Guide to the implementation of good forest health practices in support of international phytosanitary standards

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Key Objectives

- Develop a written guide and training tools
- Engage forest practitioners in protecting global forest health
 - Improved forest health practices through implementation of ISPMs in the forestry sector
 - Reduced impacts to biodiversity
 - Safer trade in forest products
- Unite forestry and NPPOs; ensure forestry sectors are engaged in international standard setting





Goals

- Use appropriate forestry terminology to link the standards to forestry
- Develop appropriate guidance on good forest health management
- Clarify in simple language the standards for application in forestry
- Provide practical forestry examples of the application of ISPMs





The Components of the Guide

- Introduction
 - why is it needed, for whom, what is the scope, etc.
- Linkages to and health aspects of other international agreements
- Trade
 - simplification of the process of trading forest commodities in a phytosanitary environment





The Components of the Guide

- Biosecurity in Forestry to support reduction in pest movement
- Overview of the standards linking to the concepts of trade and biosecurity
 - E.g. surveillance, inspection, phytosanitary certification, etc.
- Case studies of application of the phytosanitary concepts in forestry





The Components of the Guide

- Conclusions
- Links, references, additional information
 - Supporting guides and documents that assist development of good forest health
- Glossary
 - Link phytosanitary terms to forestry
 - E.g. Plants for planting = nursery stock, propagative material, Plants or plant parts used in the propagation of plants, etc.





Process of Development

- May 2009 – Core technical group met to begin initial drafting of the guide
 - Experts in forestry and NPPOs representing FAO regions
- August 2009 – Completion of the initial draft of the guide for broader review
 - Input sought from forestry managers, TPFQ members, etc.
- September 2009 – Refinement of the guide by core group based on broader input
- October 2009 - Presentation summary of the guide to World Forestry Congress





Process of Development

- February 2010 – Final review of the guide in broader stakeholder consultation (expert consultation)
- February 2010 – September 2010 – Finalization of the guide/development of training tools for outreach to developing countries
- October 2010 - Approval of the document at COFO
- December 2010 – Initiation of the training





Web References & Key Contacts

- Website: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/54479/en/>
- Concept Note: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/media/17942/1/0/>
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