

Rome Declaration on Red Palm Weevil

We the participants at the Scientific Consultation and High-Level Meeting on Red Palm Weevil Management, organized by FAO and CIHEAM at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy during 29-31 March 2017:

Recognize the devastating impacts of the red palm weevil on palm trees with serious consequences on the national economies, food security and rural community livelihood as well as the adverse effects on the environment;

Recognize that despite all efforts to eradicate or effectively manage the pest, it remains a severe challenge in most of the countries due to limitations in the national programs and the absence of interregional collaboration;

Recognize that a strategy supported by adequate human and financial resources with systematic planning, good coordination and involvement of all stakeholders, supplemented by the sensible use of new technologies, can lead to eradicating red palm weevil;

Value the efforts of FAO, CIHEAM and other partners for the initiative of organizing this first global event that brought together different stakeholders to thoroughly deliberate on the challenges, exchange the success stories and lessons learned from different regions, and come up with the Framework Strategy for Eradication of the Red Palm Weevil.

Reaffirm the importance of collaborative efforts and commitments at the country, regional and global levels to stop the spread of this devastating pest;

Agree with the proposed Framework Strategy for Eradication of the Red Palm Weevil and seek the political will and necessary commitments to implement the Framework Strategy.