

# International phytosanitary standards- International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

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# International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

The IPPC is an international plant health agreement, established as such in 1952, that aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests into endangered areas and cooperating to control pests of plants and plant products. The IPPC was modified in 1997 to be compatible with the WTO-SPS Agreement .

Vision: *Protecting global plant resources from pests.*

Mission: *To secure cooperation among nations in protecting global plant resources from the spread and introduction of pests of plants, in order to preserve food security, biodiversity and to facilitate trade.*



# International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

## Key facts:

- **180** contracting parties (November 2013) and a Secretariat based in FAO-Rome
- Each party has a National Plant Protection Organization (**NPPO**) and an **Official IPPC contact point**.
- **10** Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) have been established around the world.
- Recognized by the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures as the **international standard setting body responsible for plant health standards**.



# IPPC Governance

- **Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)**
  - Governing body for the IPPC (180 contracting parties and a Bureau of 7 members)
  - **Adopts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)**
  - Takes decisions on the strategies and work plan of the Convention in all areas: standard setting, capacity development, information exchange, liaison, advocacy, resource mobilization...
  - Meets annually
  - Date and venue for the meetings: **March, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy**



# CPM bodies

- Bureau (7 members)
- Standards Committee (25 members)
- Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement ( 7 members)
- Capacity Development Committee ( 7 members)



# Broad scope of the IPPC

**ALL TYPES OF PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS, but also:**

- Covers all conveyances
- Covers non agricultural plants and plant products.
- Addresses LMO's pest risk.
- Applies to aquatic plants.



# Broad scope of the IPPC

- **Pest – any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal or pathogenic agent injurious to plants or plant products**
  - Fungi, insects, bacteria, viruses, weeds
- **Regulated pest:**
  - **Quarantine pest** - a pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled
  - **Regulated non-quarantine pest-** A non-quarantine pest whose presence in plants for planting affects the intended use of those plants with an economically unacceptable impact and which is therefore regulated within the territory of the importing contracting party



# IPPC Role

To protect plant resources from the risks associated with pests to take care of:

- food security: protect crops to ensure an abundant, high-quality, and varied food supply
- international trade: strengthen the marketability of agriculture in international commerce by meeting phytosanitary import requirements, compatible with pest risk analysis
- environmental protection: preserve natural ecosystems and horticultural plant resources





# International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

## The IPPC is not:

- Only Food related.
- Only Trade related
- Food safety related.
- Quality related.
- Linked with the application of ISO standards.



# Type of standards produced to address a broad scope

**International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs):** non-mandatory in its application (but if used, intended to be totally addressed) and also...

**IPPC Recommendations:** Use of MBr as a phytosanitary treatment, regulation of aquatic plants, regulation of Internet trade...



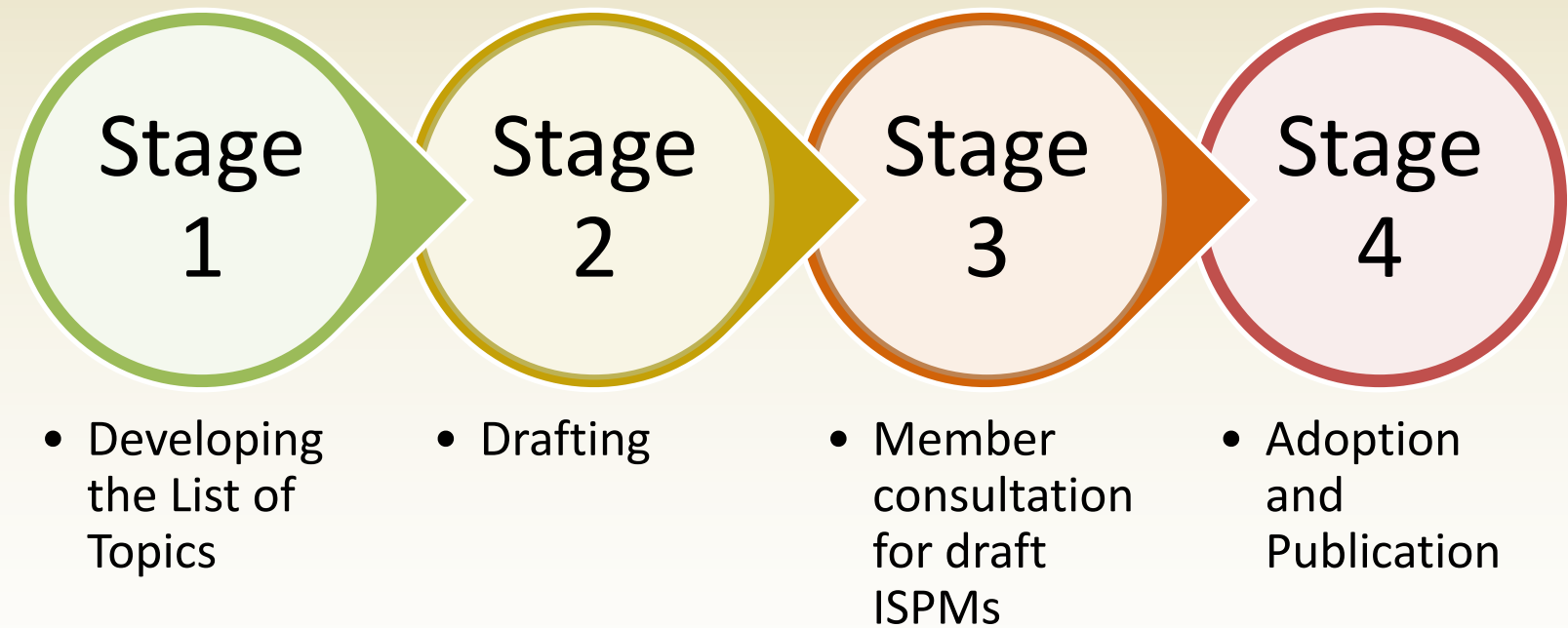
# Standards

36 adopted standards, 3 diagnostic protocols and 14 phytosanitary treatments

- Principles
- Pest risk analysis
- Regulatory systems
- Notification of non-compliance and emergency actions
- Certification of exports
- Categorization of risks
- Regionalization
- Equivalence
- Specific pests: Fruit Flies
- Specific products: wood packaging materials
- Others



# The IPPC Standard Setting Process



# IPPC Standard setting

On-line commenting system tool (OCS).

Currently manages about 4000-5000 comments in one of the 3 consultation periods (Member consultation)...

**Draft standards for member consultation in 2013:**

**1994-001: Draft amendments to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms**

**2005-004: Movement of growing media in association with plants for planting in international trade**

**2005-010: Phytosanitary procedures for Fruit Fly (Tephritidae) management**

**2006-029: Management of pest risks associated with the international movement of wood**

**2008-001: Minimizing pest movement by sea containers**

**2004-011: Draft Annex to ISPM 27:2006 - Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri**

**2006-022: Draft Annex to ISPM 27:2006 - Potato spindle tuber viroid**

**2012-011: Draft Annex to ISPM 28:2007 - Irradiation for mealybugs**



# Assessment of the standard setting system

## The system is:

- robust, involves all contracting parties and stakeholders, is based on science and striving for continual improvement.
- different from the ones implemented by the other ISSBs by the nature of the organizations, the availability of resources and the scope (2/3 of the agricultural trade and a substantive number of different commodities and pests).

**BUT REMEMBER,,,**

**Standards are legal basic texts of voluntary use, implementation is the key part.**

**Trade should only be affected positively if implementation is correct.**



# National Reporting Obligation

- Obligations existing in the IPPC text
- Separate from obligations under the SPS Agreement – additional
- Have important impacts in trade
- Contracting parties provide information on:
  - Official contact points and NPPOs
  - Official information on pests and phytosanitary measures

IPPC Secretariat provides to the contracting parties:

- Provides official documents (ISPMs, reports, etc.)
- Maintains the IPPC website <http://www.ippc.int>
- **Current procedures under reanalysis**



# Capacity development

- IPPC Secretariat staff provides support to:
  - The implementation and coordination of the IPPC national capacity development strategy and 7 IPPC Regional Workshops a year.
  - The coordination of actions of the Capacity Development Committee (CDC)
  - The use by the contracting parties of the PCE
  - FAO and other donors technical cooperation programmes (TCPs and projects)
  - Ad hoc workshops (e.g. WTO, SPS)
  - Programmes of other regional and international organizations





# Phytosanitary info website

## [www.phytosanitary.info](http://www.phytosanitary.info)

The screenshot shows the Phytosanitary Resources website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Databases & Tools, Advocacy, Media Library, Training Materials, and Miscellaneous. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the navigation, a purple banner reads "Phytosanitary info" and contains a welcome message: "At Phytosanitary.info you can find and contribute phytosanitary technical resources from and to the world's plant protection community." This message is accompanied by an image of a plant. Below the banner, there is a "Latest Updates" section with a table listing recent additions:

Title	Date
Phytosanitary Capacity Development Activities Database	2012-09-19
The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) 60 Years Video	2012-09-18
Brevets de la pomme de terre - IRSMAG Paris	2012-09-18
Agencia Renteria: Their work and roles	2012-09-18
Extended overview of Phytosanitary Evaluation Tool (PET)	2012-09-12
Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Tool (PEC) Single page Flyer	2012-09-12
List of Adopted International Standards for Phytosanitary Resources	2012-05-13
IPPC Factbook	2012-09-12
IPPC E-learning Course on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)	2012-09-12
Phytosanitary Capacity Development Projects Database	2012-09-12
Homepage	2012-02-8

On the right side of the page, there is a "Browse by Keyword" section with a list of categories: Advocacy, Databases, E-learning, Explanatory, FactSheet, Guide, Manual, PRA, Photo, Project, Standard operating procedures, Tools, Video, and Other. Below this is a "Contribute" section with the text: "Uploaded resources will be reviewed by the relevant subsidiary body(ies) and appear publicly on the site." and an "Upload resource" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: "The Phytosanitary Resources website is hosted & provided by the IPPC" and the IPPC logo.



## Useful tools and databases:

- **Manuals, protocols and other resources**
- **Newly launched Roster of Consultants**
  - **Project and activities databases**
- **E-learning course on Pest Risk Analysis  
(Spanish and English)**
  - **Soon available Donor's Table**

# Market access manual

Produced under the auspices of the IPPC  
Secretariat.

## The guide covers:

- Rights and obligations of the NPPOs as they apply to trade in plants and plant products.
- A practical guide for achieving market access; and
- Maintaining trade

# Implementation Review and Support System(IRSS)

## Objective:

Facilitating and promoting **the implementation** of the IPPC and ISPMs

- Questionnaires to be completed by the contracting parties
- Information in the IPP



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