

WORKSHOP ON MITIGATION OF POTENTIAL RISK OF SOUTH AMERICAN LEAF BLIGHT (SALB) OF RUBBER IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

**17 – 21 October 2016
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

CONCEPT PAPER

INTRODUCTION

South American Leaf Blight (SALB) still remains as greatest concern of rubber producing countries in this region. Several workshops have been conducted since 2007 after the pest risk analysis of this pest being adopted in Beijing, China. Previous workshops that were conducted have been focusing on pest risk analysis, compilation on information of SALB, emergency action plan, development of training module and materials, surveillance protocol and promotional items for public awareness. A series of training has been proposed to enhance capabilities of diagnostics staff in identification of this quarantine concerned pest.

Pursuant to the decision of the 29th sessions of the Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission meeting that was held in Bali, Indonesia in September 2015 that a workshop to discuss future plan on continuous protection of this region from SALB should be held to update progress made by each rubber growing countries on protection against SALB including rubber pest and disease surveillance activities. This workshop also will act as a platform to discuss plan on how to move forward since future diagnostics training in infested area is not possible. This workshop will also focus on developing standard operating procedure to ensure this region is SALB pest free area.

The trade between rubber growing countries and SALB endemic countries growing rapidly create a need to update the commodities that being imported from these countries. Participants of this workshop will have an overview on what have been traded with this high risk countries and this workshop also will discuss the risk being associated to these commodities. Experience of the participants on managing SALB risk associated with these commodities will benefit others who are still considering importing from these high risk countries. Thus, FAO/APPPC and DOA of Malaysia will organize a ‘Workshop on Mitigation of Potential Risk of South American Leaf Blight (SALB) of Rubber in The Asia-Pacific Region’ in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during 17-21 October 2016.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The overall objective of the workshop is to discuss the future plans on the protection of SALB in the APPPC region, with the following specific objectives:

- i) To update information and progress of SALB related programme in the rubber growing countries

- ii) To report on the status of rubber pest and disease surveillance in the Asia and Pacific rubber growing countries.
- iii) To update progress on capacity building and public awareness programme on SALB in the Asia and Pacific rubber growing countries.
- iv) To gain deep understanding on requirements of establishing pest free area and recognition of pest free area.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The workshop is expected to monitor the status of country updates on SALB and develop future plan to protect from incursion of SALB in the region. The workshop outputs are:

- i) To summarize the in-country capacity building on policy, awareness and diagnostic of SALB in rubber growing countries in Asia Pacific.
- ii) To report on pest surveillance activities on rubber in Asia and Pacific region.
- iii) To report on standard operating procedure for SALB pest free area.
- iv) To report on a future work plan on protection of SALB.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 20 experts, participants and observers from eleven (11) countries will be invited. FAO will provide financial support for one participant each from Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam. The participants should be from quarantine/plant protections agencies and/or rubber research institution.

If the invited countries wish to nominate more than one participant, they are most welcome, but at their own costs.

The invitation will also be extended to Singapore and Brunei Darussalam to participate in the workshop at their own expenses. SALB or quarantine experts from the region and Brazil will also be invited to the workshop, as expert consultants and trainers, at their own costs.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

This workshop will include lectures and presentation of training materials. Each country is requested to report on the current activity pertaining to SALB in their countries and present a draft plan of future programmes for the member countries at the end of the workshop. There will be break up sessions in the workshop to discuss the different activities to achieve the specific objectives as in **Annex 1**.

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TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Day 1		
Monday	SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY	
	Time	Event
	08.30-09.00	Registration
	09.00-09.10	Arrival of Director General, Department of Agriculture Malaysia
	09.10-09.20	Welcome Remarks by Executive Secretary of The Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission
	09.20-09.30	Opening Address by Director General, Department of Agriculture, Malaysia
	09.30-10.00	Group Photography Session
	10.00 – 10.30	Morning Tea
	SESSION 2: INTRODUCTION	
	Time	Event
10.30-10.45	Introduction of Participants	
10.45-11.30	Update of 29 th Session of APPPC - APPPC Representatives	

	11.30-12.00	Purpose and Scope of Workshop (workshop objectives and expected output)
	12.00-13.00	Update status and distribution of SALB in American tropics and management strategies– SALB Expert
	13.00-14.00	Lunch
SESSION 3: SALB issues and establishment of pest free areas		
	Time	Event
	14.00-14.30	New development on SALB issues –ANRPC reps
	14.30-15.30	ISPM 4: Requirements for The Establishment of Pest Free Areas
	15.30-17.00	Group Breakout 1: Discussion on requirement for the establishment of pest free area
	17.00-17.30	Afternoon Tea
	19.45-21.00	Official Welcome Dinner
Day 2		
Tuesday	SESSION 4: ISPM29 and GROUP DISCUSSIONS	
	Time	Event
	08.30-09.30	ISPM 29: Recognition of Pest Free Areas and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence
	09.30-10.30	Group Breakout 2: Discussion on Recognition of Pest Free Areas and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence
	10:30-11.00	Morning Tea

	11.00-13.00	Presentations from all rubber producing countries-activities pertaining to protection against the introduction of SALB
	13.00-14.00	Lunch
SESSION 5: PRESENTATIONS		
	Time	Event
	14.00-17.00	Continue - Presentations from all rubber producing countries-activities pertaining to protection against the introduction of SALB
	17.00-17.30	Afternoon Tea
Day 3		
Wednesday	SESSION 6: FIELD VISIT	
	Time	Event
	09.00-10.00	Field visit
	10.00-10.30	Morning Tea
	10.30-13.00	Field visit
	13.00-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-17.00	Field visit
	17.00-17.30	Afternoon tea
Day 4		
Thursday	SESSION 7: ISPM6, 7 & 10 and Discussion	
	Time	Event

	09.00-09.30	Establishment of pest free area (ISPM 6: Guidelines on Surveillance; ISPM 7: Pest Reporting; ISPM 10: Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites)
	09.30-10.30	Discussion on implementation of pest free area
	10.30-11.00	Morning Tea
SESSION 8:		
	Time	Event
	11.00-13.00	Finalization of Standard operating procedure on establishing SALB pest free area
	13.00-14.00	Lunch
SESSION 9: PRESENTATIONS		
	Time	Event
	14.00-17.00	Presentation of standard operating procedures
	17.00-17.30	Afternoon Tea
Day 5		
Friday	SESSION 10: PRESENTATION & CLOSING	
	Time	Event
	09.00-10.30	Discussion on future action plan on SALB programme in rubber producing country
	10.30-11.00	Morning tea
	11.00-12.00	Discussion on future action plan on SALB programme in rubber producing country

	12.00-14.30	Lunch and Friday Prayer
	14.30	Arrival of Director of Plant Biosecurity Division, Department of Agriculture Malaysia
	14.40-15.00	Conclusion and outcome of the workshop by APPPC representatives
	15.00-15.30	Closing remarks by Director of Plant Biosecurity Division, Department of Agriculture Malaysia
	15.30-16.00	Presentation of Certificates and closing
	16.00-17.00	Afternoon tea and End of the Workshop