

APPPC Working Group Meeting on Preparation of APPPC's Work Plan for 2018-2019

And Review of the draft RSPM

8-12 May 2017, Thailand

CONCEPT NOTE

1. Introduction

The Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) is one of the 9th Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs), which is a regional coordination bodies for plant protection and promotion of the implementation of the SPS Agreement through biosecurity programmes in line with IPPC. Currently, there are 25 member countries of the APPPC and under its provision, the organization will convene APPPC Session meeting at least once in every two years and attendance is open to all member countries. The Commission elects amongst them, a chairperson who serves for a period of two years. FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific provides secretarial services for the Commission.

APPPC acts as the coordinating body to various activities in the implementation of Asia Pacific Plant Protection Agreement as well as in achieving the objectives of the IPPC including capacity development in implementation of ISPMs and dissemination of information. It collaborates with the secretary of the IPPC in developing international standards, collaborates with RPPOs to promote harmonization of phytosanitary measures through development of international standards of phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) as well as the regional standards for facilitation of safe trade of plant and plant products. Cooperation in harmonized phytosanitary measures is significantly contributing to the risk reduction of preventing pest introduction and spread.

APPPC has established four standing committees, namely: APPPC Standard Committee, Committee on Plant Quarantine, Committee on IPM and Committee on Pesticide Management. The Commission conducts regular consultation meeting with the committees and organizes a planning working group meeting biennially to develop programmes in implementing activities related to facilitation of safe trades such as implementation of IPPC and ISPMs. In addition, activities relate to integrated pest management with promotion of ecological service through farmer field school approach, pesticide management especially risk reduction through strengthening regulatory management of pesticide such as registration and quality control, as well as other aspects of life cycle management in line with the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management are also implement by the Commission.

The APPPC working group meeting is part of the Commission activities to review the achievement of the current implementation plan 2016-17 and planning for the 2018-19. This working group will conduct meeting biennially prior to the APPPC Session meeting. The second meeting is one of activities of the Standard Committee that is responsible for reviewing the draft Regional Standard on Phytosanitary Measures (RSPM) "*Guidelines for the application of hot water immersion treatment of mango for fruit fly*" that are proposed to be developed by the Commission. Members of this committee will review the draft RSPM which was commented by all members during the country consultation and amended by the working group. The meeting

will result in recommendations based on the review and discussions by the Committee for further improvement or adoption at the 30th APPPC Session.

2. Objectives of the APPPC Planning Working Group meeting and APPPC Standard Committee meeting

1. To update participants on the latest developments of APPPC and IPPC activities.
2. To review the implementation of the APPPC 2016-17 work programmes and cooperation programmes with regional organization and member countries to be in line with the proposed programmes.
3. To develop operational plan for the remainder of the 2016-17 biennium and provide recommendations of the work plan for the 2018-19 biennium to be presented at the 30th APPPC Session for discussion and adoption.
4. To discuss on the administrative matters related to the managing APPPC such as budget, assessed contributions by members, etc.
5. The Standard Committee will review the proposed draft RSPM and provide recommendations for further improvement or adoption at the next APPPC Session.

3. Outputs

1. The biennium APPPC action plan for remaining period of 2016-17.
2. The draft work plan proposal of APPPC biennium for 2018-19.
3. The draft budget and assessed contribution level of each contracting country for 2018-2019.
4. The recommendations on the draft RSPM.

4. Participants and venue

The meeting will be participated by countries representative who are Chair and Vice Chairs of the 29th Session, Chair of the four Standing Committees including experts of the APPPC Standard Committee. The meeting will be held from 8-12 May in Bangkok, Thailand.