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Executive summary

The thirty-second session of the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) was held from 7–11 November 2022 in hybrid mode at Grande Centre Point Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. Sixty delegates from 18 member countries of the APPPC (out of 25); Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, and Viet Nam, one observer country: Japan, and three international organizations: Asian Development Bank (ADB), German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), and World Bank attended the meeting. The session at the meeting:

- updated the members on the work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) including activities concerning the IPPC Strategic Framework, ePhyto, emerging pests, sea container hygiene, contaminating pests, e-Commerce, commodity-specific standards and the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH)
- discussed the 1983 and 1999 amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific region with the assistance of the FAO Senior Legal Officer, and facilitated a separate session of member delegations especially the rubber producing countries with the FAO Legal Expert in pursuance of acceptance of these amendments by the members
- reviewed and adopted the APPPC six-year Strategic Plan 2022–2028
- deliberated on the development of commodity Regional Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPMs) and adopted the revised APPPC Regional Standard Setting Procedural Guidelines for publication
- approved the Regional Implementation Guidance (RIG) for Phytosanitary Procedures for Seed Certification for publication
- approved the establishment of the APPPC Advisory Group and its Terms of Reference
- noted the updates on delivery of APPPC meetings on surveillance, ePhyto, phytosanitary measures, integrated pest management (IPM)/integrated plant health management (IPHM), the management of pesticides and the determination of pesticide residues.

The APPPC activities during 2020–2022 (till September) were reviewed and appreciated as despite the COVID-19 difficulties, good progress had been made. The work programme for the 2023–2024 biennium was approved. This included workshops to be held on: pest surveillance, draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), ePhyto, hands-on training in molecular diagnostics for South American leaf blight (SALB), IPM/IPHM and pesticide management. The financial report was presented and the proposed budget adopted. The next APPPC session will be hosted by China.

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Secretary of APPPC Mr Yubak Dhoj GC called the 32nd session of APPPC to order. He welcomed the participants present physically and those joining virtually (Appendix 3 for list of participants). He then invited Ms Kyu-Ock Yim from the Republic of Korea to chair the session, as there was no hosting country this time.

Welcome address by the Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

The session began with the welcome address (pre-recorded) by Mr Takayuki Hagiwara, Regional Programme Leader at the FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific. Mr Hagiwara welcomed the members and expressed pleasure that so many delegates could attend this 32nd session. He emphasized on the importance of the meeting face to face after over two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. The work of NPPOs was instrumental to stop hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment and boost economic development; and FAO stood committed to striving for nutritional food production on sustainable bases and for a world free from hunger.

Welcome remarks by the Executive Secretary of APPPC

The Executive Secretary of APPPC Mr Yubak Dhoj GC welcomed the delegates to the session. He thanked Thailand's Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the NPPO Thailand – the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) for their generous support in organizing the field trip for the participants during the session. He also thanked the representative from the World Bank Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the German Agency for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ) for agreeing to speak on the special topic entitled “Trade facilitation and stakeholder engagement on phytosanitary issues in APPPC region” in the session. He thanked the Chairs of Standing Committees and acknowledged the member countries for their valuable assistance in planning and preparing this meeting.

Opening remarks by the Secretary of the IPPC

The Secretary of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), Mr Osama El-Lissy, in his pre-recorded message, emphasized on the importance of plant health in Asia and Pacific countries as a food basket, and appreciated the work of APPPC. Around 40 percent of agricultural produce is lost due to pests and diseases. Climate change has also altered the ecosystem and affected food production and is linked to increases in invasive pests. Last year some 828 million people went hungry. Integrated pest management (IPM) is a key mechanism of plant protection on a sustainable basis. He congratulated the region for its leadership in ePhyto as exchanging electronic plant health certificates was making trading in Asia and Pacific easier and faster with lesser costs.

Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, rapporteur, and members of Report Drafting Committee

Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, rapporteur, and the members of the report drafting committee were elected. Since there was no hosting country, Ms Kyu-Ock Yim from the Republic of Korea had already been entrusted to chair the session. Thailand was elected as the Vice-Chair and China as the virtual Vice-Chair, because the Chinese delegation joined virtually. Australia was elected as rapporteur and the delegation nominated Ms Lauren Madden for the responsibility. Delegates from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, the Philippines, and the Republic of Korea volunteered to be the members of the report drafting committee.

Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda of the session (**Appendix 1**).

2. Secretariat report on actions taken on the implementation of the workplan adopted by the 31st session of the Commission (2020–2022)

The Executive Secretary of APPPC reported on the implantation of the workplan of activities adopted at the 31st session (from 2020 to early November 2022). The COVID-19 pandemic had significantly affected the implementation of the planned activities throughout the period. Several activities had to be held virtually, while others had to be postponed. The APPPC Secretary thanked key representatives from several member countries, especially Australia, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Thailand, for their strong and generous support in assisting the Secretariat in planning, organizing, and implementing various activities during the past three years despite the difficult COVID-19 situation.

Activities in 2020

Most activities planned in 2020 were postponed to the following years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Republic of Korea virtually hosted the IPPC-APPCC Regional Workshop on draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) on 7–11 September 2020 to discuss the draft ISPMs and regional concerns related to phytosanitary issues.

Activities in 2021

As most countries, imposed travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all activities implemented in 2021 remained in virtual format. These included the meeting of the APPPC country officials prior to CPM-15, the regional workshop on draft ISPMs on 6–9 September hosted by the Republic of Korea, the implementation of ISPM 6 pest surveillance programme 6-year plan (Workshop #5 on communication and pest reporting) on 28–29 October hosted by Australia, and regional workshop on the APPPC six-year strategic planning on 13 December hosted by New Zealand. The 32nd session of the APPPC, originally to be hosted by China in 2021, was postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19.

Activities in 2022

A revised workplan was formulated aiming at implementing as many activities as feasible. The following activities were implemented in 2022.

- Meetings of APPPC country officials prior to CPM-16 on 29 March 2022.
- APPPC regional webinar on commodity-specific standards on 2–3 June 2022, hosted by New Zealand.
- APPPC regional workshop on draft ISPMs on 29 August–2 September 2022, in Incheon, the Republic of Korea, hosted by the Republic of Korea.

The Republic of Korea successfully hosted a hybrid meeting for the 2022 IPPC-APPCC Regional Workshop to discuss draft ISPMs and regional phytosanitary issues.

In addition, preparatory work continued on the draft Regional Implementation Guidance (RIG) for Phytosanitary Measures (Phytosanitary Procedures for Seed Certification) with Annex I Chili seed, and the APPPC six-year Strategic Plan 2022–2028 was developed.

Postponed activities from previous biennium

It was expected that the following activities of the workplan adopted by the 31st session would be implemented in the next biennium.

- Implementation of ISPM 6 pest surveillance workshop programme 6-year plan #6;
- Continued progress on the implementation of ePhyto;
- Hands-on training on molecular diagnostics of South American leaf blight (SALB);

- Workshop on pesticide residue detection; and
- Workshop on pesticide application by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).

3. Update on Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) – Bureau activities and Strategic Framework

Mr Peter Thomson, in his role as CPM Bureau representative for Southwest Pacific, provided the updates on the CPM. He shared the updates on the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030, highlighting the development agenda of IPPC. Mr Thomson highlighted that though the IPPC Strategic Plan 2020–2030 is a 10-year plan, the Bureau would review and refresh the plan every 2 years to ensure it remains aligned to the priorities of the IPPC. He also shared the information about funding resources, emphasizing on the “secure” funds required for implementation of the strategy. Monitoring and evaluation was important to assess the progress, and the criteria for monitoring and evaluation were being developed and would be shared in due course of time. The option to develop an investment prospectus to encourage support and investment from NPPOs and externally was also raised (<https://www.ippc.int/en/>).

4. Developments on the 1983 and 1999 amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific region

In line with the proposal made by Mr Peter Thomson, CPM Bureau member, which was supported by the Republic of Korea and adopted at the 31st session, the APPPC Secretariat invited the FAO Legal Office to provide advice on the acceptance of the amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific region (PPA-AP) that are still open. Ms Rachael Ryde, Legal Officer, participated in person and gave a presentation to the delegates.

The Legal Officer explained that the amendments to the PPA-AP adopted by the APPPC in 1999 and approved by the FAO Council have not yet come into force because two-thirds of Contracting Governments still need to complete their applicable national procedures for acceptance of the amendments. It was explained that the first set of the 1999 amendments were adopted in order to bring the provisions of the PPA-AP into line with the IPPC and the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO SPS). The second set of the 1999 amendments were adopted to eliminate the provisions on South American leaf blight of Hevea (Article IV and Appendix B of the PPA-AP) because for non-rubber-producing countries that are parties to the PPA-AP as well as to the IPPC or the WTO SPS, their legal obligations under these international instruments are in conflict. It was also noted that the interest of Japan in becoming a Contracting Government of the PPA-AP has not progressed due to these amendments not yet having entered into force.

The Legal Officer advised that the adoption of Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPM) No. 7 in 2009 meant that there should be measures for protection against SALB to replace those that would be eliminated from the PPA-AP under the second set of 1999 amendments. In fact, the Circular State Letter of 20 May 2010 regarding the acceptance of the second set of 1999 amendments was sent to Contracting Governments only once this RSPM had been issued.

There are 11 APPPC rubber-producing countries: Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar (not in attendance), the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam. The delegates from these countries who were physically present met as a group with the Legal Officer outside of the main session. They noted that the time that had passed meant that the reasons for the 1999 amendments would need to be re-communicated internally to demonstrate the importance of accepting them via the applicable national procedures. Regarding the acceptance of the second set of 1999 amendments, they

noted that their challenge is to communicate that suitable protection from SALB would be maintained by ensuring that other provisions, including those included in RSPM 7 as well as appropriate national legislation or regulations, to afford the necessary level of protection once the PPA-AP provisions are eliminated. They requested that a copy of the Circular State Letter of 20 May 2010 with the sample instrument of acceptance be sent in order to provide a starting point for the initiation of the necessary procedures at the national level.

At present, seven Contracting Governments (Australia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam) have accepted the first set of amendments adopted in 1999, while four (Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Timor-Leste) have accepted the second set of 1999 amendments. The amendments will come into force for all Contracting Governments after acceptance by two thirds of the Contracting Governments. During the meeting, Malaysia indicated that they are willing to accept the 1999 amendments but they require support and training to address the concerns of the rubber-growing industry.

The 1983 amendments providing for mandatory contributions to the APPPC entered into force on 4 September 2009 but because they entail new obligations they are in force only for those Contracting Governments that have accepted them. The 18 Contributing Contracting Governments that have accepted these amendments are Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. Japan, as an observer reiterated their intention of becoming a Contracting Government of the Agreement, requesting the member countries who have not yet accepted the 1999 amendments to continue acting for the acceptance and the APPPC Secretariat and FAO legal office to keep providing support to these countries as needed.

The Chairperson invited the member countries who have not yet accepted the amendments to continue discussing this issue in each country and highlighted that their acceptance could be their practical contribution to the region.

5. Update of APPPC priorities

5.1 Emerging pests

The Senior Agricultural Officer/Executive Secretary of APPPC presented the status of emerging pests in Asia and the Pacific region. He highlighted that the main drivers for emerging pests include; international trade and tourism, climate change, genetic changes in pathogenesis/virulence, and the loss of agro-ecological resilience. The emerging pests in the region can lead to overuse of pesticides, neglect of soil health viz-a-viz plant health, and billions of dollars losses for governments, farmers and consumers.

5.2 Ongoing threat – Fall armyworm (FAW)

A summary of the status and current challenges in respect of FAW in Asia and the Pacific region was presented. The recommended steps to mitigate FAW included; assessment of economic impacts of FAW (and its control), mobilizing low-cost, effective IPM technologies, prioritizing agro-ecological practices, conservation of biological control agents, avoiding preventive pesticide-based approaches, educating maize growers about non-chemical solutions and empowering farmer innovators. Future actions at pre-border, border and at control & emergency levels were also recommended.

5.3 Sea container hygiene

China shared by virtual means the updates on sea container hygiene. It was informed that contaminating pests, also known as hitchhiker pests – for example giant African snails, egg masses, stink bugs, fire ants – can be moved on the interior or exterior of shipping containers. Australia, China and New Zealand have conducted surveys on the movement of pests via sea containers. In the IPPC, the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers and the Sea Containers Task Force have been established to examine the issue including the development of a standard.

5.4 Contaminating pests

Australia presented on the current situation of contaminating pests in the region. Five groups of pests have been identified as having characteristics that contribute to higher incidence of contaminating containers and other conveyances: overwintering, egg laying, nesting, sheltering and internal pests. Machinery, vehicles, and parts pose the greatest risk for hitchhiking pests for inanimate pathways. Based on interception data, some families were not intercepted, and others were identified as potential high-risk hitchhiking pests. Further research into the biology and nature of the risk pathways was needed on these pests.

5.5 e-Commerce

The update on e-Commerce was shared by New Zealand. The trade of seed was identified as a key issue, so was the trade of insects and live plants. Multiple challenges were identified, which included; the growth in e-Commerce, the growth of digital technologies, increase in volume of small parcels and the challenge of identifying regulated articles. To manage this risk, there are multiple IPPC e-Commerce activities planned, including an IPPC e-Commerce guide, two e-Commerce surveys to be conducted by the IPPC Observatory, methods of raising awareness of the risk including webpages and factsheets.

5.6 Commodity specific standards/Technical Panel on Commodity Standards

The Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) member Ms Donam Kim from the Republic of Korea presented on the importance of commodity standards and shared the developments over the last two years. At CPM-16 ISPM 46 on commodity standard was adopted, paving the way for specific commodity standards to be developed. Commodity Standards are integral to achieving the objectives of the IPPC. Members were reassured that the development of commodity standards was one of the eight IPPC Strategic agenda items and will not alter the obligations of NPPOs.

5.7 IDPH and IPHC

Ms Kyu-Ock Yim the Chair of the session shared the updates on the legacy of the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) and International Plant Health Conference (IPHC). Activities related to IYPH by IPPC and FAO were also shared briefly.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland held the IPHC in London in October 2022, attracting over 600 researchers, practitioners, policymakers, traders, etc. The Republic of Korea provided financial support for APPPC member countries to attend the IPHC and other events.

The Commission encouraged Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPO) and member countries to continue to raise awareness of plant health and report to the International Steering Committee. Countries were urged to plan and contribute resources to implement the activities so planned. The IPPC Secretariat has developed the logo and NPPOs are

encouraged to plan and organize celebrations of IDPH every year on 12 May to highlight the importance of plant health.

6. Consideration and adoption of the APPPC Strategic Plan

The previous APPPC Strategy had been completed and the Commission proposed a new six-year strategy in the 31st session. New Zealand presented the proposed draft APPPC Strategic Plan 2022–2028 for consideration by the Commission. To develop this new plan, members were consulted through a survey hosted on the online commenting system (6 respondents) and an APPPC regional workshop on strategic planning (2021). Members were provided the opportunity to comment on the draft plan before the 32nd session. Members were also advised to share any achievements or benefits for the history section of the APPPC website. The mission statement, strategic objectives and strategic goals in order to operate the APPPC system effectively, develop capacity including capacity for coordinating and training staff, develop measures for plant protection, share pest information, and coordinate input into international systems, were also presented. It was pertinent to note that protecting human health would be included in the mission statement since it has been featured in the APPPC Agreement. The concept of integrated plant health management (IPHM) was proposed to be considered as a concept beyond IPM. Australia, China, Indonesia, Thailand, and Viet Nam noted their support of the strategy for adoption. The session adopted the APPPC Strategic Plan 2022–2028 after incorporating the minor changes. However, it was decided that the workplans would have to be considered separately as part of each biennium.

7. Country updates of significant changes and developments since 2019 from member countries

The 18 member countries presented their reports – Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga and Viet Nam as well as Japan as an observer. Countries were requested to upload their country reports onto the APPPC website. The APPPC Secretariat agreed to circulate to members instructions on how to upload to the APPPC country page.

8. Progress report on plant quarantine in the Asia and Pacific region

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine, the Republic of Korea, expressed the difficulties faced by the Secretariat and member countries during the COVID-19 pandemic over the last three years. Thus, a number of activities could not be done; nevertheless, some were undertaken virtually.

8.1 Surveillance workshop

A presentation on the APPPC surveillance workshop was made. It was informed that the surveillance workshop, 6th in a row and final, would be held in May 2023. The initial proposed theme of the workshop was “Pest Free Areas” (ISPM 4), but the session agreed to expand this to include ‘pest free places of production’. The workshop would be hosted by Indonesia and facilitated by Australia with support from the APPPC Secretariat. APPPC Secretariat would provide travel assistance and funding for attendance of the members. Australia requested information and feedback from members to ensure that the workshop was relevant and useful for APPPC NPPOs. In the discussion, it was pointed out that establishing a “pest free area” can be a challenging task; hence, suggested the topic to be broadened to also include information on establishment of a “pest free place of production” and “pest free production site”.

8.2 Regional workshop on commodity standards

New Zealand presented the report on the commodity standards, and informed the meeting that some activities could not be implemented due to various reasons; thus, actions on their future delivery will be considered. In June 2022, a virtual workshop was organized jointly by New Zealand NPPO and APPPC Secretariat on 2–3 June 2022; wherein, 60 officials from 17 NPPOs of APPPC and Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO) participated. It was proposed that the ASEAN criteria for selecting commodities be followed. Some criteria to be considered when selecting commodities were highlighted at the workshop, which included strategic importance, risk, practicality, etc. The session agreed that coconut fruit, milled rice and longan fruit could be considered further for development into regional commodity standards.

8.3 Regional APPPC workshops hosted by the Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea reported on the recent APPPC regional workshops hosted and organized by them and informed that 2020–2021 workshops were held in virtual mode under the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the 2022 workshop was conducted in a hybrid mode that integrated so-called virtual and face-to-face. The 2022 workshop encouraged APPPC member countries to participate more actively than the virtual workshop and provided opportunities for many countries to participate. The 2022 hybrid workshop was reviewed as a successful meeting with focused and productive results.

9. Progress report on integrated pest management (IPM) in the Asia and Pacific region

Malaysia, as the Chair of the Standing Committee on IPM, presented the report on the implementation of IPM in Asia and the Pacific region. IPM can be biological, chemical, physical or crop specific and aims to use more eco-friendly sustainable methods of pest control thereby minimizing the use of pesticides and involving the farmers and industry in pest management, biodiversity conservation and healthy plant and food production.

Biocontrol program for FAW across Southeast Asia was presented as a program which used IPHM and involved multiple APPPC countries. The use of drone technology as an IPHM strategy for combatting FAW including applying herbicides. Examples of IPM/IPHM trainings included Bangladesh, Malaysia and Nepal.

10. Progress report on pesticides management and update on the activities of the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) and Code of Conduct for Pesticide Management

10.1 Progress report on pesticides management in the Asia and Pacific region

China, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Pesticide Management, presented the report. The principal points of progress were; improving quality control, detection standards and labelling as per the regulatory requirements. IPM/IPHM was also promoted as part of the activities to reduce pesticide use and avoid overuse. It was highlighted that there has been a strong cooperation and collaboration with FAO in preparation of a workplan in 2019, as well as with Cambodia, Japan, and the Philippines.

The 2021 Regional Workshop on Strategic Planning included a questionnaire to NPPOs seeking information about trainings and topics on pesticide management of regional interest. The Committee Chair highlighted that they intended to deliver two workshops led by China on the topic of pesticide management; but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They plan for face-to-face delivery in the future.

10.2 Update on the activities of the Rotterdam Convention on PIC and Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management

Ms Yum Zhou from the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat presented (virtually) on the Rotterdam Convention and Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management. An update on the outcomes of the 2021/2022 Triple COP was provided, with inclusion of two new industrial chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention and the establishment of a compliance committee. Listing in Annex III did not mean that the chemical had been banned, but it does enable countries to make informed decisions and be protected from unwanted trade. It may be noted that 18 APPPC member countries are party to Rotterdam Convention.

Technical assistance activities have been provided in the 2019–2022 period including conducting a regional online training workshop in 2021 (attended by 13 parties), assisting in the development of national action plans on implementation of the Rotterdam Convention, and conducting capacity development activities. The speaker encouraged APPPC members to consider ratification of the Convention if they have not already done so. It was noted that Bangladesh is in the process of ratification.

11. Standard setting

11.1 Approval of the revised APPPC Regional Standard Setting Procedural Guidelines

Australia presented the revised APPPC Regional Standards Setting Procedural Guidelines to the session for consideration. The major changes related to the consultation periods and the number of consultation rounds. These changes were accepted. Some additional changes were suggested by members including China, Fiji and Indonesia. These revisions included assigning the step of prioritizing proposed draft RSPMs and RIGs to the function of the Standards Committee (previously the Commission), the addition of a third SC member for the Pacific region bringing the SC to 10 members and a minimum recommended size of 5 members for expert working group. These changes were incorporated and presented to the Commission.

The final version of the APPPC Regional Standard Setting Procedural Guidelines was adopted by the Commission.

11.2 Consideration and approval of draft Regional Implementation Guidance (RIG) for Phytosanitary Measures (Phytosanitary Procedures for Seed Certification)

This RIG for Phytosanitary Measures was championed by Thailand. The documentation was also drafted by Thailand and further developed by an expert working group (EWG). Countries participating in the EWG were: Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam. This draft RIG had been reviewed by the EWG and the APPPC Standards Committee.

On behalf of the EWG, Thailand presented the proposal, elaborating the key points, and the document was opened for discussion. Many member countries including; Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea made interventions for improvement of the document. Member countries also proposed a change in the title of the document. APPPC approved the draft guidance document with changed title as, “Regional Implementation Guidance (RIG) for Phytosanitary Procedures for Seed Certification” with Annex I Chili Seeds for publication.

12. Special topic “Trade facilitation and stakeholder engagement on phytosanitary issues in the APPPC region”

As a strategic move, the APPPC Secretariat had invited three donor agencies to share their programmes and mechanisms for supporting scientific and technical programmes in Asia

and the Pacific region in line with the APPPC. The purpose was to enable participants of the session to understand the mechanism and possibility of funding from international donor organizations.

12.1 World Bank Group (virtual – Mr Shane Sela, Sr Trade Facilitation Specialist)

Mr Sela presented an overview of the programmes and procedures of the World Bank Group for trade facilitation around the globe. He highlighted as to why trade facilitation was important. They work closely with IPPC on ePhyto and automation of country programmes etc. and could possibly work with APPPC. However, they remain country focused. The World Bank has a large Trade Facilitation Support Program, which is also focused on supporting SPS agencies in implementing the WTO TFA requirements, and other technical improvements. Mr Sela suggested to participants to reach out to himself directly or to the country offices of the World Bank to discuss support on TF matters.

12.2 Asian Development Bank (Virtual – Ms Dorothea C. Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist)

Ms Lazaro presented the Trade Facilitation Programme of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with example of their Central Asian Republics Economic Cooperation (CAREC) initiative. ADB has been modernizing SPS measures in the region to facilitate trade in CAREC countries. ADB has established regional and national working groups and holds regular forums – plant health clinics and seminars on SPS. They are also supporting ePhyto in Pakistan.

12.3 International Cooperation GMBH (GIZ) (Ms Pouchamarn Wongsanga, Project Director of ePhyto Thailand)

Ms Wongsanga joined the meeting in person and made a presentation on their programme on ePhyto in Thailand. She introduced GIZ in Thailand and spoke about the programmes being supported and implemented in the country. They promote cooperation and partnership within the country and internationally. Their focus projects include; food and agriculture, waste and natural resource management, and trade, agriculture & food supply chains. They encourage alliances of public-private partnerships (PPPs). Finally, ePhyto activities supported by GTZ in Thailand were elaborated.

13. Implementation of the IPPC ePhyto Solution

IPPC Secretariat – Mr Craig Fedchok, Senior Advisor and ePhyto Programme Director & Mr Dominique Menon

Mr Fedchok, present in person, began with an overview of the history and background of ePhyto developments. He informed that ePhyto had been being used in 113 countries, and around 122 000 certificates per month had been being handled. He explained the components, functional details of the system and the workflow process which comprises of three components – Hub, GeNS and Harmonization. Details are available on the IPPPC website: www.ippc.int/en/ephyto/. The ePhyto is voluntary to be joined by countries; and the information on how the ePhyto system functions and how to join, can be accessed through the link: www.ephytoexchange.org

The discussions with elaboration by the Chair recognized that ePhyto had been an excellent tool for facilitating trade, but each country might have different procedures and difficulties and would require different actions to be taken, including the national legislation. The Chair invited countries using ePhyto to share their experiences for learning by others that have not so far opted for the e-solution in phytosanitary certification. The countries sharing

experiences through short presentations were; Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Samoa, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

14. Establishment of the APPPC Advisory Group

Australia, China, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand thanked the members of the APPPC for the opportunity to present the proposal of establishing an APPPC Advisory Group, as specified in the APPPC Strategic Plan 2022–2028. It had been recognized that the COVID-19 pandemic had highlighted the need for the APPPC to function during unexpected situations as plant pests won't stop spreading and that the work programme needed to continue to advance. The APPPC biennium work programme requires proper administration, management and monitoring to progress. It became clear that administrative, operational or urgent decision-making was required between the regular biennium sessions. An informal 'small group' of the members (Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, etc.) had been providing frequent support and advice to the APPPC Secretariat since 2020.

Examples of continuous effective operation of APPPC and its work programme through the support of the informal 'small group' mentioned above include executing a number of the work programme items and regional workshops by virtual means. A larger group of members (Australia, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, etc.) had also been providing support; one example was the successful organization of the 32nd session of APPPC. All above-mentioned activities show that governing actions needed to take place for advancing the APPPC work programme effectively. There were no provisions in the APPPC Rules requiring any existing Standing Committees to provide the support and advice outlined above. It was for this reason that the members considered establishing an Advisory Group to formalize the work done by the 'small group' over the last few years and extend it to other members for their contribution. This would encourage more members to become involved, actively contribute to and participate in APPPC activities. This may also encourage more involvement of IPPC and its activities in Asia and the Pacific region.

New Zealand presented the proposal, elaborated on the expected role and functioning of the Advisory Group and suggested more people be involved. It was indicated that the number of members should be around eight experts in their personal capacity and not the NPPO representatives. The group should manage and steer the biennium workplan of APPPC. The presenter also elaborated the TOR of the Group. Advisory Group should normally meet virtually but can meet in person on the occasion and sidelines of other important relevant forums. Funding of the Advisory Group would be voluntary by the group members. Australia and Thailand noted their support of the establishment of the Advisory Group.

After a thorough discussion, the Commission appreciated the efforts of the contributing member countries and agreed upon the establishment of the APPPC Advisory Group and its Terms of Reference.

15. The APPPC programme of work

15.1 Summary of the outputs of the APPPC working group meeting on planning for the next biennium

The session Chairperson introduced the agenda item and suggested that any activities planned during the last biennium that could not be undertaken due to various reasons be included in the next biennium. The three Standing Committees may discuss in the breakaway groups and plan accordingly. The possible host country, organizing country and timing of each of these activities and new ones and the indicative budget was to be discussed in the breakout sessions of the three standing committees.

15.2 Group discussions, preparation of group reports and summary workplans by the three Standing Committees

15.2.1 Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine:

The Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine met under the chairpersonship of Ms Lihong Zhu from New Zealand. It was informed that the 6th surveillance workshop on establishment of pest free areas (PFAs) originally planned in March 2021, would now be held in May 2023 with an estimated Secretariat budget of USD 60 000 available. The workshop will be hosted by Indonesia in Bali and facilitated by Australia with the support of the APPPC Secretariat.

In preparation for the workshop, Australia and Indonesia will submit a concept note for approval and would reach out to countries early next year (2023) for volunteers to present some sessions and to allow for timely planning and travel of participants.

The last in the series of SALB hands-on trainings on diagnostic workshop will be hosted by Malaysia in 2023 with an estimated Secretariat budget of USD 40 000 available. The ISPM 32/risk-based inspection workshop was planned to be held in 2024 or in the subsequent biennium hosted by Indonesia with an estimated Secretariat budget of USD 50 000 available. APPPC regional workshop on draft ISPMs will be supported by the Republic of Korea in 2023 and 2024.

New Zealand was elected as chair of the Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine, and Ms Lihong Zhu was nominated to lead the Committee during 2023–2024 biennium.

15.2.2 Standing Committee on Integrated Pest Management (IPM):

The IPM Standing Committee Meeting was chaired by Malaysia with Ms Asmah Salowi in the chair. Member countries attending the Committee meeting were; India, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. The Committee approved a workshop on mango fruit flies to be hosted by India and a workshop on banana diseases viz., banana bacterial diseases (Moko and banana blood disease) and Fusarium wilt disease (*Fusarium oxysporum* TR4) to be hosted by the Philippines in the 2023–2024 biennium with an estimated Secretariat budget of USD 30 000 each available. The new chairperson of the Standing Committee will submit the concept notes to the APPPC Secretariat by 15 February 2023.

The Standing Committee on IPM agreed to elect India as its chair, and Mr J. P. Singh was declared to steer the Committee.

15.2.3 Standing Committee on Pesticide Management:

China, the present Chair of the APPPC Standing Committee on Pesticide Management led by Mr Hongjun Zhang, chaired the meeting. It was participated by Cambodia, China, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, and APPPC Secretariat. The delegates of above member countries discussed several issues relating to the challenges faced by the member countries which include; capacity building, information exchange (chemical pesticides and phasing out of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) in different member countries; registration and guideline of bio-pesticide, etc.), product registration (registered pesticides for minor crops or minor use, and biopesticides) and plant health products such as; plant growth regulators and sex pheromone entrapment.

The Committee agreed to organize a workshop on pesticide application by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) with an estimated Secretariat budget of USD 35 000 available and a workshop on pesticide residue testing for food safety with an estimated Secretariat budget of

USD 30 000 available with additional support from the hosting countries. Both workshops will be organized and hosted by China in 2023 and 2024, respectively. It was also agreed that information exchange on registration and guideline for use of bio-pesticides would be led and hosted by Malaysia. Similarly, the Standing Committee agreed to encourage and support NPPOs to implementing the Rotterdam Convention, subject to financial support by the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.

China was re-elected as chair of the Standing Committee for the next biennium, and Mr Hongjun Zhang was nominated to lead the Committee on behalf of his country.

15.3 Selection of Chairs of three Standing Committees

The following were approved as Chairs of the three APPPC Standing Committees.

- Plant Quarantine: New Zealand (Ms Lihong Zhu)
- IPM/IPHM: India (Mr Jaiinder Pal Singh)
- Pesticide Management: China (Mr Hongjun Zhang)

15.4. Selection of members and Chair for the APPPC Standards Committee

The following were selected as the APPPC Standing Committee members. The replacement of the member from India and one nomination from the Pacific region would be confirmed after the session.

- Ms Sophie Peterson (Australia)
- Mr Xiaoliang Wang (China)
- Mr Aulia Nusantara (Indonesia)
- Ms Lailatul Jumaiyah binti Saleh Huddin (Malaysia)
- Ms Joanne Wilson (New Zealand)
- Ms Kyu-Ock Yim (Republic of Korea)
- Mr Wickrama Arachchilage Raveen Thushara Wickramarachchi (Sri Lanka)
- Ms Trinh Thi Thu Thuy (Viet Nam)

The Republic of Korea – Ms Kyu-Ock Yim was approved as the consensus chair of the APPPC Standards Committee.

15.5 Draft workplan and budget consolidation

The draft work along with the budget amounting to USD 365 000 was discussed and approved as shown in the implementation programme for the strategic objectives and goals for 2023–2024 (**Appendix 2**).

16. APPPC financial considerations

16.1. Financial report of 2020–2022

The Executive Secretary presented the budget and expenditure of the current biennium and the status of mandatory contributions received during the period from January 2020 to early November 2022. Mandatory contributions for 2022 of USD 141 672 had been received up to 7 November 2022.

The Chair stressed the importance of financial contribution by all member countries and timely payments from the contributing member countries to keep the pace of the APPPC activities. Emphasis was placed on the countries that had not paid the mandatory contribution for several years to understand their payment status and start communicating with relevant authorities for the payment. The Secretariat requested the countries that had not yet received

the letter requesting contributing member countries, which was sent out in April 2022, to send the updated contact address to the Secretariat.

16.2 Proposed budget for 2023–2024: Consideration and adoption

The proposed budget of USD 365 000 for implementation of the planned activities including those carried over from the current biennium was agreed and adopted. The budgets for the 33rd session, as well as other activities such as improvements of the APPPC website would also be determined and allocated after consideration. The mandatory contributions to be received for 2023–2024 would amount to about USD 392 435.

16.3 Determination of levels of mandatory country contributions for 2022, 2023 and 2024

It was agreed that the levels of mandatory contributions for 2022 and the next biennium (2023–2024) would be kept at the same levels as in the previous biennium (2020–2021), as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Proposed Levels of Mandatory Contributions for 2022-2024 (with 0% increase)

Contributing member countries	Extended Biennium (due to the COVID-19 pandemic)			
	2022	2023	2024	Total
Australia	43 167.50	43 167.50	43 167.50	129 502.50
Bangladesh	19.62	19.62	19.62	58.86
Cambodia	19.62	19.62	19.62	58.86
China	43 167.50	43 167.50	43 167.50	129 502.50
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	135.00	135.00	135.00	405.00
Fiji	80.50	80.50	80.50	241.50
India	19 826.50	19 826.50	19 826.50	59 479.50
Indonesia	13 558.50	13 558.50	13 558.50	40 675.50
Lao People's Democratic Republic	19.62	19.62	19.62	58.86
Malaysia	8 662.50	8 662.50	8 662.50	25 987.50
New Zealand	7 209.50	7 209.50	7 209.50	21 628.50
Pakistan	2 502.00	2 502.00	2 502.00	7 506.00
Philippines	4 439.00	4 439.00	4 439.00	13 317.00
Republic of Korea	43 167.50	43 167.50	43 167.50	129 502.50
Sri Lanka	834.00	834.00	834.00	2 502.00
Thailand	7 828.50	7 828.50	7 828.50	23 485.50
Timor-Leste	19.62	19.62	19.62	58.86
Viet Nam	1 560.50	1 560.50	1 560.50	4 681.50
Total	196 217.48	196 217.48	196 217.48	588 652.44

In view of the increasing inflation rates and rising travel-related costs, the Secretariat indicated the possibility of proposing 5–15 percent increase to the current levels of mandatory contributions for the next biennium 2025–2026 at the 33rd session. This indication was also based on consideration of the implementation of possible planned activities after anticipated improvements of the COVID-19 situation. Estimated levels of mandatory country contributions for 2025–2026 were as follows (Table 2).

Table 2: Estimated Levels of Mandatory Contributions for 2025-2026 (with 5, 10 and 15% increase, respectively)

Contributing member countries	Current levels	Estimated levels with each increase		
		5%	10%	15%
Australia	43 167.50	45 325.88	47 484.25	49 642.63
Bangladesh	19.62	20.60	21.58	22.56
Cambodia	19.62	20.60	21.58	22.56
China	43 167.50	45 325.88	47 484.25	49 642.63
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	135.00	141.75	148.50	155.25
Fiji	80.50	84.53	88.55	92.58
India	19 826.50	20 817.83	21 809.15	22 800.48
Indonesia	13 558.50	14 236.43	14 914.35	15 592.28
Lao People's Democratic Republic	19.62	20.60	21.58	22.56
Malaysia	8 662.50	9 095.63	9 528.75	9 961.88
New Zealand	7 209.50	7 569.98	7 930.45	8 290.93
Pakistan	2 502.00	2 627.10	2 752.20	2 877.30
Philippines	4 439.00	4 660.95	4 882.90	5 104.85
Republic of Korea	43 167.50	45 325.88	47 484.25	49 642.63
Sri Lanka	834.00	875.70	917.40	959.10
Thailand	7 828.50	8 219.93	8 611.35	9 002.78
Timor-Leste	19.62	20.60	21.58	22.56
Viet Nam	1 560.50	1 638.53	1 716.55	1 794.58
Total	196 217.48	206 028.35	215 839.23	225 650.10

16.4. Criteria for financially supporting travel costs of members to participate in APPPC activities

Criteria for financial support for the travel costs of participation of the members in biennial sessions and other activities organized by APPPC were presented by the Secretariat. Priority would be given to the requests from developing countries of the contributing member countries. In this connection, the Secretariat strongly encouraged the developing countries, which were not yet the contributing member countries, to accept the 1983 amendments regarding mandatory contributions as soon as possible. Apart from giving priority to the countries mentioned above, the Secretariat planned to follow the practice of the IPPC Secretariat based on their 2022 criteria used for prioritizing participants to receive travel assistance to attend meetings organized by the IPPC Secretariat (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travelassistance-attend-meetings/>). China requested the Secretariat to keep a transparent process and report the result at biennial sessions. The IPPC Secretariat's criteria would be put in practice as from January 2024 or prior to the 33rd session.

16.5. Establishing Trust Fund for APPPC, one for voluntary contribution

In continuation of the suggestion made by the Republic of Korea at the 31st session, the proposal prepared for establishing the APPPC Trust Fund was presented by the Secretariat. In this connection, Australia, China, Malaysia, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea expressed their support for the proposal. It was suggested that the new Trust Fund should be

used for the activities agreed upon at biennial sessions, as well as for accepting voluntary contributions from donors including various organizations, other than the regional NPPOs. The Commission supported the establishment of the Trust Fund for voluntary contributions.

17. Dates and venue of the 33rd session of the APPPC

China announced to host the 33rd APPPC session in September–October 2024 in the city of Suzhou.

18. Any other business


The Chairperson noted that the CPM Bureau, Standards Committee (SC), and Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) of the IPPC required nominees from the Asia region for future years and requested individuals to nominate themselves.

Selection of APPPC logo

APPPC Secretariat shared four options for APPPC logo and the session selected a general logo (with the APPPC stylized text as designed by the Republic of Korea), with NPPOs to choose a version most suitable according to the context.

19. Adoption of the report and closure

Report was agreed in principle; however, some details were yet to be included in the report. Hence the report would be considered for adoption by the APPPC members by circulation. The Chairperson then thanked the participating members and those online and announced the meeting's closure. The Chair also appreciated the hard work of APPPC Secretariat in preparing for the 32nd APPPC session.

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ASIA AND PACIFIC PLANT PROTECTION COMMISSION
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE ASIA AND PACIFIC PLANT PROTECTION COMMISSION (APPPC)
Bangkok, Thailand, 7–11 November 2022
Provisional agenda and timetable

Sunday, 6 November 2022		
From 18:30 to 19:30 hours	Registration In front of Ploenchit Room on Floor F of Grande Centre Point Hotel	
Day 1. Monday, 7 November 2022		
08:00-09:00	Registration In front of Ploenchit Room on Floor F of Grande Centre Point Hotel	
09:00-09:30	Opening Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome address (pre-recorded) by Mr Takayuki Hagiwara, Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific - Welcome address by Mr Yubak Dhoj GC, Executive Secretary, APPPC Secretariat
	Agenda 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks (pre-recorded) by Mr Osama El-Lissy, Secretary of the IPPC - Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, rapporteur and members of report drafting committee - Adoption of the agenda
09:30-10:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
10:00-10:15	Agenda 2	Secretariat report on actions taken on the implementation of the workplan adopted by the 31st session of the Commission (Document 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Yubak Dhoj GC, Executive Secretary of APPPC Secretariat

10:15-11:00	Agenda 3	Update on Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) – Bureau activities and strategic framework by Mr Peter Thomson, New Zealand (by virtual means)
11:00-11:45	Agenda 4	- Developments with the amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific region 1983 and 1999 (Document 2) by Mr Peter Thomson (by virtual means)
		- Country approval of APPPC amendments; legal process by the FAO Senior Legal Officer, Ms Rachael Ryde - Q & A regarding approval
		<i>Participants other than those from the rubber producing countries break for lunch (11:45-13:30 hours)</i>
11:45-12:30	Separate session for participants from APPPC's rubber producing countries	Participants from the rubber producing countries remain in Ploenchit Room for a separate session between the FAO Senior Legal Officer and participants from APPPC's rubber growing countries to hear FAO Legal Officer's additional briefing on the current situation. The briefing as a group could facilitate further discussion and also ensure that all the member countries concerned receive same information and have common understanding. Subsequently, the group could adjourn to individual private consultation with the Legal Officer.
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	<i>Participants from the rubber producing countries break for lunch.</i>
13:30-15:30	Agenda 5	Update of APPPC priorities: (under 10min each) - Emerging pests – Mr Yubak Dhoj GC - Sea container hygiene – Ms Guanghao Gu, China (by virtual means) - Contaminating pests – Australia - E-commerce – Ms Lihong Zhu, New Zealand - Commodity specific standards/Technical Panel on Commodity Standards – TPCS member: Ms Donam Kim, the Republic of Korea - IDPH and IPHC – Ms Kyu-Ock Yim, the Republic of Korea
15:30-17:00	Agenda 6	Consideration and adoption of APPPC strategy (Ms Lihong Zhu, New Zealand) (Document 3)
17:00-17:30	1st meeting of the Report Drafting Committee	
19:00-21:00	Official Welcome Dinner hosted by APPPC Secretariat	
Day 2. Tuesday, 8 November 2022		

08:30-12:00	Agenda 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country update of significant changes and developments since 2019 from member countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, and Viet Nam - Observer report: Japan - * less than 7 min presentation (verbal or ppt) with max 5 slides
12:00-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-14:20	Agenda 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report on plant quarantine in Asia and the Pacific region (Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine) (Document 4) – Ms Kyu-Ock Yim - Report on APPPC workshop on commodity standard – Ms Lihong Zhu - Report on APPPC Workshop on Surveillance 4 – Australia - Report on APPPC Workshop on APPPC Strategy – Ms Lihong Zhu - APPPC regional workshop – Republic of Korea
14:20-14:50	Agenda 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report on integrated pest management (IPM) in Asia and the Pacific region by Malaysia
14:50-15:40	Agenda 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report on pesticides management in Asia and the Pacific region by Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Pesticides Management - Mr Hongjun Zhang, China (by virtual means) - Update on the activities of the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent by Dr Yun Zhou, Rotterdam Convention Secretariat (by virtual means)
15:40-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:00	Agenda 11	<p>Standard setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of revision of Standard setting procedure (Document 5) – Australia - Consideration and approval of draft Regional Implementation Guidance (RIG) for Phytosanitary Measures (Phytosanitary Procedures for Seed Health Certification) with Annex I Chilli seed (Document 6) – Thailand
17:00-17:30	2nd meeting of the report drafting committee	
Day 3. Wednesday, 9 November 2022		
08:30-10:00	Agenda 12	<p>Special topic “Trade facilitation and stakeholder engagement on phytosanitary issues in APPPC region”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Shane Sela, Senior Trade Facilitation Specialist at World Bank Group (by virtual means),</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Dorothea C. Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)(by virtual means), and</i> • <i>Ms Pouchamarn Wongsanga, Project Director of ePhyto Thailand, German Agency for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ)</i>
10:00-12:00	Agenda 13	<p>Implementation of ePhyto solution – by Mr Craig Fedchock, Senior Advisor and ePhyto Programme Director, as well as Mr Dominique Menon, IPPC Secretariat</p> <p>Experience of member countries</p>
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:30	Agenda 13	continued Agenda 13
14:30-15:30	Agenda 14	Establishment of Advisory Group (Document 7)
15:30-17:30	Agenda 15	<p>The APPPC programme of work (3 separate sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of the outputs of the APPPC working group meeting on planning for the next biennium (Ms Lihong Zhu, NZ) - Group discussions on the workplan for 2023–2024 (by the three Standing Committees) - Group discussions and preparation of group report and summary of workplan (by the three Standing Committees) - Nomination of Chairs of three Standing Committees - Nomination of SC members and SC Chair (Plant Quarantine SC) - Draft workplan and budget consolidation (Chairs of three Standing Committees, Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons)
17:30-18:00	3rd meeting of the report drafting committee/meeting of the three chairs of the standing committees	
Day 4. Thursday 10 November 2022		
8.30-16:30	Field Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jame and Jen Packaging Company (ISPM 15 certified by DOA, Thailand), Ayutthaya - Siam Export Mart Company (SEM) (Vapor Heat Treatment and Hot Water Immersion Treatment of mango), Ayutthaya <p>Organized by Thai NPPO</p>
Day 5. Friday 11 November 2022		
09:00-09:30	4th meeting of the report drafting committee	
09:30-10:00	Coffee Break	
10:00-12:00	Continuation of Agenda 15	- Workplan reports from Chairpersons of Standing Committees on Plant Quarantine, IPM and Pesticide Management

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion and approval of workplan proposal for 2023-2024 biennium - Approval of Chairs of three Standing Committees - Approval of SC Chair and members
12:00-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-14:30	Agenda 16	APPPC Financial considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial report of 2020–2022 (Document 8) - Proposed budget for 2023–2024: Consideration and adoption - Determination of level of mandatory country contributions - Criteria for financially supporting members to session - Establishing Trust Fund for APPPC, one for voluntary contribution
14:30-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement of date and venue of 33rd session of the APPPC will be held in 2024, China to be the host - Introduction of the venue for the 33rd session and welcome to APPPC members from the host country head of delegation <p>by Mr Fuxiang Wang (by virtual means) and video clip</p>	
15:00-15:30	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asia memberships of CPM Bureau member replacement and SC & IC replacement by Mr Fuxiang Wang (by virtual means) - Selection of APPPC logo (Document 9)
15:30-16:00	Adoption of the report	
16:00-16:30	Closure of the Session	

**** Each country can request to the Secretariat a private informal consultation with FAO senior legal officer, members of the IPPC Secretariat on ePhyto and the representative from GIZ .**

FAO senior legal officer, Ms Rachael Ryde will be available for private informal consultation in the afternoon of Monday, 7 November and also from 11:00 am on Tuesday, 8 November. She is scheduled to return to Rome in the evening of Tuesday.

Implementation programme for the strategic objectives and goals for 2023–2024

Activity	Cost	Lead/Host	Year
Strategic objective 1: Effective operation of the regional system			
<p>Accept the 1999 amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to send out 2010 Circular to all remaining members. • Secretariat to facilitate individual consultation with FAO Legal if needed. • Secretariat to facilitate webinar by FAO Legal with remaining NPPOs' senior leadership team. 	N/A	Secretariat All remaining members	2023 2024
<p>Establish the Advisory Group. The Advisory Group will provide advice to the Secretariats, and support the APPPC work programme management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to coordinate call for members by end of November 2022. • Establish Advisory Group early February 2023. • First meeting of Advisory Group early February 2023. 	N/A	Secretariat <i>Ex officio</i> Members	2022– 2023
<p>Update the APPPC webpage, and consolidate resources on the page to improve access and sharing between members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage to information IPPC country page. • Regional/national directory on contact points for specific areas 	N/A	APPPC Secretariat Members	2023

Activity	Cost	Lead/Host	Year
e.g. PQ, IPHM, Pesticides management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on APPPC committees, groups, chairs, members. Advisory Group to work out what information to be published on APPPC website. Redevelop the APPPC website by consultant. Upload country report on APPPC website. 			
Resource mobilization for implementation of work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas requiring external funding Engagement with donors 	N/A	Advisory Group	2023 2024
Strategic objective 2: Capacity development including the coordination and training of staff			
Work programme for plant quarantine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveillance workshop (pest free places of production, and pest free areas (ISPM 4)) SALB hands-on training on diagnostic, the last workshop on SALB ISPM 32/risk-based inspection workshop 	60K USD	Australia, Indonesia	May 2023
	40K USD	Malaysia	2023
	50K USD	Indonesia, Australia	2024, or next biennium
Work programme for IPHM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPHM workshop on mango fruit flies IPHM workshop on banana diseases 	30K USD	India	2023
	30K USD	Philippines	2024

Activity	Cost	Lead/Host	Year
<p>Work programme for pesticide management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on pesticide application by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) • Workshop on pesticide residue testing for food safety • Implementation of Rotterdam Convention • Information exchange on registration and guideline for bio-pesticides 	<p>35K USD from APPPC, co-funding from China</p> <p>30K USD from APPPC, co-funding from China</p> <p>Seeking support from Rotterdam Convention Secretariat</p> <p>Virtual N/A</p>	<p>China</p> <p>China</p> <p>Rotterdam Convention Secretariat</p> <p>Malaysia</p>	<p>2023</p> <p>2024</p> <p>2023–2024</p> <p>2023</p>
Strategic objective 3: Development of measures for plant protection			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop criteria for commodity prioritisation. • Develop 1–2 RSPMs including RIG, and treatments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prioritise commodities for RSPM development from the following commodities: coconut, logan, milled rice. • Form Expert Working Group to develop RSPMs and hold first meeting (Bangkok) • Call for RSPM/RIG topics for 2025–2026. 	<p>N/A</p> <p>30K USD</p>	<p>Australia, China, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Japan and Singapore</p>	<p>2023</p> <p>2023–2024</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2024</p>

Activity	Cost	Lead/Host	Year
Strategic objective 4: Sharing pest information			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinar on transboundary pests. 	N/A	FAO Regional Office	2023
Strategic objective 5: Coordination of input into international systems			
Regional workshops on ISPM consultation.	Funding from R. of Korea	Republic of Korea	2023, 2024
Implement ePhyto, encourage uptake and build capacity in the region. Communication with donors.	N/A	Advisory Group	2023–2024
Attend APPPC pre-CPM consultation.		All members	2023, 2024
Attend TC-RPPO consultation and CPM.		APPPC Executive Secretary	2023, 2024
<p>Lead and participate in IPPC work programmes that are important to the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to technical working groups on ISPMs/CPM recommendations/guides (experts and information). • Regional workshop on or funding members to participate in one international workshop on IPPC priorities, e.g. sea container cleanness, e-commerce. 	60K USD	<p>All members</p> <p>Advisory Group to recommend</p>	<p>2023, 2024</p> <p>2023 or 2024</p>

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