



ENHANCING PROTECTION OF PLANT RESOURCES FROM PESTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Due to rapid globalization, international travel and trade are greater than ever before, and as people and commodities move around the world, organisms that present risks to plants travel with them. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international plant health agreement, which aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests. Of the 184 IPPC contracting parties, 130 are from developing countries, and there is an increasing demand for technical assistance to improve their capacity to establish and maintain efficient plant protection institutions and framework. Against this background, the European Union-funded Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) project has been operating, since 2012, as the tool used by the IPPC to identify contracting parties' challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the Convention and International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs). This project was implemented to build on the results delivered in the first and second project cycles of the IRSS; and to improve contracting parties' implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs and Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) recommendations.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project successfully built on the first and second project cycles and identified challenges in the implementation issues for contracting parties. The project helped facilitate compliance with the IPPC and the continued uptake of the ISPMs. Studies, surveys and reports were carried out, providing insights into implementation challenges and successes faced by contracting parties in fields as varied as management of risk borders, use of diagnostic protocols, and management of pest free area (PFAs), among others. The studies also provided contracting parties with comprehensive analyses on the implementation of the IPPC and ISPMs, and shared potential options contributing to attenuating or solving issues identified. In addition, a monitoring and evaluation system was conceptualized, which was better integrated within the IPPC Secretariat, and more sustainable and inclusive. Two interactive webinars were successfully organized, helping to gain an understanding of complex topics such as the authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions. The project also contributed to the successful transition from IRSS to the IPPC Observatory, with options for sustainable funding and innovative approaches for surveys. The IPPC Observatory Communications Strategy 2022-2024 was developed to focus on strategic and purposeful communications, to ensure that the IPPC Observatory and its products gained greater visibility, and that its audience engagement grew. The project also contributed to improving communication and awareness through news items and the development of targeted communication materials.

KEY FACTS

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USD 734 715

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Resource Partner
The European Union

Partners
Wageningen Centre for Development
Innovation (WC DI)

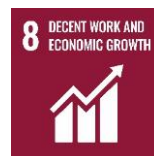
Beneficiaries
International Plant Protection
Convention's (IPPC) 183 contracting
parties, Regional Plant Protection
Organizations (RPPOs), and the wider
IPPC community

IMPACT

It is expected that the project interventions will contribute to more effective pest management, and to facilitating safe trade. This, in turn, will contribute to enhancing agricultural productivity in developing countries.

ACTIVITIES

- Two studies developed and published to address status of contracting parties, in terms of risk-based border management and use of IPPC diagnostic protocols.
- Six reports produced, including baseline study on successes of implementation of PFAs; analysis of recommendations to support transition of IRSS to sustainable system; comparative analysis of IPPC general surveys results; good practices for monitoring and evaluation systems; and good operating practices for conducting IPPC surveys.
- Survey conducted in 2019 to evaluate successes and challenges of implementation of PFAs, with input of subject matter experts, and administered to IPPC official contact points and Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of World Trade Organization.
- IPPC International Symposium for Pest Free Areas and Surveillance conducted (2019).
- IPPC Observatory landing page and associated pages updated to highlight key information.
- Monitoring and Evaluation for IPPC Community and IPPC Secretariat undertaken with Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University & Research.
- Theory of change developed to monitor contributions of IPPC Community towards implementation of IPPC, ISPMs, recommendations, and progress towards objectives and development agendas laid out in IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030.
- Communication materials produced (video, fact sheet, visual identity) to raise awareness on IPPC Observatory, its objectives and benefits within the IPPC community.
- Resource mobilization approach and analysis developed to improve IPPC surveys, to ensure better operationalization of IPPC Observatory.



Project Title

The third cycle (2018-2020) of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) project

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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