



IPPC Observatory

The IPPC Observatory is an evaluation system established to facilitate the implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and recommendations of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).

The IPPC Observatory also contributes to monitoring the achievement of the IPPC Strategic Framework

2020-2030 objectives. The IPPC Observatory was originally conceived as the IPPC Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) which was adopted at CPM-03 in 2008. It was implemented as a project largely funded by the European Commission (EC) from 2011-2022. To establish a more sustainable system, the CPM-16 in 2022 adopted the transition of IRSS to the IPPC Observatory. Its scope is now more focused on providing contracting parties with recommendations on ways to address implementation issues identified.

What does the IPPC Observatory bring to my national plant protection organization (NPPO)?

General surveys on implementation provide NPPOs the opportunity to assess themselves on the level of implementation of the IPPC, ISPMs and CPM recommendations. Results from these general surveys present a global picture of the challenges and best practices in implementation.

How does the IPPC Observatory operate?

1. The IPPC Observatory conducts these general surveys on implementation, the results of which become the basis for recommended actions to the IPPC governing body and subsidiary bodies.

These recommendations are based on data and analyses to help your NPPO address implementation challenges. For instance, previous general surveys had identified that phytosanitary surveillance was a challenge. Insights from these surveys thus, contributed to the development of the IPPC guide on ISPM 6 Surveillance.

2. The Observatory conducts desk studies that analyze emerging issues based on topics submitted by contracting parties and selected by the IPPC subsidiary bodies. These studies have contributed to the development of CPM recommendations.

For instance, CPM Recommendation R-04: IPPC Coverage of Aquatic Plants encourages contracting parties to include pest risk analysis and prevent the spread of regulated aquatic plants using phytosanitary measures. Likewise, the desk study on e-Commerce contributed to R-05: Internet Trade (e-Commerce) in Plants and Regulated Articles which encourages that goods ordered online comply with relevant phytosanitary regulations.

3. The Phytosanitary System component pages (ippc.int) provide your NPPO with resources and tools related to both standards and implementation. Each component page brings together all the relevant technical resources to help your NPPO understand and access them.

Key Achievements



SIX regional workshops were organized on the review of challenges and best practices in phytosanitary surveillance (ISPM 6) to assist countries in its implementation.



FIFTEEN topics submitted by NPPOs have been approved for the IPPC Observatory to conduct in-depth desk studies.



SIX funding cycles, mainly funded by the EC, with additional funding from Switzerland for the second cycle

- First cycle 2011-2013
- Second cycle 2015-2017
- Third cycle 2018-2022.



THREE CPM recommendations were informed by IPPC Observatory studies

- R-04. IPPC coverage of aquatic plants
- R-05. Internet trade (e-Commerce) in plants and other regulated articles
- R-07. The importance of pest diagnosis.



TWO general surveys

have been carried out. These surveys were a self-assessment of NPPOs on their level of IPPC and ISPM implementation.



EIGHT new desk studies conducted on topics that impact implementation published in 2022

- IPPC Study on Diagnostic Protocols
- Developing Guidance on Risk-based Border Management
- A Critical Assessment and Analysis of the 2012 and 2016 IPPC General Surveys
- Good Practices for Monitoring and Evaluation of National Phytosanitary Systems
- Baseline study on the successes and challenges of implementation of pest free areas
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the IPPC Community
- Report on analysis of recommendations to support the transition of IRSS to a sustainable system
- Good Operating practices for conducting IPPC Surveys.



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THREE international meetings

were organized on the review of challenges and best practices in phytosanitary surveillance (ISPM 6) to assist countries in its implementation.

Steered by the IC Sub-group on the IPPC Observatory with membership from the CPM Bureau, the IPPC Standards Committee (SC), the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) and each of the IPPC Secretariat units.

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