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About the International Plant Protection Convention

Who we are

The [International Plant Protection Convention \(IPPC\)](#) is an international agreement on plant health to which [170 signatories](#) currently adhere. It aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests. The Secretariat of the IPPC is provided by the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#).

What we do

Contracting parties of the International Plant Protection Convention share the same overall goal: to protect the world's cultivated and natural plant resources from the spread and introduction of plant pests while minimizing interference with the international movement of goods and people.



Caption

We provide an international framework for plant protection that includes development of standards for safeguarding plant resources.

In addition the IPPC provides mechanisms to facilitate exchange of information related to import and export requirements, pest status and lists of pests that are regulated by each member country.

While the main targets of the IPPC are plants and plant products moving in international trade the IPPC also covers anything else that can act as a vector for the spread of pests of plants such as containers, soil, used vehicles and machinery and packaging materials.

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