



IPPC Factsheet

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international plant health agreement that aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests. International travel and trade are greater than ever before. As people and commodities move around the world, organisms that present risks to plants travel with them.

By protecting plant resources from pests and diseases, the IPPC helps to:

1. Protect farmers from economically devastating pest outbreaks.
2. Protect the environment from loss of species diversity.
3. Protect ecosystems from loss of viability and function as a result of pest invasions.
4. Protect industries and consumers from the costs of pest control or eradication.
5. Facilitate trade through Standards that regulate the safe movements of plants and plant products.

Organization

- There are 177 contracting party signatories to the Convention.
- Each contracting party has a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) and an Official IPPC contact point.
- 9 Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) established to coordinate NPPOs on a regional level.
- IPPC liaises with relevant international organizations to help build regional and national capacities.
- Secretariat is provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-UN).

History

- Original IPPC came into force in 1952.
- Amended in 1979, entered into force in 1991.
- Amended in 1997 for consistency with SPS agreement principles and expectations and to establish a Secretariat and standard-setting.

Funding

FAO regular programme support	USD 3M per annum
IPPC Trust Fund	USD 1.07M
Capacity building projects	USD 5M per annum

Current Topics We're Working On

Sea containers guidelines, forestry guidelines, technical panels, standards setting, regional ISPM workshops, phytosanitary projects database, information exchange, building phytosanitary institutions, capacity evaluation, pest surveillance, implementation review, phytosanitary capacity development global strategy, plant quarantine, e-certification, pest risk analysis, pest reporting, plant health legislation, biosecurity frameworks, plant health inspection systems, biological control, Near East plant protection organization, export certification systems, import regulatory systems, phytosanitary manuals, phytosanitary SOPs, e-learning, international phytosanitary portal.

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Main Roles & Impact Areas

