

International Plant Protection Convention



The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is the only intergovernmental treaty that aims to protect the world's plants, agricultural products and natural resources from invasive pests. Ratified by 184 countries, the IPPC promotes the application of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) as the main set of tools to safeguard global food security, protect the environment and facilitate safe trade.

Main Topics



Plant Health & Food Security

Keeping plants healthy means safeguarding global food security. Protecting plants and plant resources and important crops from pests will help feed an increasingly hungry world.



Plant Health & Safe Trade

Facilitating the safe trade of goods by applying international phytosanitary standards will help mitigate the negative impacts of plant pests on the environment, economies and livelihoods.



Plant Health & Environmental Protection

Protecting plants and plant resources from the impact of a warming climate will mitigate the introduction and spread of invasive species, and thus helps to protect the environment and biodiversity.

In Action



Standard Setting



Implementation and Capacity Development



Governance and Partnerships

Announcements Calls Pest Reports

2023 Jan 28 → CPM-17 will be held in person in FAO Headquarters on 27 – 31 March 2023.

2023 Jan 01 → In Memoriam

2022 Nov 15 → Call for experts from the LAC region extended to 10 February – CPM Focus Group in Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues.

See all announcements

Main Tools



ePhyto



Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation



Phytosanitary Systems



IPPC Observatory



e-learning



Communication Tools

COMMON QUESTIONS

- What is the Convention on plant health?
- What are plant health standards?
- How are these standards developed?
- How are standards applied?
- How do plant health standards impact trade?

See all questions

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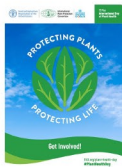
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Protecting Plants Protecting Life



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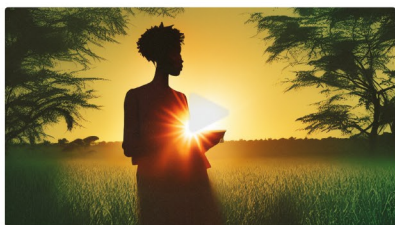


Final Report of the Sea Containers Task Force



12 May International Day of Plant Health

Multimedia



JOIN THE SOCIAL CONVERSATION

Jan 29 → Images from our latest #PlantHealth workshop in the Southwest Pacific region.

Jan 25 → #SchoolNutrition is crucial for healthy people and a future healthy earth.

Jan 23 → #SafeTrade is crucial for a functioning world. We interview experts from around the world on our blog.

Jan 13 → #ePhyto helps countries to trade with minimum fuss and friction. See a few case studies from the field.

Jan 06 → The IPPC is committed to #DevelopmentGoals for a healthier world with food security for all people.

Jan 03 → A new #PlantHealth #Standard is available and a call for comments has been posted.

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Plant Health and Safe Trade



KEY FACTS

- The annual value of **trade** in agricultural products has **grown almost three-fold** over the past decade, largely in emerging economies and developing countries, reaching **USD 1.7 trillion**.
- Over **USD 220 billion** is lost each year in agricultural trade due to **plant pests**.
- To make safe trade, it is crucial to apply **international plant health standards** and norms developed by international experts in the IPPC community.

Increasing movement of people and goods around the world has increased the risks of **plant pests being introduced and established** in new areas. The most common pathway for plant pests is through **sea containers** which travel daily through multiple ports and international borders. Pests can be carried across various goods apart from plants including those in **untreated wood packaging**. E-commerce has also increased pest risk as goods traded online and delivered to homes may not always be certified free from pests.

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures and provisions in the Convention, are thus, necessary to protect importing countries' local flora, economies

RELATED ISPMs

- **ISPM 15** - Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade
- **ISPM 01** - Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade
- **ISPM 03** - Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms
- **ISPM 23** - Guidelines for inspection
- **ISPM 25** - Consignments in transit

See all ISPMs

RELATED WORK GROUPS

- CPM Focus Group
- Task force on sea containers
- Webinar on BBGHH
- EWGs
- FGs
- TPs

See all work groups

CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



In Action



Reducing the spread of invasive pests by sea containers



ePhyto - electronic phytosanitary certificates for easier trade



Courses on **export certification** and phytosanitary inspection

Resources and Multimedia



Factsheet: Plant health and trade facilitation



Infographic: Pests in wood pallets



Video: Plant Health and e-commerce



Document: Safeguarding continuum for

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Sea Container Cleanliness

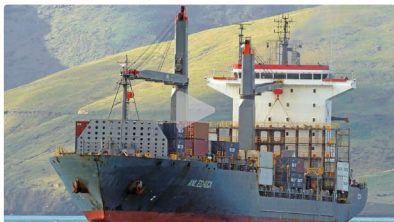


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Protecting Food Security and the environment while facilitating trade

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RELATED MATERIALS

- **Document:** Final report of the sea containers task force
- **Document:** The IPPC ePhyto solution - investing in trade facilitation
- **E-learning course** on Pest Risk Analysis
- **E-learning course** on surveillance and reporting obligations
- **Factsheet:** Reducing the spread of invasive pests by sea containers
- **Video:** The IPPC ePhyto Solution
- **Video:** Duncan Allen on plant health and pests
- **Video:** Diarmuid Gavin - Plant Health and Travel
- **Video:** Wood Packaging and Plant Health
- **Video:** Diarmuid Gavin - Digital solutions



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