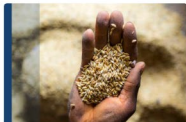


# International Plant Protection Convention



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.

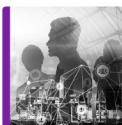
## In Action



### Standard Setting



### Implementation and Capacity Development



### Governance

[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**?

## EVENTS

**2023 Jan 12** - CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid. Nadi, Fiji

**2023 Jan 25** - TENTATIVE: Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP). Virtual (12:00-14:00 GMT+1)

[See all events](#)

## Latest Publications



Protecting Plants Protecting Life



The International Plant Protection Convention



Final Report of the Sea Containers Task Force



**12 May**  
International Day of Plant Health

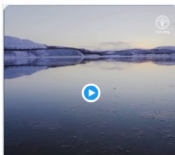
## Tweets from @ippcnews

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🚨 The #ClimateEmergency can become a Plant Health Emergency if we do not take action!

Take a minute to learn the impacts of #ClimateChange on #PlantHealth and the implications this has on #FoodSecurity.

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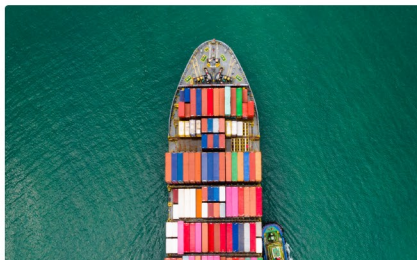
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## Plant Health and Safe Trade



### 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 and livelihoods.

### In Action



Sea Containers



ePhyto



Export Certification



Phytosanitary Inspection

### Resources



**Factsheet:**  
Plant health and trade facilitation



**Infographic:**  
Pests in wood pallets



**Video:** Plant Health and e-commerce



**Final report**  
of the sea containers task force

### CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### RELATED DOCUMENTS

- International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures
- Final report of the sea containers task force
- The IPPC ePhyto solution - investing in trade facilitation
- Reducing the spread of invasive pests by sea containers

### E-LEARNING COURSES

- E-learning course on Pest Risk Analysis
- E-learning course on surveillance and reporting obligations

### VIDEOS

- The IPPC ePhyto Solution
- Duncan Allen on plant health and pests
- Diarmuid Gavin - Plant Health and Travel
- Wood Packaging and Plant Health
- Diarmuid Gavin - Digital solutions

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