

# International Plant Protection Convention



The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an **intergovernmental treaty** signed by **184 countries** whose goal is to protect the world's plant resources from **invasive pests** and to promote **safe trade** of agricultural products. The **Convention** adopts and promotes the application of International **Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)** as the main set of **tools** to achieve its goals, making it the sole global standard setting organization for plant health.

## Main Topics



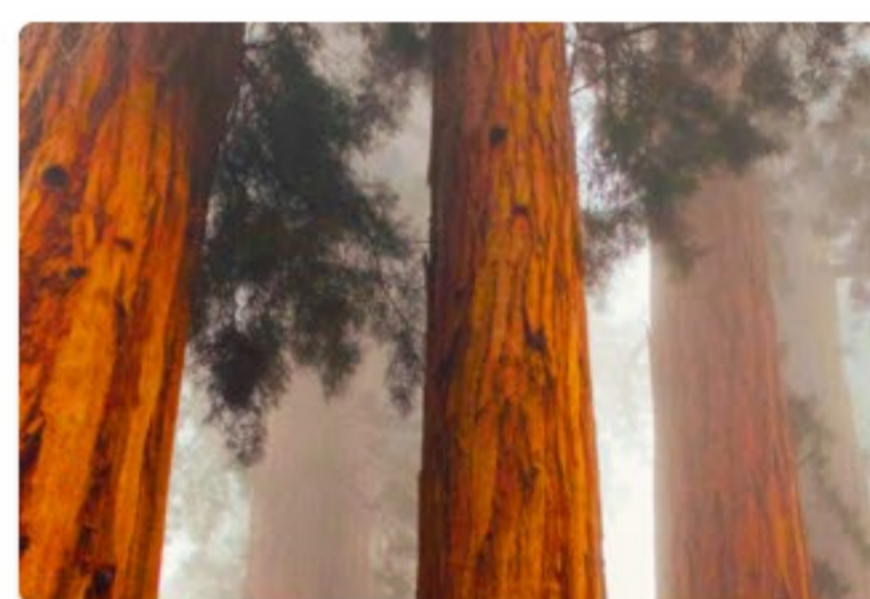
### Plant Health & Food Security

Food security, as defined by the United Nations' *Committee on World Food Security*, means that all people, at all times, have physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life. **Plant health** is important for this goal.



### Plant Health & Safe Trade

The **trade** of goods is the engine that keeps civilization going, while healthy plants lets us humans eat and breathe and stay healthy. The IPPC's mandate is to enable contracting parties to the IPPC (**countries**) to protect terrestrial and aquatic plant resources by **preventing the introduction and spread of pests**.



### Plant Health & Environmental Protection

Without an environment to live we would need to be able to live on other planets for human kind to survive. We can't do that, yet, and even if we could, it would be nicer to stay on our home planet with healthy plants living in symbiosis with us and other animals. We must take care of plants to **protect our only biosphere**.

## In Action



### Standard Setting



### Implementation & 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



Observatory



e-Learning



Communication Tools

## COMMON QUESTIONS

- Where can I find ISPM 15 info?
- Can I use the IPPC logo?
- When is CPM?
- How do I post a Pest Report?
- Where can I find a list of required phytosanitary documents for a particular country for trade?

**See all questions**

## 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)

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## Latest Publications



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The International Plant Protection Convention



Final Report of the Sea Containers Task Force



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**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



In today's globalized world, trade is a driver for economic development. Many countries depend on trading large quantities of plants and plant products. The ever-increasing volume and ease of international trade and travel has exponentially increased the **risk of pest introduction and establishment** into new areas. Therefore, it is important to **facilitate** safe trade preventing the spread of plant pests avoiding unjustifiable barriers. Consistent application of the **International Standards of Phytosanitary Measures** by member countries is crucial to achieving the safe trade objective of the IPPC.

### 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 trade safe, it is important to implement international plant-health standards and norms, such as those developed by the IPPC and FAO.

### RELATED 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



Plant Health and Trade Facilitation



E-commerce



Plant Health and E-Commerce



Safeguarding continuum for sea containers

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Sea Container Cleanliness



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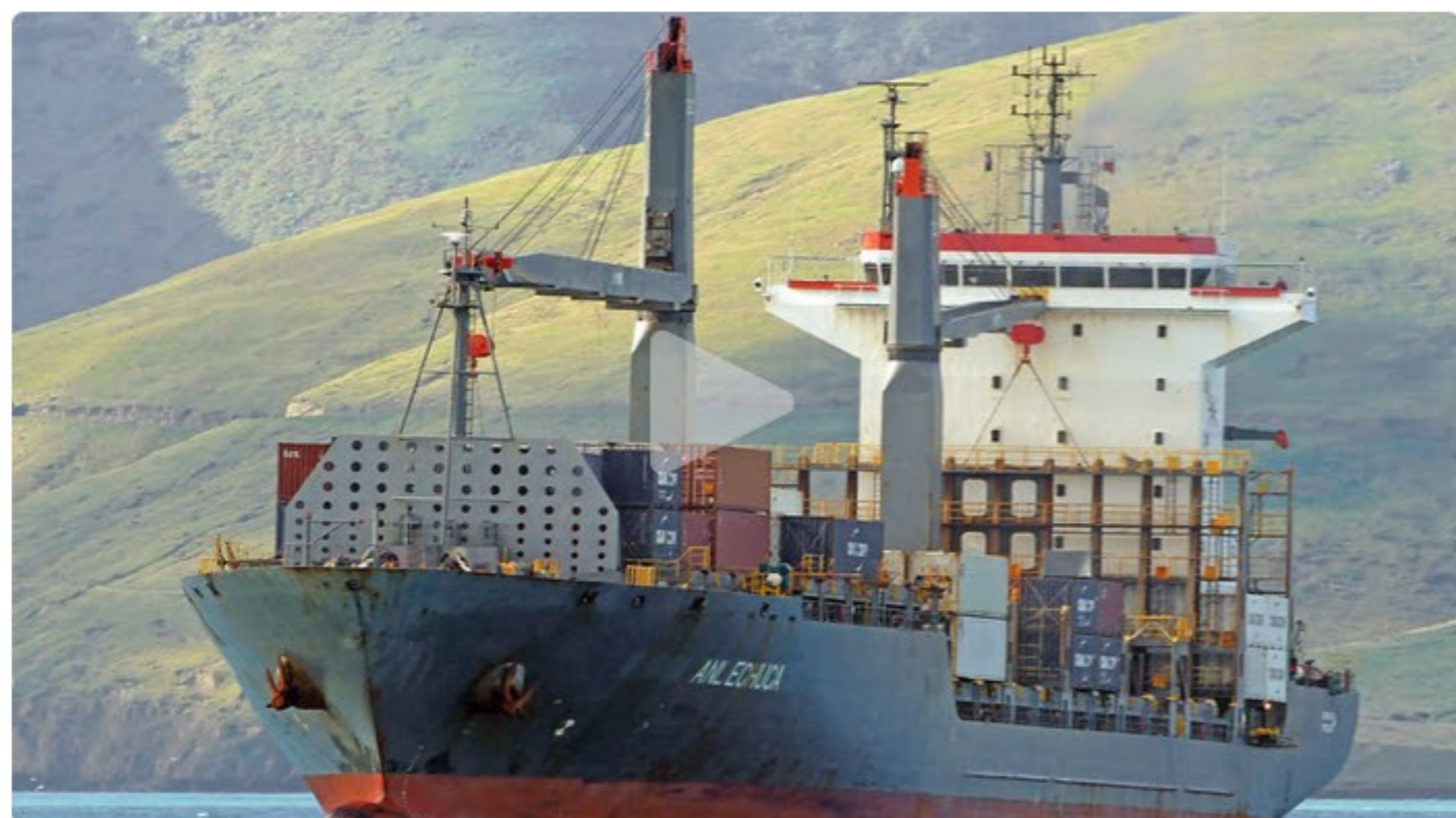
Protecting Food Security and the environment while facilitating trade



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