The IPPC and International Harmonization of Standards

An overview on the implementation of the IPPC standards

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The importance of harmonization of phytosanitary measures

• Harmonized plant health standards, the ISPMs, provide assurances to all those applying them in trade that the commodities being exported and imported are free from harmful pests and diseases.

• The application of the ISPMs developed harmoniously reduces confusion and endless negotiations between trading partners as concerns processes and procedures for market access.

➢ The IPPC has within its framework and governance procedures the component on implementation of the Convention and its standards.
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**IPPC initiatives:**

1. It is in our agenda to develop a **M&E framework** for the implementation of the new **IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030**, however it is still at concept stage.
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**IPPC initiatives:**

2. **Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS):**
   - Review the extent to which contracting parties and their NPPOs implement the IPPC and its standards and identify ways to support improved implementation.
   - Two general surveys on implementation of the IPPC and ISPMs (2012 and 2016)
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IPPC initiatives: Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

Figure 1: Implementation of ISPMs – highest level of implementation highlighted
An overall monitoring framework for the implementation of the standards

**IPPC initiatives:** Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

Figure 2: Implementation of ISPMs – lowest level of implementation highlighted
An overall monitoring framework for the implementation of the standards

IPPC initiatives: Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

Factors influencing implementation:
• This ISPM is not very relevant
• This ISPM is highly or moderately relevant
• This standard is easy/difficult to implement
• There are (in)sufficient qualified personnel to support implementation
• (In)sufficient support for financial resources (such as budget and funding)
• (In)sufficient infrastructure supporting the implementation of this ISPM
• (In)sufficient facilities supporting the implementation of this ISPM
• Insufficient/good communication and coordination among stakeholders
• (Non-)availability of long-term supporting policies and operational plans
An overall monitoring framework for the implementation of the standards

**IPPC initiatives:**

3. **ePhyto solution**, in which is a great tool to monitor how ISPM 12 is being implemented.

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As of Oct 2021 – IPPC ePhyto solution
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- **International cooperation is key.**

- **Implementation of the IPPC involves collaboration** by national plant protection organizations (NPPOs).

- Through the **suite of ISPMs** and **capacity development programmes**, the Commission provides the framework for the NPPOs and the support to help NPPOs build capacity to carry out their functions.
Thank you

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