

**Summary Report of Special Group Meeting on Strategic Planning under the
Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine of the APPPC
7-10 February 2006
Bangkok, Thailand**

1. Title, Date and Venue

The Special Group Meeting on Strategic Planning under the Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine of the APPPC was held at the Grand China Princess Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand, from 7-10 February 2006.

The meeting was organized by FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific.

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3. Attendance

The meeting was attended by 13 participants from 9 countries – Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam (See Annex 1 attached).

4. Objectives

The specific purpose of the workshop was to discuss the future activities of the APPPC and to prepare a strategic plan, a business plan and proposals relating to financial mechanisms for future development.

5. Programme Results

The strategic plan and business plan of APPPC for 2007-2008 as well as a tentative action plan of the Special Group for Strategic Planning (SGSP), APPPC were drafted for submission to the 25th Session of APPPC after consultation with member countries. During the meeting it was concluded that:

- the APPPC is an increasingly valuable adjunct to each country's plant protection programme, providing opportunities for contact development and discussion

- the APPPC has been involved with promotion of IPM and management of pesticides in the region
- the APPPC has produced a number of regional phytosanitary standards which has provided valuable experience for members
- the increased staff and resources are required for the operation of a fully functional Secretariat of APPPC
- members need to cooperate in the delivery of an expanded work programme
- it would be desirable for APPPC members to accept the revised texts of the APPPC Agreement (1983 and 1999) in order for the texts to come into force
- there is urgent need for capacity development and training particularly in the area of standards implementation
- the Secretariat will endeavour to develop the information management system for members within the resources available

It is believed that with increased resources, the APPPC will be able to more effectively assist the member countries in improving plant health status within the region, by executing new activities and undertaking new programmes.

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