"Harmonization of SALB surveillance system in rubber growing countries in Asia & Pacific Region"

SLAB Workshop - Group II

Why need to harmonize?

- Use the same method, quite easy to use
- For sharing data, for refinement of the mitigation,
- SALB is not present in Asian countries, access information in case of importation.
- Operational work plan for surveillance.

Reasons:

- SALB is not know to occur in rubber growing countries in the Asia and Pacific region;
- For early SALB detection and SALB management.

Purpose: Implementation of SALB surveillance system in rubber growing countries in Asia and Pacific region is to create a pest free area for SALB that can be facilitated for trade of agriculture products from SALB region.

Identify and understand target pest: SALB

Identify host of target pest: Heave spp.

Review of previous surveys and survey plan: Surveillance of plant pests in rubber tree had been done in each rubber growing countries with their own standard following ISPM6.

Record the area on climate, topography, location coordinate:

Temperature, humidity and rainfall (highest, average and lowest figures); topography (flat or slope land); Coordinates (characteristics of places, field sites and sampling sites):

Sample site and size: Minimum requirements are: One point/5ha, 10 plants/point for mature plant, 20 plants/point for young plant and 30 plants/point for nursery plant.

How to choose the site for sampling: High risk areas of SALB shall be chosen (e.g. near to the airport, seaport, and other ports of entry).

Timing: Surveillance shall be carried-out 2 times/year (April - when refoliation and July – when climatic condition is suitable for SALB establishment and development)

Data collection: Following ISPM6 and for better consistency of P-tracker

Sample collection method: Diseased new leave, fruits, stems, green twigs and inflorescences to be collected.

Data management method: Data from SALB surveillance should be kept in computer and hard copy and better to use data management provided by P-tracker.

Personnel involved – Role and responsibility: Quarantine inspectors, rubber researchers, extension officers and rubber growers.

- NPPO should prepared work plan, budget, manpower, equipment and tools for SALB surveillance.
- All surveyors should followed approved work plan.

Permission to visit rubber plantation: No requirement for quarantine inspector but for other surveyors, they need to send document to rubber grower from 2-3 days before doing surveillance.

Perform pilot survey: Pilot survey requirements are prepared in the surveillance program and approved included with work plan of the SALB surveillance.

Perform full-scale survey: After completing pilot survey, full-scale survey shall be prepared and completed.

Analyzed data: Using Excel 5.0 of suitable analyze program to analyze collected data.

Report results: NPPO has responsible to report the results of the SALB surveillance to the APPPC, relevent stakeholders and other concern NPPOs.

