

**REPORT OF THE APPPC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON
THE PREPARATION OF APPPC'S WORK PLAN FOR 2016-2017
13-15 May 2015
Bangkok, Thailand**



Executive summary

The APPPC working group meeting on the preparation of APPPC's work plan for 2016-2017 was convened from 13-15 May 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand with participation of Chair and Vice-Chairs of the 28th Session of APPPC, Chair and Vice-Chairs of APPPC three Standing Committees and members of APPPC Standing Committee. The meeting reviewed the implementation of the work plan adopted at the 28th Session, discussed the work plan for the remaining period of current biennium and the draft work plan for 2016-2017 (to be submitted to the 29th Session, to be held 7-11 September 2015 for discussion and adoption). Associated estimated costings for the activities for remaining period of 2014-2015, a tentative budget of the work plan for 2016-2017 as well as possible level of assessed contribution of contracting countries during 2016-2017 relevant to the tentative work plan and the budget concerned, were discussed. The proposed recommendation to the 29th session will be to request a 5% increase of the total amount of the current budget in consideration of impact of inflation and cost increases for the next biennium followed by a 10% increase for the 2018-19 biennium.

1. Introduction

The meeting participants introduced themselves. Dr Yongfan Piao, Executive Secretary of the APPPC, FAO, welcomed all the participants and outlined the objective of the meeting – to

prepare a draft work programme for the APPPC for the 2016-17 period for the approval of the 29th session of the APPPC.

Dr Piao noted that the meeting would look first at the programme for the remainder of this biennium.

2. Election of chairperson and rapporteur

Dr. Kyu-Ock YIM, Chair of the 28th Session of APPPC, was elected as chair and Dr John Hedley, Vice Chair of the 28th Session of APPPC, elected as rapporteur.

Dr Yim presented a short statement on the intentions of the meetings and the recent work of the APPPC. The leading role of the APPPC has been recognised. The region has a mixture of developing and developed countries that provides a wide range of experience for the commission. Dr Yim noted the excellent work of the Secretary of the APPPC.

3. Update on APPPC activities – Dr Piao, FAO

Dr Piao described the inputs into the development of ISPMs with the 14th and 15th Regional workshops. There were also pre-CPM meetings.

Regarding the implementation of ISPMs, the programme has included workshops on system approaches and surveillance information management. A joint workshop with NAPPO on ISPM 15 was held in Beijing, 10-14 June 2014, with 40 delegates from 15 countries. This meeting shared experiences, identified constraints and provided a clear picture of the status of ISPM 15 in 15 countries.

An APPPC workshop on SALB was held in Bangkok, 12-16 January 2015. This introduced the P-tracker for the reporting of pests in line with the requirements of ISPM 17. The meeting outlined potential follow up action plans which included proposals for actions by countries. Suggestions for regional collaboration were made.

A workshop on building understanding and preparedness for ePhyto was held in Bangkok, 28-31 October 2014. Country status was shared. The discussion helped participants understand the technical issues of ePhyto and updated them on developments with the system.

Dr Piao noted the field projects which included capacity development with the implementation of pest surveillance and information management in GMS countries and strengthening Plant Protection institutional capacity in Mongolia.

With information exchange, the APPPC website has been migrated along with the IPP. Several hardcopy publications have been published.

A regional workshop on the practical aspects of pesticide risk assessment and phasing out of HHPs was held in China, 19-22 May 2014, with 15 countries taking part. A working group for the facilitation of information exchange on pesticide management was established. A training

workshop on the code of conduct of pesticide management was held in Nepal, 26-30 January 2015. A workshop on *Bactrocera* fruit fly surveillance, taxonomy and identification and area-wide management was held in Bangkok, 9-11 May 2014.

Under the Pesticide Risk reduction in SE Asia a number of meetings were held.

Thailand noted an ASEAN meeting on the ASEAN single window and the introduction of ePhyto. More collaboration needs to be established – as the APPPC has a wider membership than ASEAN.

There are some difficulties in joining single window systems with an ePhyto system. Indonesia described their developments in this area.

Dr Yim noted that Korea has set up a link with the Netherlands for ePhyto. Such developments are happening elsewhere. The ePhyto meeting to be held in Korea in November 2015 is to be focussed on the implementation of ePhyto.

4. Update on IPPC activities – Dr Kyu-Ock Yim and Dr Hedley

Dr Yim noted:-

- The developments in the last two CPMs. She listed the ISPMs that were adopted at the last meetings. The results of the two meetings on the Framework of standards and implementation were briefly described. The implementation programme has begun with surveillance being the first item to be worked on.
- The Secretariat enhancement evaluation has been completed by an FAO group and the report posted on the IPP. Comments on the evaluation are to be sent by contracting parties to the CPM Chair. The ePhyto hub study was reported at CPM and this led to the approval of the development of a hub. Provisional funds are available from the STDF. The global symposium on ePhyto will be held in Korea in November. The many IPPC meetings were listed.
- The formal objections to several drafts at CPM led to the establishment of a group to look at the concept of standards and commodity standards. The range of subjects under the Framework was noted and this is to be discussed further. The work programme is to be examined again before final decisions are made
- There is to be an International Year of Plant Health in 2020. The intent is to increase awareness and funding.
- A new IPPC Secretary has been appointed.

Dr Hedley reported on the recent IPPC SC meeting. The SC agreed:

- that the terms – contaminating pest and contamination and endangered area – be approved for member consultation but will not go forward till more terms available to be presented for member consultation.
- the draft of International movement of wood products and handicrafts made from wood be re-examined. It will be limited to handicrafts only and not cover manufactured or crafted products. Additional treatments need to be developed; the certificate of compliance system needs further examination; the matter of PRA for the

- justification of all items should be reconsidered; the matter of commercial v.s. person imports should be addressed further.
- the two treatments for addition/revision to ISPM 15 (sulphuryl fluoride fumigation and dielectric heating) be approved for member consultation.
 - the draft annex on phytosanitary pre-import clearance be approved for member consultation – called Arrangements for verification of compliance of consignments by the importing country in the exporting country.
 - the draft ISPM International movement of cut flowers and branches be revised. The SC would prefer to include branches that the EWG excluded.
 - the specification for Requirements for the use of phytosanitary treatments as phytosanitary measures be approved.
 - the draft on the determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly proceed for member consultation and that it has the relevant paragraphs open for commenting.
 - the draft on the international movement of growing media in association with plants for planting be examined by a subgroup and a revised version prepared.
 - the draft on the international movement of wood be re-examined by the TPFQ taking into account the conclusions of the working group on commodity standards.

The SC then discussed the revision of the standard setting procedure that the SC-7 meeting was to consider. The understanding of the term phytosanitary measures was debated at length – with the result that there was no agreement. The reports of the Technical panels were presented. The SC prepared an initial list of topic proposals for CPM 11 discussion on concept and implementation issue related to draft or implemented standards.

The SC elected a new SC chair - Dr Jan Bart Rossel from Australia.

5. Consideration of existing APPPC plans (2014-2015)

The meetings already held in the present biennium were noted: Systems approach, Pre-CPM, Surveillance information management– held in Malaysia, ISPM15, Planning group, ePhytos, review of draft ISPMs, SALB working group, improvement of APPPC website and publications, Standing committee on IPM activity on fruit fly workshop, Standing committee on pesticide management activities of workshop on practical aspects of pesticide risk assessment and phasing out highly hazardous pesticides as well as a training workshop on revised international code of conduct on pesticide management, etc.

6. Development of work plans

6.1: Work plan for the remainder of the 2014-2015 biennium

Items considered for the remainder of the biennium:

1. Sampling – to be left till the 29th Session – to work on more detail and will be reconsidered at the 29th Session
2. Training workshop on pest surveillance – to move to Feb 2016
3. Development of long-term program of the surveillance-A working group led by New Zealand with participation of Australia, Korea, Thailand and Philippines will prepare a

draft long term program of the surveillance for discussion during the 29th Session (some recommendations proposed by the global symposium and the regional workshop on ISPM6 would be revisited for development of long term program of the surveillance).

4. Regional workshop on review of draft ISPMs – to be implemented in October, 2015 in Korea
5. Information exchange—the working group activities will be discussed at the 29th Session; other activities such as maintaining APPPC website, staffing assistance and publications will be continually implemented
6. SALB workshop in Brazil– leave till next year
7. IPM – case study workshop in May, 2015
8. ISPM 14 – to be implemented this year in November. This would be organised by Australia and New Zealand (Glynne Maynard etc) Concept paper plus programme required by August.
9. The 29th session – to take place. Venue is decided.

6.2: Recommendations for the work plan for the 2016-2017 biennium to be presented to the 29th Session of the APPPC

The work plans cover 3 Standing Committees (Plant Quarantine, IPM and Pesticide Management)

A number of projects were discussed:

Pest Free areas (PFAs) standards implementation

It was suggested that this could include surveillance design and delivery, data collection and management, and reporting. Some participants felt that PFAs were too difficult in Asia – so the project should concentrate on surveillance. Other participants suggested that a working group could consider other pests e.g. mango pulp weevil or mango seed weevil, or look at general requirements, or consider ALPP for fruit flies but not PFAs.

Therefore, the working group should consider including more pests not just fruit flies. This work will be part of the 6 year surveillance plan.

RSPM for Hot water treatment for fruit flies in mangoes

This treatment was considered for a treatment RSPM because: there is considerable data available to support it; a number of countries use and accept it; it is more readily used by developing countries and also covers a range of fruit flies. This could lead to wider based effective treatments. The establishment of this treatment would require a thorough examination of the data. It was suggested that an exporting country leads this project. This will be discussed further at the session.

Information systems for pest surveillance and reporting

A workshop would provide practical training to expand the use of the p-tracker and SIMS to another 8 countries. This would be a commodity based pest surveillance proposal and be part of the 6 year plan. The project depends on STDF support. The APPPC needs to take account of the material prepared by the IRSS. There could be input from the experts from the manual review meeting (Mr. Chris Dale and Mr. Paul Stevens).

ISPM 15

It was suggested that the APPPC continue the development of ISPM 15 in two areas – with consideration of a revision of ISPM 15 to deal with certain problems and to develop a training programme on a worldwide basis to help NPPOs and industry implement ISPM 15.

There was no support for this from the meeting participants so it was suggested that the APPPC wait for the revision of ISPM 15, and that the APPPC could consider training programmes at that stage.

ePhyto proposal

This proposal, a pilot project to assist 6 countries adopt the global framework - two in each of the next three years, complements the IPPC hub project. All progress would be reported to the APPPC.

Australian officials would help to develop a country's system. A Readiness Assessment would be used in the selection of the countries to be involved by the steering group.

This region was selected as there is considerable diversity within the region. What can be learnt in this region would be more than other regions. There would be a large roll out after the project is complete and the information gathered can be used. The project would be funded by participating countries – this could be in the form of worktime. The programme is supported and will be presented to the 29th Session.

SALB – additional projects

The Brazil training is held up so other work should be undertaken. There is an information gap is still present. The Brazil workshop is to concentrate on diagnostics. It was suggested that the group pursue :

(a) the Brazil meeting and (b) a workshop – with a subject to be discussed at the biennial session. There have been a number of proposals made earlier regarding surveillance, the development of a diagnostic protocol for SALB pathogen or a full-scale survey.

There could be contact SALB points in rubber growing countries in the region, which will allow the SALB working group to work more effectively.

Working group on surveillance

In order to deal with a number of proposals, it was proposed that a six year framework plan be developed. This is noted in the activities for the remainder of the 2014-15 biennium and will be discussed at the 29th session. Activities could include generic systems or specific regional pests. Australia noted that if the STDF proposal did not eventuate, funds could be used for implementing an activity consistent with the plan. A working group was established to develop a plan - Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Thailand and Philippines. Led by New Zealand – 50,000 USD.

Integrated pest management programme

A workshop on fruit fly was proposed. An expert workshop on sharing farmer empowerment was proposed too. It was stated that more discussions would be needed at the 29th Session for final decision on activities of the Standing Committee on IPM.

Pesticide management

APPPC has conducted two workshops regarding highly hazardous chemical workshop and a code of conduct workshop. As many regulatory authorities have to deal with counterfeit pesticides it was suggested that there be a focussed workshop on these illegal pesticides. This could be finalised at the 29th Session.

Information exchange working group

The working group activities could be discussed at the 29th Session. The website maintenance, staff support should continue. There are a great range of activities that could be undertaken by an information group from non-compliance notification, pest alerts or specific topic working groups. This could be discussed further at the 29th session.

Thailand, Malaysia and New Zealand are considering offering to host the next APPPC meeting.

7. Estimated costs of the work plans and level of mandatory contributions by contributing contracting countries for 2016-2017

7.1: Cost of work plan for the remainder of the 2014-2015 biennium

The meeting discussed the costings of the work programme elements. A number of these were postponed to the next biennium.

Estimated costs of the work programme for the remainder of the 2014-2015 biennium

No.	Activity Planned	Potential activities for 2015	Estimated costs (US \$)
1	Regional workshop on review of draft ISPMs – continue	To be organized in collaboration with Korean NPPO on Oct. 2015 in Korea	Voluntary contribution
2	Development of long-term program of the surveillance	A WG led by NZL with participation of Australia, Korea, Thailand and Philippines will prepare a draft long term program of the surveillance for discussion during the 29th Session. Present material including recommendations from the Global symposium on pest surveillance will be considered.	No cost
3	ISPM 14 implementation: Production of resource materials and one workshop	Led by Australia 2 Nov. 2015	50,000
4	Information exchange programme: - Working group (led by Malaysia with Australia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Tonga, Thailand, and Vietnam as members) on information exchange will continue functioning -Continual quarterly based monitoring and summary, updates/uploads and migration to the new platform; - Staffing and assistance/maintenance -Publication: “Progress in pesticide risk analysis and phasing out highly hazardous pesticides in Asia”	<i>-WG led by Malaysia (shift to the next biennium)</i>	30,000
5	SC-IPM: Case studies on IPM, joint workshop with regional PRR program, etc.	Will be organizing from 19-22 May, 2015 in Beijing, China in collaboration with China	30,000
6	29 th Session of APPPC	To be held from 7-11 September 2015 in Bali,	Funding from other source

No.	Activity Planned	Potential activities for 2015	Estimated costs (US \$)
		Indonesia	
	Subtotal of the costs:		110,000
	Overhead charge (13% of total amount)		14,300
	Total costs		124,300

7.2: *Cost of recommended work plan for the 2016-2017 biennium to be presented to the 29th Session of the APPPC*

The costing depends partly on the increase in the level of contributions approved by contracting members.

Work plan budget for 2016-2017 to be presented to the 29th Session

No.	Activity Planned	Remarks	Estimated budget (US\$)
1	pest surveillance workshop-the title and main context will be finalized at the 29th session <i>(Initial proposal: Pest free area standards implementation workshop)</i>	Led by Australia, Feb. 2016 (Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia may discuss more detail later through emails as a group)	50,000
2	Information systems for pest surveillance and reporting	Led by Australia, (2016-2017) (with supplementary collaboration with the STDF project)	25,000
3	ePhyto-Implementing a global ePhyto framework into APPPC countries	Led by Australia/ePhyto WG-APPCC 2016-2017, following years	40,000 with in-kind support from participating countries)
4	Regional workshop on review of draft ISPMs	Korea, 2016, 2017	Korea fund
5	Development of RSPMs-hot water treatment of mangoes	Led by? (identify the country at the 29 th Session)	25,000

	for fruit fly species		
6	SALB working group will continue - Visit to Brazil - A workshop	Led by Malaysia	40,000
7	<i>ISPM 15</i>	Need more discussions at the 29 th Session	
8	<i>ISPM 31 – Sampling is a big issue for some countries. This exercise will be led by Indonesia.</i>	Led by Indonesia (whether continue or remove the item will be discussed at the 29 th Session)	30,000
9	Information exchange programme. -The working group will continue -Website maintenance, update and monitoring at quarterly basis -staffing assistance -publications	The WG will be led by Malaysia.	70,000
10	Planning group meeting to be held before 29 th Session.	Held in Bangkok, 13-15 May 2015	25,000
11	SC-IPM		50,000
12	SC-Pesticide management		50,000
13	Pre-CPM consultation.	At the CPM venue	No cost
14	30 th Session of APPPC	Hosted by Thailand? NZL? Malaysia? Will be decided at the 29 th Session	FAO
Sub total			405,000 (from assessed contributions)
	13% of service charge		52,650
Total			457,650

7.3: Level of mandatory contributions by contributing contracting countries for 2016-2017

With a 10% increase, contributions would amount to \$391,545. The carry-over could be \$120,000. Total would be US \$511, 545. With 5% increase, the contributions would amount to 373,748, the potential amount to be carried-over from current biennium would be 120,000\$. The total would be US \$ 493,748.

It was suggested that countries provide a small increase in contributions this biennium with a 10% increase in the following biennium. Some countries wanted a zero increase this biennium. It was noted that if there is no increase, the limited budget would make implementation of the work plan difficult and the potential carry-over to the next biennium (2018-2019) would be much smaller. This latter point may affect the implementation of the activities planned in the next biennium. The proposed recommendation to the 29th Session will be to request a 5% increase of total amount of the assessed contribution, recognizing the impact of inflation and cost increases in the next biennium, and follow this with a 10% for the 2018-19 biennium.

Table 1: Various budget levels with increase of 0%, 5%, and 10% compared with the current biennium (2014-2015) and corresponding scales of assessed contributions of APPPC contracting parties for 2016-2017 based on the UN scale of assessments for 2015

APPPC member countries endorsing mandatory contributions	UN scale of assessments for 2015	APPPC Scale for 2016-2017	Sharing of different budgets (US\$) for 2016-2017		
			0% increase	5% increase	10% increase
			355,950	373,748	391,545
Australia	2.074	22.000	78,309	82,224	86,140
China	5.148	22.000	78,309	82,224	86,140
Republic of Korea	1.994	22.000	78,309	82,224	86,140
DPR Korea	0.006	0.097	345	363	380
Fiji	0.003	0.049	173	181	190
India	0.666	10.770	38,336	40,253	42,170
Indonesia	0.346	5.595	19,917	20,912	21,908
Malaysia	0.281	4.544	16,175	16,984	17,792
New Zealand	0.253	4.091	14,563	15,291	16,020
Pakistan	0.085	1.375	4,893	5,137	5,382

Philippines	0.154	2.490	8,865	9,308	9,751
Sri Lanka	0.025	0.404	1,439	1,511	1,583
Thailand	0.239	3.865	13,757	14,445	15,133
Viet Nam	0.042	0.679	2,418	2,538	2,659
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	36	37	39
Cambodia	0.004	0.010	36	37	39
Lao PDR	0.002	0.010	36	37	39
Timor-Leste	0.002	0.010	36	37	39
Total	11.334	100.000	355,950	373,748	391,545

Notes:

1. Assessment of Member States' contributions of the United Nations regular budget for the year 2015 (ST/ADM/SER.B/910 dated 29 December 2014).
Reference: http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/ADM/SER.B/910
2. On 24 December 2012, acting by consensus, the General Assembly at its 67th session retained the existing formula for assessing Member States' financial contributions to the UN regular budget during the period 2013-2015. The UN scale of assessment is subject to a maximum assessment rate of 0.01 percent for the least developed countries (LDCs) as well as a maximum assessment rate of 22 percent, as set out in Items 5(g) and 5(h) respectively on Page 2 of the UN General Assembly's resolution 67/238 (A/RES/67/238). The scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are the same, as set out in Item 11 on Page 2 of the UN General Assembly's resolution 67/238.
Reference: www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/67/238
3. It is proposed that the % share of contributions by each of the four least developed countries (LDCs) including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR and Timor-Leste does not exceed 0.010 percent, and the % of contributions by each of the three countries including Australia, China and the Republic of Korea does not exceed 22 percent.
4. The list of Least Developed Countries is available on the website of the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) (<http://www.unohrlls.org>).

8. Administrative matters

- Membership of APPPC

Dr Piao said there was no change in the membership. Bhutan is working on membership but administrative matters are delaying this. Japan is still considering membership.

- Acceptance of the 1999/1988 amendments

Nepal is working on approving the new agreement. Some administrative issues delaying this. Three countries have agreed to the agreement - Australia, Korea and East Timor. It was suggested that some historical points (SALB) be made at the next biennial meeting. Dr Piao suggested that the SALB group consider this rather than a biennial session. The chair mentioned the efforts of the commission in dealing with the concerns of rubber growing countries and that all the issues have been dealt with. Continued discussion of these subjects is probably not necessary.

- Preparation of the 29th Session of APPPC

Indonesia introduced some proactive arrangements for hosting the 29th Session. The inclusion of more plant protection officers in country delegations, meeting their own costs, was encouraged as the three standing committees will discuss broad areas of plant protection.

9. Other business

The matter of hosting the 2017 session was noted. Three countries (Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand) expressed their intention of offering the host. A letter to the Secretary offering to host the meeting has to be sent before the 29th Session, the Session will decide the hosting country.

The regional workshop on draft ISPMs will be held in Jeju Island in Korea in the week of 19th October. One expert from each country will be invited. Each country should submit comments before the meeting. There could be some updates on the SPG discussions. Dr Yim noted the good participation at previous meetings.

10. Closure of the meeting

The meeting was closed by Dr Yim. She thanked the participants for their input and the Secretariat for preparing the meeting. Dr Piao also thanked participants for their work in preparing the draft biennial programme.

Timetable

Wednesday 13 May 2015

- 09:00-09:30 Registration
- 09:30-09:40 **Agenda 1: Welcome to participants**
- 09:40-09:50 **Agenda 2: Consideration of agenda** – amendment and approval
- 09:50-10:00 **Agenda 3: Update on APPPC activities** – Dr Piao, FAO
- 10:00-10:30 **Agenda 4: Update on IPPC activities** – Dr Kyu-Ock Yim and Dr Hedley
- 10:30-10:50 Coffee break
- 10:50-11:30 **Agenda 5: Consideration of existing APPPC plans (2014-2015)**
- 11:30-12:30 Continuation of Agenda 5
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-16:00 **Agenda 6: Development of work plans**
Agenda 6.1: Work plan for the remainder of the 2014-2015 biennium
- 16:00-16:20 Coffee break
- 16:20-17:30 **Agenda 6.2:** Recommendations for the work plan for the 2016-2017 biennium to be presented to the 29th Session of the APPPC
- The work plans cover 3 Standing Committees (Plant Quarantine, IPM and Pesticide Management)
- 18.30 Welcome dinner

Thursday 14 May 2015

- 08:30-10:00 **Agenda 7: Estimated costs of the work plans and level of mandatory contributions by contributing contracting countries for 2016-2017**
Agenda 7.1: Cost of work plan for the remainder of the 2014-2015 biennium
- 10:00-10:30 **Agenda 7.2:** Cost of recommended work plan for the 2016-2017 biennium to be presented to the 29th Session of the APPPC

- 10:30-10:50 Coffee break
- 10:50-12:30 Continuation of Agenda 7.2
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-16:00 **Agenda 7.3:** Level of mandatory contributions by contributing contracting countries for 2016-2017
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:20-17:30 Continuation of Agenda 7.3

Friday 15 May 2015

- 08:30-10:30 **Agenda 8: Administrative matters**
- Membership of APPPC
 - Acceptance of the 1999/1988 amendments
 - Preparation of the 29th Session of APPPC
- 10:30-10:50 Coffee-break
- 10:50-12:30 Continuation of Agenda 8
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch-break
- 14:00-16:00 **Agenda 9: Other business**
- 16:00-16:20 Coffee break
- 16:20-17:30 Wrap-up and closure of the meeting

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