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IPPC IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW AND SUPPORT SYSTEM (IRSS)

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
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Agenda Item 11(b) - Monitoring of the Use of International Standards

The following communication, received on 21 June 2013, is being circulated at the request of the International Plant Protection Convention secretariat (IPPC).

1. The IRSS is a cross-cutting activity in the IPPC secretariat and involves close collaboration between the three principal IPPC Secretariat units, Standard Setting, Capacity Development and National Reporting Obligations, as well as with the principal governance structures of the IPPC, the CPM Bureau, Standard Setting, Dispute Settlement and Capacity Development. A Triennial Review Group has been established comprising of members from the above structures and the IPPC secretariat.
2. The table below outlines the principal activities of the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS).

Activity	Outcome
<p>IRSS Webpage on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) which includes the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Profiles Area • Helpdesk and Tools including a discussion area, FAQs and access to useful databases • IRSS activities area which includes posting of IRSS surveys and documents repository 	<p>Countries are encouraged to enter their Profile data into the system. The Question and Answer Forum is now open and contracting parties are asked to use the tool.</p>
<p>Review of the implementation of ISPM 13 (2001) – Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action Results of the survey "Analysis of survey results on implementation of ISPM13:(2001) – Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action" were analyzed and communicated to the Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement (SBDS) meeting held in March 2013. The SBDS used the results as baseline information for their discussion on the review of roles and functions of the SBDS.</p>	<p>Report posted on IRSS Activities webpage. A table of follow-up actions was developed by the IRSS and fine-tuned by the IPPC Capacity Development Committee (CDC) in December of 2012. Follow-up actions were presented to CPM-8 for consideration.</p>
<p>General survey on the implementation of the IPPC and adopted Standards. This survey covered 34 standards and the principal obligations under the Convention.</p>	<p>Feedback received from 73 Contracting Parties. Draft report on preliminary findings prepared with main draft report expected by July 2013.</p>
<p>ISPM 17:(2002) – Pest Reporting & ISPM 19:(2003) – Guidelines on lists of regulated pests Questionnaire has been finalized, translated into Russian, French, Spanish, English and Arabic, and deployed to NPPOs on 24 June 2013.</p>	<p>Respondents have been given 12 weeks to submit their responses. Deadline for survey submission is 24 September 2013.</p>

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<p>IRSS Study: Implementation Challenges and Best Practices of ISPM6: (1997) – Guidelines for Surveillance – Based on the results, the Asia region conducted a symposium in October 2012 on the subject. The symposium used the ISPM6 data to determine the content of manuals on pest surveillance to be developed post symposium.</p>	<p>Draft frameworks for surveillance manuals prepared and presented to CDC DEC 2012. Work on-going to develop a pest surveillance manual.</p>
<p>Suggested Actions for possible capacity development activities based on the following IRSS studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the Implementation of ISPM6: (1997) – Guidelines for Surveillance 2. Review of the Implementation of ISPM4: (1995) – Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas 3. Review of the Implementation of ISPM8: (1998) – Determination of pest status in an area 4. ISPM13: (2001) – Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action 5. ISPM 15: (2009) – Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade 	<p>Presented to CPM-8 April 2013 here: "https://www.ippc.int/sites/default/files/documents//1360681528_CPM_2013_1_NF_04_IRSS_Overview_20.pdf"</p>
<p>IPPC Recommendations based on the Aquatic Plants study and the Internet Trade in Plants study were developed and subsequently introduced to CPM-8 2013 for consideration. "https://www.ippc.int/sites/default/files/documents//1361890745_CPM_2013_17_Rev1_Recommendations.pdf"</p>	<p>CPM-8 2013 invited further comments from contracting parties on the proposed recommendations. The revised Recommendations will be presented at CPM-9. Additional comments may be made at the IPPC Strategic Planning Group meeting, Rome, Italy in October 2013</p>
<p>Preparation of the Implementation Review Report (IRR): This document summarizes the IRSS activities and outputs over the past three years of operation. The report will provide a snapshot of the challenges identified for implementation of the IPPC and Standards. It will propose some actions to be taken based on analyses and desk studies that have been conducted.</p>	<p>Preparation of the report will begin mid-July 2013 and should be ready for the CPM-9.</p>
<p>IRSS Future Steps: A concept note is in the final stage of preparation. The concept note has undergone wide consultation with subsidiary bodies of the IPPC. The document outlines the future direction and focus of work to be taken by IRSS as it enters its second cycle.</p>	<p>The proposal is expected to be finalized by end July 2013. The work plan developed from this exercise will form the future</p>
<p>IRSS Concept Note – Indicator Development The IRSS will initiate a work on identification of indicators to strengthen the quality and sustainability of the IPPC and its standards. This work comes at a time when the IPPC is contemplating the broader issues of implementation in the convention.</p>	<p>The Bureau supported the IRSS proposal to work on phytosanitary Indicators and recognized its importance as a measure of the outputs and impact of the IPPC. This work will be conducted over the course of the year.</p>