



**NAPPO**

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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

**Report of the NAPPO Secretariat on Implementation of the Strategic Plan - October 26, 2015**

When the NAPPO 2013-2015 Strategic Plan was adopted in 2013, the Executive Committee agreed that it should be monitored and reported on annually. The purpose of this report is to discuss key activities undertaken by NAPPO during 2015, particularly as these activities relate to implementing the Strategic Plan, as well as to highlight where work remains to be done.

The Executive Committee is invited to:

1. *Note* the results of this report.
2. *Appreciate* the results of this report in light of the ongoing Secretariat relocation.
3. *Comment* on the adequacy and continuation of this reporting format.

**Implementation of the Strategic Plan in 2015**

Goal Number	Activity / Result
<b>1. Protect North American plant resources, including the environment, from the introduction and spread of regulated plant pests</b>	
a. Apply a regional approach for phytosanitary measures, especially by developing standards and providing a framework and mechanism for implementing them	<p>In 2015 NAPPO assisted in organizing and delivering two regional workshops and will complete delivery of a third workshop in November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A BC workshop, with the Biocontrol EG, to assist with implementing the requirements for petition for first release of an entomophagous agents (RSPM 12)</li> <li>• A seed workshop, with the Seed EG, to evaluate the phytosanitary challenges and needs of the North American seed industry (RSPM 36)</li> <li>• An AGM workshop, with the AGM EG, to further the development and enhancement of AGM programs in North America; to provide hands-on training and illustrate practical considerations for implementing an AGM program; to determine where common approaches may be feasible; and to determine next steps toward implementation of a North American approach to AGM (RSPM 33)</li> </ul> <p>Furthermore, the 2015 Annual Meeting symposium is on Innovations in Risk Management to continue to promote a regional approach in the implementation of RSPM 40.</p>
b. Identify offshore threats (particular pests, pathways or both) that present significant risks to the NAPPO member countries and develop a scientific and technically sound harmonized approach to manage them, including where possible a regional approach to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 1a – AGM regional workshop.</li> <li>• The Pest Alert System was maintained and the unofficial pest alert product updated</li> <li>• <i>ST 02 - Trapping protocols for pests of fruit entering into NAPPO member countries</i> was finalized</li> </ul>

pest risk analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citrus EG developed a harmonized emerging pest template document for citrus (and other) pests and used it for Citrus Leprosis Virus</li> <li>• Citrus EG developed the area-wide management document for HLB</li> <li>• A project to examine risks associated with Lymantriids related to Asian Gypsy moth was initiated</li> <li>• GICSV meeting discussions on <i>Tuta absoluta</i>, <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> fs. <i>cubensis</i></li> </ul>
<b>2. Harmonize phytosanitary measures while facilitating trade and protecting the environment in the region</b>	
a. Develop high priority NAPPO standards and other NAPPO documents using science-based information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citrus EG finalized the area-wide management document for HLB</li> <li>• Specifications were approved to develop a standard on the use of systems approaches to manage pest risks associated with the movement of wood</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
b. Perform a comprehensive review to determine what standards should be developed, maintained, updated or archived. Review and update existing NAPPO standards using a priority and project-driven approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2015, the following RSPMs were revised and updated – RSPM 7, 12, 21, 26, 29, 33. The revision of RSPMs 3, 13 and 18 are ongoing.</li> <li>• Citrus EG updated treatment protocols for thermotherapy (TP 01) and shoot-tip micrografting (TP 02).</li> </ul>
c. Monitor and promote the implementation of standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 1a – all workshop activities are designed to improve the implementation of RSPMs – RSPM 12, RSPM 36 and RSPM 33.</li> <li>• Implementation Plans were updated where required.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Provide leadership in the international phytosanitary community</b>	
a. Promote the development of IPPC standards relevant to NAPPO member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO intervened in CPM 10 to advocate for the need for an international workshop on ISPM15, as an opportunity to improve its implementation</li> </ul>
b. Present and advocate for the use of relevant NAPPO standards as models for IPPC standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSPM 40 being considered for development of a concept ISPM on Pest Risk Management</li> </ul>
c. Conduct workshops in support of NAPPO strategic goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 1a.</li> <li>• NAPPO is working with several RPPOs in the design and delivery of the next ISPM 15 implementation workshop</li> </ul>
d. Participate and collaborate with the Inter-American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection, RPPOs, and other international organizations (e.g., NAFTA, IPPC, industry organizations) relevant to NAPPO activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO participated in a GICSV call in March and early October</li> <li>• NAPPO is collaborating with the IPPC in hosting the 27<sup>th</sup> Technical Consultation among RPPOs and providing support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group when requested.</li> <li>• NAPPO and EPPO have been working closely on several issues of mutual concern, for example on a document discussing lists of priority pests</li> <li>• NAPPO invited EPPO to make presentations at the seed and biological control workshops.</li> <li>• NAPPO representation to the EPPO biological control panel was formalized.</li> </ul>

<p>e. Contribute leadership at the Technical Consultation of RPPOs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO participated in the TC of RPPOs in 2014 and is hosting TC of RPPOs in 2015.</li> <li>• The NAPPO WG will attend the 2015 TC of RPPO.</li> <li>• NAPPO has assisted the GICSV to organize a side meeting during the TC of RPPO.</li> <li>• NAPPO is making every effort to have a member from the Caribbean Plant Health Directors Forum participate in the meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Promote and maintain the scientific and technical basis of NAPPO plant protection activities and phytosanitary measures</b></p>	
<p>a. Provide and promote a dynamic mechanism for the timely exchange of scientific and technically sound information among members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposing a different delivery format (in addition to the website) for newsletter delivery to stakeholders</li> <li>• Have reached out to IAG for list of industry meetings where they would suggest NAPPO be present</li> </ul>
<p>b. Promote the use and work to facilitate the implementation of effective technologies (e.g., ePhyto, pest detection &amp; identification and information exchange)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO working with EPPO so that NAPPO PAS can adopt their pest reporting software that directly integrates with the IPPC's pest reporting site.</li> <li>• An update on ePhyto will be presented at the Annual Meeting</li> <li>• Irradiation of commodities for consumption, heat treatment and certification for wood commodities, harmonized clean plan network to reduce the risk for plants for planting and risk-based sampling are topics in the Annual Meeting Risk Management Symposium</li> </ul>
<p>c. Strengthen partnerships with relevant research organizations to identify research needs which support NAPPO activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocation of the NAPPO Secretariat to the Centennial Campus of North Carolina State University and co-location with USDA-APHIS-PPQ Science and Technology offices and laboratories will undoubtedly result in collaboration to meet the research needs for NAPPO activities</li> <li>• Continued contact with the APS and co-development of a Symposium on regulatory science within ICE 2016.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Adopt a focused, priority and project-driven approach, within available resources</b></p>	
<p>a. Ensure that NAPPO processes and procedures are responsive to and reflect shared member country priorities and emerging issues (e.g., unexpected pest threats)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG members were responsible for collecting project proposals submitted by their countries</li> <li>• EC and WG have dedicated meeting time during the Annual Meeting to work on project prioritization</li> </ul>
<p>b. Establish procedures and/or mechanisms to organize resources (e.g., human and financial) to support this project-driven approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO budgets and travel documents have been clarified to improve transparency and allow for better decisions to be made on available resources – both human and financial</li> <li>• Scheduling of meetings and approvals has been adjusted to ensure timely initiation and implementation of projects.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Maintain Active Industry /Stakeholder Engagement in NAPPO Activity</b></p>	
<p>a. Establish procedures for soliciting and considering industry/stakeholder input on NAPPO priorities and future annual work plans. This may include specific activities at the Annual Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 100 personalized invitations to attend the Annual Meeting were sent to industry and other NAPPO stakeholders</li> <li>• Industry and other NAPPO stakeholders will vote on 2016 project proposals during the 2015 Annual Meeting</li> <li>• A new mechanism for soliciting input from</li> </ul>

	stakeholders will be operating at the 2015 Annual meeting
b. Develop and adopt terms of reference for future NAPPO expert groups which ensure consistent Industry/stakeholder representation, as appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The document on roles and responsibilities of the Expert Groups and their Chairpersons has been revised and updated by the NAPPO WG</li> <li>A statement of commitment is being considered as an approach to formalize the commitment of EG members</li> </ul>
c. Adopt other practical approaches to foster ongoing dialogue with industry/stakeholders on plant protection and trade harmonization issues through the IAG and its standing commodity group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the assistance of the IAG the document on the roles and responsibilities of industry in NAPPO has been revised and updated</li> <li>The updated NAPPO website platform has an industry corner to advertise industry meeting and events</li> <li>Knowledge topics on the international regulatory framework that guides plant protection will be presented at the Annual Meeting</li> <li>Have reached out to IAG for updated lists of representatives, and industry meetings where they would suggest NAPPO be present</li> </ul>
<b>7. Develop and implement ongoing NAPPO communication and promotion strategies</b>	
a. Clearly demonstrate and communicate the relevance and importance of NAPPO work and the importance of plant resources to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior officials in each member country</li> <li>Industry associations</li> <li>Other stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPPO was an invited speaker at the National Plant Board Meeting</li> <li>NAPPO was an invited speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> Seed Congress of the Americas</li> <li>NAPPO Secretariat developed the document NAPPO who, what and how to inform new stakeholders about this organization – IRS, state of NC, underwriters for the new NAPPO offices, etc.</li> <li>Filming of EC, WG and IAG interviews for inclusion into the Spotlight-on awareness-raising video will be conducted during the Annual Meeting</li> </ul>
b. Promote NAPPO’s role in plant protection and trade facilitation in NPPO budget considerations and advocate for appropriate resource provisions. Explore alternative communication mechanisms to disseminate information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ED was invited to address the APHIS-PPQ Management Team to inform them on NAPPO relocation and call for project proposals</li> <li>NAPPO co-developed a Symposium on the roles regulatory organizations for inclusion in ICE2016.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Modernize the business practices of NAPPO</b>	
a. Implement this strategic plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop, monitor and report on annual workplans to achieve these strategic goals</li> <li>Establish a transparent annual work program and prioritization procedure linked to the strategic goals and plan</li> <li>Establish a clear and predictable decision-making process to support a project-driven approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expert Groups will report the results of their projects during the first plenary of the Annual meeting</li> <li>Project prioritization for the 2016 work plan will follow the priorities discussed by the EC and WG in 2014</li> <li>WG submitted a project proposal for the assessment of Secretariat IT needs.</li> </ul>
b. Review and revise the annual meeting objective and format to reflect government and stakeholder needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2015 Annual Meeting format has been modified to more clearly communicate the results of the NAPPO work program to stakeholders</li> </ul>

<p>and resources taking into account the project-driven approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2015, stakeholders will have an opportunity to vote on the 2106 project proposals and these results will be considered by the NAPPO governing bodies as they rank the projects for the 2016 work program</li> </ul>
<p>c. Review the feasibility of adding French as another official NAPPO language in order to include North America’s francophone community and to expand the international influence of NAPPO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not feasible at this time</li> </ul>
<p>d. Identify technological gaps and needs in the Secretariat to improve efficiency in the dissemination of information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content manager for the NAPPO website was updated</li> <li>• New website has improved communication features and is a more efficient vehicle for the dissemination of information about NAPPO and its stakeholders</li> </ul>
<p>e. Enhance processes supporting overall transparency and accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project proposal format was updated in 2015</li> <li>• Continuation of the “Report to the Secretariat” format initiated in 2014</li> </ul>

