



NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

2016 NAPPO Work Program

Background

In July 2015, the NAPPO Secretariat opened its call for project proposals for the 2016 NAPPO Work Program. Projects were submitted to the national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) of the three NAPPO member countries, which provided their country's proposals to the Secretariat in September, 2015. In addition, some Expert Groups provided new proposals developed and agreed to by group members from all three countries; these were submitted directly to the NAPPO Secretariat.

The Secretariat compiled, translated and distributed all proposals to the NAPPO Executive Committee (EC), Advisory and Management Committee (AMC) and Industry Advisory Group (IAG) in late September. All submitted proposals were made available to stakeholders during the Annual Meeting in Memphis. Stakeholders were encouraged to vote on their top three project selections.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the EC, AMC and IAG conducted a preliminary review of the projects, including gauging the number of stakeholder votes received by each project. During November and December, the AMC solicited additional internal and external stakeholder input on each project proposal focusing on its priority for the country, its feasibility, and its relevance to the NAPPO mission of protecting North American plant resources while facilitating safe trade. The projects selected for this year's work program were the strongest overall in the following aspects:

- They were well aligned with the strategic priorities of the NPPOs of the three member countries and of the current NAPPO Strategic Plan.
- They addressed phytosanitary issues whose outcomes will have strong harmonization value for North America.
- They focused on pests that are of shared concern to the three NAPPO member countries.
- They required technical and scientific expertise that is available within the NPPOs of the three member countries.
- They included information on both the human and financial resources needed to complete the project.

Secretariat relocation and its impact on the 2016 NAPPO work program.

As the year begins, the NAPPO Secretariat is finalizing its relocation to the United States and working to proactively manage staffing changes and new ways of conducting NAPPO business in the United States. Furthermore, in 2016, the NAPPO Secretariat and the AMC are revising and updating all NAPPO foundational and procedural documents, while

developing ideas and approaches for consideration in the new five-year NAPPO Strategic Plan (2016-2020).

As a consequence of these key NAPPO transitions, the NAPPO EC felt it was prudent to be conservative in the number of new projects approved in 2016. As such, six (6) new projects were approved and added to the 2016 NAPPO Work Program. In addition, there are eleven (11) continuing NAPPO projects which bring the total number for this year's work program to seventeen (17).

The 2016 Expert Group member lists are posted on the NAPPO website at the following link (<http://www.nappo.org/english/directory/expert-groups>)

Below is the list of approved projects organised according to general topic area, and including a brief statement of the main objective and Expert Group in charge of the project.

AREA OF INTEREST	PROJECT TITLE	OBJECTIVE	EXPERT GROUP
Asian Gypsy Moth	NEW Validate specified risk periods for regulated Asian gypsy moth (AGM) in countries of origin	Review available data in AGM-regulated countries (Korea, Japan, Russia and China) to determine whether any changes in specified risk period should be considered and whether such changes would have an impact on the requirements of the vessel certification program	Asian Gypsy Moth
Biological Control	NEW Develop an online course to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent	Adapt the material used for the 2015 workshop on the topic, which was based on the requirements outlined in NAPPO RSPM 12	Biological Control
Electronic Phytosanitary Certification	Provide assistance and technical support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group	Provide input to the IPPC Steering Group, especially to help address mechanisms of exchange, security and secure transmission and standardization of data	eCert
Forestry	Continue preparations for a multi-region conference on ISPM 15 implementation, following the recommendation that came out of the NAPPO – APPPC workshop	Support the preparation of logistics (list of countries willing to participate; number of participants; proposed location and budget required) and a draft agenda	ISPM 15
	Develop a standard on the potential use of systems approaches to manage pest risks associated with the movement of wood	Develop an integrated measures approach which may include: inspections (at harvest, during production, prior to and or following	Systems Approach

		export), prescribed production activities; laboratory diagnostics; the application of treatments; the relationship between infested areas and pest free areas and general aspects of surveillance	
Grain	Finalise the review of RSPM 13, <i>Guidelines to establish, maintain and verify Karnal bunt pest free areas in North America</i>	Reach consensus on how to manage the issue of Pest Free Area in this case in order to finalise the revision of the standard	Grains - RSPM 13
	Develop a NAPPO discussion document in preparation for the IPPC Expert Working Group (EWG) tasked with the development of an ISPM on International Movement of Grain	Present the various perspectives of NAPPO member countries on this topic by June 15, 2016	Grains – International movement of grains
	NEW Develop a discussion document on a North American approach to preventing introduction, establishment and spread of Khapra beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>) in various pathways	Evaluate each NAPPO country's current regulatory approach to khapra beetle (prevention, detection and response) to identify similarities, differences and gaps and determine the feasibility of closing gaps and streamlining the approach	Khapra beetle
Lymantriids	Develop a NAPPO Science and Technology paper on the risks associated with Lymantriids of potential concern to the NAPPO region, identifying potential species and pathways of concern	Continue the development of a comprehensive examination of the Lymantriids to identify species of potential concern to North America which may travel on the same pathway as AGM in order to inform regulatory decision-making by all NAPPO member countries	Lymantriids
Phytosanitary Alert System	Manage the NAPPO pest reporting system (Phytosanitary Alert System – PAS)	Meet reporting obligations under the IPPC and facilitate awareness, detection, prevention and management of exotic plant pest species within North America	PAS
Advancing key phytosanitary concepts	Prepare a discussion document on diversion from intended use	Clearly organise the concepts of diversion from intended use into a discussion document to serve as future reference	Diversion from intended use
	NEW Provide guidance on assessing the likelihood of establishment component of	Develop harmonized regional guidance to assess the likelihood of pest establishment when	Likelihood of establishment

	a pest risk analysis for quarantine pests	developing a PRA. The results will refocus the application of risk management measures on only those pests that are likely to cause harm	
	NEW Organise an international symposium/workshop on inspection sampling to support proper and harmonized implementation of ISPMs 23 and 31 in the NAPPO region and internationally	Examine the relevant scientific and statistical concepts associated with inspection sampling, the operational and regulatory challenges of implementation, the outreach/in-reach efforts needed for acceptance and capacity building, and opportunities for harmonization. Create symposium proceedings as an enduring reference	Risk-based sampling (RBS) steering group
Potato	Revise the pest list for RSPM 3, <i>Movement of potatoes into a NAPPO member country</i>	Undertake the annual revision of the pest list	Potato
	Finalise the review of the existing RSPM 3, <i>Movement of potatoes into a NAPPO member country</i> to align it with ISPM 33, <i>Pest free potato (Solanum sp.) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade</i> and discuss any adjustments required by NAPPO member countries	Review comments received from the country consultation of the draft revision and make adjustments as required	Potato
	Revise Annex 6, <i>Pre-shipment testing for PVY^N</i> , while undertaking a full 5-year review of RSPM 3, <i>Movement of potatoes into a NAPPO member country</i>	Update the current Annex 6 of RSPM 3, based on the PVY TAG Science and Technology document finalised in 2013, while undertaking the 5-year review of RSPM 3	Potato
Seeds	NEW Develop harmonized criteria for evaluating phytosanitary seed treatments	Develop a science and technology document providing a list of criteria for evaluating phytosanitary seed treatments, as well as the identification of data gaps and research needs where they may exist	Seed