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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

EC-11 - Report of the NAPPO Secretariat on Implementation of the Strategic Plan - October 31, 2016

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 first and second reports on this strategic plan were provided in 2014 (by C. Devorshak) and 2015 (by S. Bloem).

This third and last report highlights activities undertaken by NAPPO in 2016 as they relate to implementing this Strategic Plan.

The Executive Committee is invited to:

1. *Note* the results of this report.
2. *Appreciate* the results of this report in light of the Secretariat relocation and hiring of new staff.
3. *Comment* on the adequacy and continuation of this reporting format as we move to report on the new 5-year Strategic Plan.

Implementation of the Strategic Plan in 2016

Goal Number	Activity / Result
1. Protect North American plant resources including the environment from the introduction and spread of regulated plant pests	
a. Apply a regional approach for phytosanitary measures, especially by developing standards and providing a framework and mechanism for implementing them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat and ISPM 15 EG organized and delivered a workshop on Implementation of ISPM 15 with emphasis on the Americas. • Plans are progressing for an International Symposium on Risk-Based Sampling, scheduled for June, 2017 to support proper and harmonized implementation of ISPMs 23 and 31 in the NAPPO region and internationally. • EG on Diversion from Intended Use – DFIU - finished their DD and prepared a draft specification that, if approved by the EC, will go out to CC in winter. • The 2016 AM symposium, on alternative service delivery, promotes a regional approach to the implementation of ISPM 7 and RSPMs 8, 9 and 28. • AGM EG delivered a workshop on Inspection Protocols for Vessel Certification for AGM, supporting implementation of RSPM 33.
b. Identify offshore threats (particular pests, pathways or both) that present significant risks to the NAPPO member countries and develop a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest Alert System was maintained. Forty-four official pest reports from the 3 member countries were posted from Jan.–mid-Oct., 2016. • Khapra beetle EG will soon finish a DD on a regional approach to prevent introduction and spread of Khapra

scientific and technically sound harmonized approach to manage them, including where possible a regional approach to pest risk analysis	<p>beetle in various pathways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymantriid EG working on a S&T document on risks associated with Lymantriids identifying potential species and pathways of concern • AGM EG working to validate specified risk periods for regulated Asian gypsy moth (AGM) in countries of origin
2. Harmonize phytosanitary measures while facilitating trade and protecting the environment in the region	
a. Develop high priority NAPPO standards and other NAPPO documents using science-based information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry EG developed an RSPM on the use of systems approaches to manage risks associated with the movement of wood. • DFIU has draft specification for a possible new RSPM depending on go-ahead by EC.
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"> • In 2016, RSPMs 13 was revised and updated. • For 2017, 12 RSPMs have been identified as candidates for updates based on their adoption date. This list needs to be prioritized by the 3 member countries to determine which RSPMs will form part of the 2017 NAPPO work program.
c. Monitor and promote the implementation of standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 1a – all activities improved or will improve implementation of several RSPMs and ISPMs. •
3. Provide leadership in the international phytosanitary community	
a. Promote the development of IPPC standards relevant to NAPPO member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EG on DFIU finished their DD and prepared a draft specification that, if approved by the EC, will go out to CC in winter – DFIU is an important topic and NAPPO can lead the way by developing an RSPM that can be used as a model for an ISPM in the future.
b. Present and advocate for the use of relevant NAPPO standards as models for IPPC standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPM 40 being considered for development of a concept ISPM on Pest Risk Management. • See 3a - above.
c. Conduct workshops in support of NAPPO strategic goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 1a.
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"> • NAPPO participated in a GICSV meeting in Oct., 2015 and in one GICSV call in May, 2016; NAPPO provided names of North American experts to several working groups within GICSV. • NAPPO is assisting the IPPC Secretariat and NEPPO in hosting the 28th Technical Consultation among RPPOs in Morocco and getting the revised RPPO roles and functions document adopted by CPM 12. • NAPPO is assisting the IPPC Secretariat providing support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group.

e. Contribute leadership at the Technical Consultation of RPPOs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 3d.
4. Promote and maintain the scientific and technical basis of NAPPO plant protection activities and phytosanitary measures	
a. Provide and promote a dynamic mechanism for the timely exchange of scientific and technically sound information among members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different format for newsletter delivery to stakeholders used in 2016. • Starting to work on Facebook and Twitter as part of NAPPO website communications. • Have set aside funds to attend industry meetings in 2017 that the IAG and EC deems appropriate.
b. Promote the use and work to facilitate the implementation of effective technologies (e.g., ePhyto, pest detection & identification and information exchange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on ePhyto will be presented at the Annual Meeting • The 2016 Annual Meeting symposium, on alternative service delivery, deals with effective approaches to deliver phytosanitary services to our stakeholders.
c. Strengthen partnerships with relevant research organizations to identify research needs which support NAPPO activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several members of NC academia present at the 2016 Annual Meeting. • Strong representation by the U.S. National Plant Board. • Also OK SIR from British Columbia. • Continued contact with the APS – they are attending the AM. • Working to organize event at International Congress of Plant Pathology in 2018 and International IPM Conference in 2017. • ICE 2016 symposium was well attended – 45 in attendance considering that several symposia were taking place concurrently
5. Adopt a focused, priority and project-driven approach, within available resources	
a. Ensure that NAPPO processes and procedures are responsive to and reflect shared member country priorities and emerging issues (e.g., unexpected pest threats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to update all processes and SOPs in NAPPO is ongoing. • The new Secretariat staff holds weekly meeting concerning improvement of services to its stakeholders and streamlining/improving the work of the employees and the engagement with EGs.
b. Establish procedures and/or mechanisms to organize resources (e.g., human and financial) to support this project-driven approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Scheduling of meetings and approvals has been adjusted to ensure timely initiation and implementation of projects.
6. Maintain Active Industry /Stakeholder Engagement in NAPPO Activity	
a. Establish procedures for soliciting and considering industry/stakeholder input on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 personalized invitations to attend the Annual Meeting were sent to industry and other NAPPO stakeholders.

<p>NAPPO priorities and future annual work plans. This may include specific activities at the Annual Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific time set-aside at AM for industry meetings and report out on the outcomes of these to the plenary. • Three knowledge topics on disputes, host status and challenges with plants will be presented at the AM.
<p>b. Develop and adopt terms of reference for future NAPPO expert groups which ensure consistent Industry/stakeholder representation, as appropriate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document on roles and responsibilities of the Expert Groups and their Chairpersons was revised and updated. • A statement of commitment was used in 2016 as an approach to formalize the commitment of EG members,
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the assistance of the IAG the document on the roles and responsibilities of industry in NAPPO was revised and updated. • The updated NAPPO website platform has an industry corner to advertise industry meeting and events. • Three knowledge topics on disputes, host status and challenges with plants will be presented at the AM. • See 6c.
<p>7. Develop and implement ongoing NAPPO communication and promotion strategies</p>	
<p>a. Clearly demonstrate and communicate the relevance and importance of NAPPO work and the importance of plant resources to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior officials in each member country • Industry associations • Other stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO was an invited speaker at the National Plant Board Meeting. • NAPPO presented at the USDA Agricultural Outlook in Arlington VA in February. • NAPPO promotional video was completed and aired on PBS beginning in August, 2016
<p>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</p>	
<p>8. Modernize the business practices of NAPPO</p>	
<p>a. Implement this strategic plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, monitor and report on annual workplans to achieve these strategic goals • Establish a transparent annual work program and prioritization procedure linked to the strategic goals and plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Groups will report the results of their projects during the first plenary of the Annual meeting • Work on updating all NAPPO Foundational Documents is progressing. Significant milestones in 2016 include the new 5-year Strategic Plan, the updated Constitution and By-Laws and the Letter of Understanding with IICA.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a clear and predictable decision-making process to support a project-driven approach 	
<p>b. Review and revise the annual meeting objective and format to reflect government and stakeholder needs and resources taking into account the project-driven approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 Annual Meeting format builds on the positive feedback received on the format of last year’s meeting Three knowledge topics and multiple opportunities for feedback will be available at the meeting. Heavy representation by the U.S National Plant Board.
<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"> Not feasible at this time.
<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"> Website has improved communication features and is a more efficient vehicle for the dissemination of information about NAPPO and its stakeholders. A part-time communications coordinator would be beneficial to continue improving our communication with stakeholders.
<p>e. Enhance processes supporting overall transparency and accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-regular bulleted updates from the ED to the EC, IAG and AMC.

