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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	11 March 2022	
Chairperson	Ignacio Báez (USDA APHIS)	
Participants:		
Alexandre Blain (CFIA)	Naima Ait Oumejjout (CFIA)	Amanda Kaye (USDA APHIS)
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Summary

Agenda item 1:	<p>Special call: presentation by Mireille Marcotte (CFIA) on the Pest Outbreak Alert Response System (POARS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mireille Marcotte is Chair of the Focus Group set by the IPPC's Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), to provide recommendations to develop the POARS.• She provided an overview to the PAS EG on the recommendations developed by the Focus Group that will be presented to the CPM in April 2022.• Presented the proposed definition for “emerging pests.”• Outlined the POARS components of an alert and response system: overarching components (policy model, legal framework, financial model, data management and communication system, and oversight), pre-presence of pest detection (alert and early detection), and post pest detection (response and notification).• Illustrated the POARS framework in relation to NPPOs, RPPOs, IPPC, and stakeholders.• Presented the concept of the information systems and tools through the POARS (dedicated web page, scanning of pest information on emerging pests, data visualization of the pest distribution and spread, tools for collection and sharing of surveillance data, and accessibility to expertise).• Presented the consideration of establishing a new subsidiary body to govern the POARS.• Outlined the proposed budget and human resources needed for the first phase in the operation of POARS.• Additional information for reference: Recommendations and report from the CPM Focus Group on Pest Outbreaks Alert and Response Systems, https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90720/
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Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Schedule a call to learn about the decisions from the CPM on the next steps for POARS.	TBD
Location:	Teleconference	
Date:	To be determined	
Proposed Agenda Items		