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

2023 Report from the Secretariat on achieving the objectives of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

This report specifically links NAPPO 2023 Work Program deliverables to the goals and sub-goals of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

The NAPPO Management Team and especially the Executive Committee is invited to:

1. *Note* the report
2. *Review the report for accuracy*
3. *Comment* on the adequacy and continuation of this reporting format
4. *Use the report* to further inform new project prioritization decisions

2022-2026 Strategic Plan - Goal		
1. Protect North American plant resources, including the environment, from the introduction and spread of regulated plant pests		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2023</i>	<i>Future projects/activities</i>
a. Use risk/science intelligence to identify and verify offshore threats (specific pests, traditional and non-traditional trade pathways, or both) that may impact the NAPPO region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new NAPPO projects “<i>Discussion Document (DD) on how NAPPO member countries should prepare for the threat posed by Tuta absoluta</i>” and “<i>Science and Technology Document on evaluating the risk associated with different types of wood packaging materials – opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance</i>” are fully in-line with this subgoal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>E-commerce side-session for CPM-18 (04/2024) jointly organized by NAPPO, EPPO, COSAVE and the IPPC Secretariat.</i> • <i>Waitlisted project on “other high risk Lymantriids moving in trade into North America from high-risk areas”.</i>
b. Apply a harmonized regional approach for phytosanitary measures by coordinating safeguarding initiatives (where appropriate), developing science-based standards and other strategic documents, and providing a framework/mechanism for implementing them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See 1a.</i> • The update of NAPPO DD 05 on “<i>Huanglongbing and its vector</i>” highlighting the latest science and regulatory approaches in the U.S. and Mexico was finalized and underwent Country Consultation. Once comments received are evaluated and incorporated, the DD 05 will be uploaded to the NAPPO website. • The NAPPO Guidance Document on “<i>Standardization</i>” 	

	<p><i>of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country” to improve the implementation of ISPM 25 – Consignments in transit - was finalized and underwent Country Consultation. Once comments received are evaluated and incorporated, the document will be uploaded to the NAPPO website.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing work on updating RSPM 26 - <i>Certification of commercial arthropod BCAs or non-Apis pollinators moving into NAPPO member countries.</i> • Scientific publication on the multi-laboratory multi-protocol <i>pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens focused on ToBRFV</i> is being drafted. Once manuscript is accepted, the NAPPO EC will draft a Decision Document on which diagnostic protocols to recommend for use in the NAPPO region. 	
c. Address the impacts of climate change by collaborating with the IPPC, NPPOs, and RPPOs, and consider how NAPPO can play a role in mitigating its impact on plant health and pests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 46th NAPPO Annual Meeting Symposium – will feature a presentation on the latest developments on <i>The Impacts of climate change on plant health – 12/2022.</i> 	
d. Continue enhancing the NAPPO pest reporting system to ensure prompt notification of new pest interceptions that pose a risk to our region, which may facilitate a timely coordinated response by two or more NAPPO member countries, where appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twenty-five Official Pest Reports (two from CAN, 22 from the U.S. and one from MEX) for the North American region were posted on the NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System and uploaded to the IPPC website to meet the pest reporting obligations for our region – to 11/2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity
e. Support intra-regional cooperation on transboundary pest activities for pests that affect two or more NAPPO member countries, as appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative support on transboundary pest programs affecting two or more NAPPO countries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradication of boll-weevil from the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. • Develop tools to manage the box tree moth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity

2. Facilitate safe trade on the basis of science-based regional standards and harmonized phytosanitary measures

<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2023</i>	<i>Future projects/activities</i>
<p>a. Develop priority regional standards and other documents, based on the latest scientific and technical information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Goal 2 subgoals a. and b. are specifically addressed every time the NAPPO AMC and EC review and prioritize new project proposals submitted for consideration by NAPPO stakeholders.</i> • <i>See updates reported in Goal 1.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed RSPM on systems approaches for seed certification
<p>b. Conduct a regular/periodic review of the phytosanitary measures' framework for the NAPPO region to identify new priorities and existing gaps and determine which standards and other documents, procedures, or practices should be developed, maintained, updated, or archived.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See updates reported in Goal 1.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of NAPPO RSPMs and other documents that may need updating occurs as part of the new project proposal review process
<p>c. Assist NAPPO member countries and key trading partners in interpreting regional and international standards and promoting their implementation (for example, the use of systems approaches) through the development of manuals, workshops, and training materials, as appropriate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NAPPO Guidance Document on <i>“Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country”</i> to improve the implementation of ISPM 25 – <i>Consignments in transit</i> - was finalized and underwent Country Consultation. Once comments received are evaluated and incorporated, the document will be uploaded to the NAPPO website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>E-commerce</i> side-session for CPM-18 (04/2024) jointly organized by NAPPO, EPPO, COSAVE and the IPPC Secretariat.
<p>d. Assist NAPPO member countries, as appropriate, in presenting and discussing technical information to avoid or settle a phytosanitary dispute.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document on the NAPPO phytosanitary Dispute Settlement Process was finalized and will be approved by the EC at this meeting. 	
<p>e. Assess the successes and challenges in the implementation of regional standards to adjust them to changing global conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See updates reported in Goal 1.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of NAPPO RSPMs and other documents that may need updating occurs

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f. Standardize diagnostic protocols in the NAPPO region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific publication on the multi-laboratory multi-protocol <i>pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens focused on ToBRFV</i> is being drafted. Once manuscript is accepted, the NAPPO EC will draft a Decision Document on which diagnostic protocols to recommend for use in the NAPPO region. 	
g. Exchange information on alternatives to methyl bromide (MeBr) and cooperate by sharing scientific developments on suitable alternatives for phytosanitary use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new NAPPO project “<i>Discussion Document (DD) on Alternatives to Methyl Bromide</i>” is fully in-line with this subgoal. 	
h. Support the global implementation of ePhyto and electronic data exchange.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPPO has a permanent Expert Group that supports North American activities towards ePhyto. The GICSV also has a WG on ePhyto where NAPPO and the other 4 RPPOs in the Americas discuss and promote implementation of ePhyto. 	
i. Support the development of harmonized traceback procedures by NPPOs in the region to inform compliance with phytosanitary measures in trade among NAPPO member countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A – future subgoal for NAPPO. 	
3. Promote and maintain active industry and stakeholder engagement in NAPPO activities		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2023</i>	<i>Future projects/activities</i>
a. Work with industry and stakeholders to identify changing industry practices and consumer preferences to better understand how these may influence phytosanitary activities in the NAPPO region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry stakeholders form part of the Industry Advisory Group and participate in many NAPPO Expert Group. Used stakeholder 2022 Annual Meeting survey to develop Agenda and modality/approach for the 46th Annual Meeting. 	
b. Solicit and encourage industry and stakeholder input into the NAPPO annual Work Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activity supported by the IAG in cooperation with the AMC and the NAPPO Secretariat. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 46th Annual Meeting will have - updates from industry during Day 1; an entire Knowledge Topic is dedicated to industry trade perspectives; Symposium section 2 is a conversation on pests of concern for government and industry. 	
c. Engage industry and stakeholders through active representation in NAPPO Expert Groups, as appropriate, to ensure that their viewpoints are considered in the development of NAPPO products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activity supported by the IAG in cooperation with the AMC and the NAPPO Secretariat. 	
d. Adopt other practical approaches to continue fostering an active dialogue and partnership with industry and stakeholders on plant protection and regulatory harmonization issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>See 3b.</i> 	
4. Contribute leadership in the international phytosanitary community		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2023</i>	<i>Future projects/activities</i>
a. Present and promote the use of NAPPO regional standards, including commodity standards, as models for new IPPC standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPPO Science and Technology Document 08 – <i>Contaminating Organisms Affecting Trade of Forestry Commodities</i> as well as RSPM 41 – <i>The use of Systems Approaches to Manage Pest Risks Associated with the Movement of Forest Products</i> were key documents considered by the IPPC Expert Working Group developing the Annex to ISPM 39 – <i>International Movement of Wood</i>. 	
b. Promote the development of IPPC materials (e.g., standards, guides) important to NAPPO member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk-based inspection guide is being developed at the IPPC level; it relies heavily on the RBS materials developed by and available on the NAPPO website. 	
c. Identify emerging plant health policy issues from outside the region which can potentially affect NAPPO member countries and consider the need for action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System publishes Emerging Pest Alerts. GICSV has a new Working Group on Phytosanitary Emergencies in the Americas. NAPPO ED represents all RPPOs in the Pest Outbreak, Alert and Response System Steering Group. 	

d. Support and partner with the IPPC Secretariat on strategic initiatives and activities important to NAPPO member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See 4b.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>E-commerce side-session for CPM-18 (04/2024) jointly organized by NAPPO, EPPO, COSAVE and the IPPC Secretariat.</i>
e. Collaborate and demonstrate leadership among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) including through the Inter-American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection ¹ (GICSV, because of its Spanish acronym)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active participation in the seven Working Groups (WG) of the Interamerican Group for Cooperation in Plant Protection (GISCSV, because of its acronym in Spanish). 	
f. Design and deliver events (workshops, webinars, symposia) and materials that ensure consistent interpretation and implementation of regional and international standards and related resources, as appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46th Annual Meeting Symposium as well as Knowledge Topic and Invited presentations. 	
g. Collaborate, as appropriate, with other regional, hemispheric, and international organizations that have a supporting or complementary role to NAPPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See 4e.</i> 	
5. Promote and maintain the robust scientific and technical basis of NAPPO activities		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2023</i>	<i>Future projects/activities</i>
a. Provide a forum for the timely exchange of scientific and technical information that may come from NAPPO member country governments and relevant organizations and consider its use or implementation, as appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium organized for the 46th Annual Meeting • <i>Knowledge Topics and Invited Presentations as part of the 46th Annual Meeting</i> 	
b. Strengthen partnerships with research, scientific and other organizations to garner broader support for NAPPO objectives and activities through participation, speaking engagements, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing and active participation in the Working Groups of the Interamerican Group for Cooperation in Plant Protection (GICSV). • Ongoing engagement with the European and 	

¹ More information on GICSV can be found on the [NAPPO Website](#)

<p>NAPPO advocacy at various scientific conferences and meetings</p>	<p>Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) – Strategic Engagement Meeting 01/2023; pre-CPM-17 meeting – 03/2023; pre SPG meeting – 10/2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited presentation on the status of ePhyto in the NAPPO region at the ePhyto Regional Workshop organized by COSAVE in Buenos Aires, Argentina – 4/2023. • Presentation on NAPPO Work Program to the National Plant Board – 08/2023. • Chaired, developed, and delivered the 35th Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations – 10/2023. • Presentation to SOMECH in Mazatlán, Mexico – 11/2023. • 46th Annual Meeting – 12/2023. 	
<p>6. Continue improving NAPPO communication and outreach</p>		
<p><i>Sub-goal</i></p>	<p><i>In 2023</i></p>	<p><i>Future projects/activities</i></p>
<p>a. Demonstrate and communicate to stakeholders the relevance and importance of NAPPO’s work in protecting plant resources to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Senior leaders and other regulatory officials in each member country ii. Industry iii. Other stakeholders, including the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO website and newsletters in March, July, and November • Numerous NAPPO Secretariat notifications to stakeholders – 2023 work program, 2023 Annual Meeting, 2023 country consultation, new tools and resources, ED vacancy, etc. 	
<p>b. Continue building confidence and fostering trust on phytosanitary measures among stakeholders in NAPPO member countries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See 6a.</i> 	
<p>c. Facilitate communication and strategic coordination among industry sectors of North America to address challenges and take advantage of opportunities to protect plant health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A – <u>but this area needs careful attention</u> • New in 2023 - reports by Industry Advisory Group as standing Agenda item for NAPPO Annual Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional opportunities for the IAG to highlight industry concerns to NAPPO
<p>d. Consider the use of innovative communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document on new approaches for NAPPO 	

mechanisms and platforms to disseminate information

Newsletters being discussed at this NMT meeting.