



# NAPPO

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

## EC – 3 - 2019 Report from the Secretariat on achieving the objectives of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan

This draft report specifically links **NAPPO 2019 Work Program** deliverables to the six goals and sub-goals of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

The Executive Committee is invited to:

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

2016-2020 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 2019</i>	<i>Ongoing and Upcoming projects/activities</i>
a. Develop a mechanism to identify, prioritize, validate and respond to phytosanitary threats to North America through harmonized approaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Phytosanitary Alert System (PAS)</b> emerging pest alerts – four new emerging pest alerts were posted in 2019</li> <li>• <b>New PAS platform is operational</b> and connected to the NAPPO website</li> <li>• Expert Group (EG) completed Discussion Document (DD) on a <i>North American approach to prevent entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle in the NAPPO region</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Science and Technology (S&amp;T) document of the <i>Risks associated with Lymantriids of concern to the NAPPO region</i></li> <li>• Complete <i>validation of Asian Gypsy Moth risk periods in regulated countries</i> in order to adjust vessel certification programs in North America</li> </ul>
b. Apply a regional approach for phytosanitary measures, by coordinating North American safeguarding initiatives, developing standards or protocols and providing a framework/mechanism for implementing them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EG reviewed and agreed to archive Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (<b>RSPM 17 - Guidelines for the Establishment, Maintenance and Verification of Fruit Fly Free Areas in North America</b>)</li> <li>• Delivered International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (<b>ISPM 38 – International Movement of Seeds - implementation workshop – Proceedings in English</b> now available on the NAPPO website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete update of <b>RSPM 5</b> NAPPO Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms</li> <li>• Completing/publishing <b>Risk-Based Sampling “how-to” Manual</b></li> <li>• Translating/publishing the Proceedings of the <b>ISPM 38</b> implementation workshop in Spanish</li> <li>• Initiating revision of <b>RSPM 38 – Importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued revision/update of <b>RSPM 35 - Guidelines for the movement of Stone and Pome Fruit Trees and Grapevines into a NAPPO Member Country</b>, <b>RSPM 9 - Authorization of Laboratories for Phytosanitary Testing</b> and <b>RSPM 22 - Guidelines for construction and operation of a containment facility for insects and mites used as biological control agents</b></li> <li>Progressed work on the S&amp;T forestry document on <i>contaminant pests of wood commodities</i></li> <li>2019 Annual Meeting <b>knowledge topics and demonstrations</b> on the new NA Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) jurisprudence and disputes, NA Sea Container Initiative (NASCI), electronic certification (ePhyto)</li> </ul>	<p><i>into a NAPPO member country</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiating work on guide for improved implementation of <b>ISPM 25 Consignments in Transit</b></li> <li>Initiate work on tobacco brown rugose fruit virus (<b>ToBRFV</b>) pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens</li> </ul>
<p>c. Identify offshore threats (pests or pathways) that present significant risks to NAPPO countries and develop a harmonized approach to manage them, including, where possible, a regional approach to Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EG completed DD on a <i>North American approach to prevent entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle in the NAPPO region</i></li> <li>Progressed work on the S&amp;T forestry document on <i>contaminant pests of wood commodities</i></li> <li><b>ISPM 38 – International Movement of Seeds</b> - implementation workshop – day 1 focused on discussions on PRA including harmonization</li> <li>Presented 2019 Annual Meeting knowledge topics on NASCI</li> <li>2019 Symposium topic on how NAPPO countries proceed when a new pest incursion has been confirmed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete S&amp;T document of the <i>Risks associated with Lymantriids of concern to the NAPPO region</i></li> <li>Complete <i>validation of Asian Gypsy Moth risk periods in regulated countries</i> in order to adjust vessel certification programs in NA</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Harmonize plant protection activities designed to facilitate safe trade</b></p>		
<p><i>Sub-goal</i></p>	<p><i>In 2019</i></p>	<p><i>Upcoming projects/activities</i></p>

<p>a. Prepare a comprehensive framework for the NAPPO region to identify gaps and priorities and determine which standards, procedures or practices should be developed, maintained, updated or archived.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued work on revision/update of <b>RSPMs 9, 22</b> and <b>35</b></li> <li>Reviewed and decided to archive <b>RSPM 17</b></li> <li>Webpages for the <b>NASCI</b> are now part of the NAPPO website</li> <li>Progressed work on the S&amp;T forestry document on <i>contaminant pests of wood commodities</i></li> <li>Call for new project proposals resulted in six new proposed projects – three were prioritized by the Executive Committee (EC) and will form part of the 2020 annual work program; other projects will be addressed as workflow allows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New projects in 2020 – revision/update of <b>RSPM 38</b>, guidance on improved implementation of <b>ISPM 25</b> and initiate work on <b>ToBRFV</b> pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens</li> </ul>
<p>b. Develop priority regional standards and other documents, based on the latest available scientific and technical information, of highest relevance to NAPPO member countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EG completed Discussion Document on a <i>North American approach to prevent entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle in the NAPPO region</i></li> <li>Continued progressing the work on the revision/update of <b>RSPMs 35, 9</b> and <b>22</b></li> <li>Progressed work on the S&amp;T forestry document on <i>contaminant pests of wood commodities</i></li> <li>Reviewed and decided to archive <b>RSPM 17</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completing/publishing <b>Risk-Based Sampling</b> “how-to” Manual</li> <li>Translating and publishing the Proceedings of the <b>ISPM 38</b> implementation workshop in Spanish</li> <li>New projects – revision/update of <b>RSPM 38</b>, guidance on improved implementation of <b>ISPM 25</b> and pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens using <b>ToBRFV</b></li> </ul>
<p>c. Assist NAPPO countries in interpreting and implementing regional standards and promoting their intended application, including through training initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered 2019 Annual Meeting <b>knowledge topics</b> on NASCI, SPS jurisprudence and disputes, the new NAFTA and the IPPC Standard Setting process</li> <li>Delivered the <b>ISPM 38 – International Movement of Seeds</b> - implementation workshop; published Proceedings in English</li> <li>Organized 2019 NAPPO AM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completing/publishing <b>Risk-Based Sampling</b> “how-to” Manual</li> <li>Translating and publishing the Proceedings of the <b>ISPM 38</b> implementation workshop in Spanish</li> <li>New projects as mentioned for 2b</li> </ul>

	<b>demonstration of the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS)</b>	
d. Provide, upon request, assistance to NAPPO member countries in mediating, presenting and discussing the required technical information to help avoid or settle a phytosanitary dispute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activities in 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
e. Assess the successes and challenges of implementation of regional standards, to adjust them to changing global conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activities in 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>3. Maintain active industry/stakeholder engagement in NAPPO activities</b>		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2019</i>	<i>Upcoming projects/activities</i>
a. Work with industry/stakeholders to track changing industry practices to better understand how these may influence phytosanitary practices and alignment with NAPPO standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active industry participation in Plenary and Symposium at the 2019 NAPPO Annual Meeting</li> <li>NAPPO attendance to stakeholder and industry meetings – National Plant Board, Seed Association of the Americas (SAA) congress</li> <li>Industry stakeholders form part of eight NAPPO EGs</li> </ul>	
b. Establish procedures for soliciting, considering and encouraging industry/stakeholder input on NAPPO priorities and future annual work programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles/contributions to the NAPPO newsletter</li> <li>2019 call for new project proposals resulted in a project submitted by industry stakeholders</li> <li>2019 Annual Meeting survey added questions on what topics stakeholders would like to see addressed at the NAPPO Annual meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued active participation by industry in the North American Sea Container Initiative <b>NASCI</b></li> </ul>
c. Engage industry through active representation on EGs, as appropriate, to ensure industry input in the development of NAPPO standards and activities as well as their support in their implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Eight</b> (of 12) NAPPO Expert Groups have industry representation</li> <li>Active industry participation in Plenary and Symposium at the 2019 NAPPO Annual Meeting</li> <li>NAPPO participation at SAA congress</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ISPM 38</b> implementation workshop included many participants from industry</li> </ul>	
d. Adopt other practical approaches to continue fostering an active dialogue and partnership with industry/stakeholders on plant protection and regulatory harmonization issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as 3c</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Contribute leadership in the international phytosanitary community</b>		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2019</i>	<i>Upcoming projects/activities</i>
a. Present and advocate for the use of NAPPO standards as models for IPPC standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constant updates to NAPPO website so international community is aware of NAPPOs work</li> <li>• RSPM 40 – <i>Principles of Pest Risk Management for the Import of Commodities</i> as a model for the new Risk Management ISPM</li> </ul>	
b. Promote the development of IPPC standards relevant to NAPPO member countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 4a</li> <li>• Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) -14 plenary presentation on risk-based sampling</li> </ul>	
c. Identify emerging plant health policy issues from outside of the NAPPO region which have potential to affect its member countries and consider need for action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active dialogue on emerging pests worldwide at the yearly Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations</li> </ul>	
d. Actively support and partner with the IPPC Secretariat on strategic initiatives and activities (e.g., development of international standards, identification of qualified experts, organization of the IYPH and other activates of relevance to the NA region)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO represents RPPOs on the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) – NAPPO Executive Director is the IC lead for several subgroups on development and implementation resources including ISPM 15 – <i>Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i></li> <li>• NAPPO has actively participated in promotion of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)</li> <li>• NAPPO assisted in the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO will renew its term as IC representative for all RPPOs for the next 3 years</li> </ul>

	identification of experts for ecommerce	
e. Contribute leadership among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) globally through the Technical Consultation among RPPOs (TC-RPPO) and focus attention on the RPPOs of the Americas, for example by collaborating with the Inter-American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO continues to work closely with other RPPOs on TC Agenda and other strategic issues (Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the TC-RPPO)</li> <li>• NAPPO actively participates in GICSV TWGs – HLB, ePhyto, fruitflies and <i>Tuta absoluta</i> – through experts from NAPPO countries; in addition, collaboration through interpretation at GICSV meetings</li> </ul>	
f. Support global harmonization by designing and delivering targeted training to ensure consistent interpretation and implementation of international phytosanitary standards among key trading regions outside the NA region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See 2c</li> </ul>	
g. Collaborate with other international organizations relevant to NAPPO (e.g., Comm. for Environmental Cooperation, Convention on Biological Diversity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No activities in 2019</li> </ul>	
h. Support the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) and other organizations in the strengthening of the Caribbean region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered <b>ISPM 38 – International Movement of Seeds</b> - implementation workshop at IICA HQ</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Promote and maintain the scientific and technical basis of NAPPO plant protection activities and phytosanitary measures</b>		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2019</i>	<i>Upcoming projects/activities</i>
a. Provide and promote a dynamic mechanism for the timely exchange of scientific and technically sound information among members, including any relevant, emerging technologies that may come	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO website</li> <li>• 2019 Annual Meeting</li> <li>• 2019 NAPPO Annual Meeting REPORT on NAPPO website</li> <li>• 2019 ISPM 38 workshop REPORT and Proceedings in English on NAPPO website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020 Annual Meeting</li> </ul>

from research entities and industry groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPPO EG coordinating activities related to the IYPH</li> </ul>	
b. Identify new technologies, promote their use, and work to facilitate their implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize revision/update of <b>RSPMs 9 and 22</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New project – revision/update of <b>RSPM 38</b></li> </ul>
c. Strengthen partnerships with relevant research, scientific and other relevant organizations to garner broader support for NAPPO objectives and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ISPM 38 – International Movement of Seeds -</b> implementation workshop</li> <li>SAA Congress</li> <li>2019 Annual Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 Annual Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>6. Develop and implement NAPPO communication and promotion strategies</b>		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2019</i>	<i>Upcoming projects/activities</i>
a. Clearly demonstrate and communicate the relevance and importance of NAPPO in protecting plant resources to senior and other officials in each member country; industry; other stakeholders including the general public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constant updates to website</li> <li>On-time newsletters</li> <li>European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)-NAPPO meeting</li> <li>Attend industry meetings – SAA congress</li> <li>Attend National Plant Board</li> <li>2019 Annual Meeting</li> <li>Attended yearly TC-RPPO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 Annual Meeting</li> <li>2020 Safeguarding Conference</li> <li>IYPH Conference in Helsinki</li> </ul>
b. Explore alternative communication mechanisms to disseminate information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See 6a</li> </ul>	
c. Facilitate strategic coordination among industry sectors of NA to proactively address challenges and seize opportunities of global significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See 6a</li> </ul>	