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Training Workshop

Objectives

1. Hold a training workshop on Asian Gypsy Moth program based on **RSPM 33**: Guidelines for regulating the movement of ships from areas infested with the Asian gypsy moth.
2. Provide information/training to help countries develop, implement or enhance their AGM programs for a truly North American approach to AGM.

Deliverables

1. Workshop
2. Use workshop outcomes and recommendations to advance AGM program development and enhancement



Training Workshop

Progress during 2015-2016

- Three teleconferences
- Held Nov. 16-20 in Houston, TX
- U.S., Canada and Mexico participated
- Representatives from New Zealand and South Korea also participated to provide perspectives of other regulating and regulated countries
- Hands-on ship inspection
- Workshop **recommendations:** development and implementation on-going



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Validation of specified risk periods for Asian gypsy moth (AGM) in regulated countries of origin

Objectives

1. Review available data from AGM-regulated countries (Korea, Japan, Russia and China) for female flight and egg-laying periods
2. Determine if changes in specified risk period(s) should be considered for further exploration with the regulated countries
3. Determine whether such changes would have an impact on the requirements of the vessel certification program

Deliverables

1. Science and technology document
2. Recommendations



Validation of specified risk periods for Asian gypsy moth (AGM) in regulated countries of origin

Progress during 2015-16

- Five teleconferences
- Existing Specified Risk Period project work-plan developed
- Existing Specified Risk Period information compiled
- Applying existing information and modelling to determine whether adjustments are needed in risk periods in regulated countries
- Phased approach: country by country validation as data becomes available



Next Steps and Proposed Activities for 2017

1. **Based on AGM workshop outcomes and recommendations**
 - continue development, implementation and enhancement of AGM programs in North America based on key issues arising from the workshop
2. **Analyze data, prepare document and make recommendations for Validation of Specified Risk Period**
3. **Continued support for development and implementation of an AGM program in Mexico**
 - determine risk periods in Mexico
 - plan gradual implementation period
 - education and outreach at all levels
 - training of inspectors in a new context
4. **Phase 2 revisions to RSPM 33 (only as needed and as information becomes available)**
 - EG will evaluate need for further adjustments to RSPM 33 as warranted based on outcomes of other projects and activities

