

# 2015 NAPPO Work Program

# Background

In July 2014, the NAPPO Secretariat opened a call for project proposals for the 2015 NAPPO Work Program. Topics for project proposals were coordinated by the national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) of the three NAPPO member countries which submitted their country proposals to the Secretariat in September, 2014.

The NAPPO Secretariat compiled, translated and distributed all of the project proposals to the NAPPO Working Group and Executive Committee members, and made the list of projects available to all stakeholders for further discussion at the 2014 NAPPO Annual Meeting in October.

The NAPPO Working Group and Executive Committee reviewed and prioritized the proposals, taking into account the NAPPO Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup>, the prioritization and evaluation criteria<sup>2</sup>, and the upcoming transition period of the organization in light of the change in leadership. The NAPPO Executive Committee approved the 2015 NAPPO Work Program in January, 2015. The Expert Groups member lists are available in the directory in the NAPPO website (www.nappo.org/en/?sv=&category=Directory&title=ExpertsGroup2014).

Following is the list of projects organised according to general topic area, and including a brief statement of the main objective and the expert group assigned to it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NAPPO Strategic Plan:

<sup>[</sup>www.nappo.org/en/data/files/download/Official%20Documents/Report%20of%20the%20NAPPO%20Secretariat%202014-e.pdf]<sup>2</sup> NAPPO Project Proposal form with prioritization and evaluation criteria: [www.nappo.org/en/?sv=&category=Panel%20Documents&title=Panel%20Assignments]

# **Biological Control**

1. Organise a workshop to provide training on preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent according to requirements outlined in NAPPO RSPM 12, *Guidelines for petition for first release of non-indigenous entomophagous biological control agents.* 

Objective: The workshop will provide the commercial biocontrol industry and researchers /practitioners with guidance on what needs to be included and methods to generate the required information.

Expert Group: Biological Control

2. Review and integrate comments from country consultation on the revised RSPM 7, Guidelines for petition for first release of non-indigenous phytophagous biological control agents; RSPM 12, Guidelines for petition for first release of non-indigenous entomophagous biological control agents; and RSPM 29, Guidelines for the petition for import and release of non-Apis pollinating insects into NAPPO countries.

Objective: Approval of the revisions at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Expert Group: Biological Control

3. Revise RSPM 26, *Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries*, including the addition of non-Apis pollinators.

Objective: Undertake the 5-year revision of RSPM 26 and include guidelines for the certification of non-*Apis* pollinators between NAPPO countries.

Expert Group: Biological Control

### Citrus

1. Review and integrate comments from country consultation on the document on recommended measures for the establishment and maintenance of area wide management programs for Huanglongbing and its vector, and finalize.

Objective: Approval of the document at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Expert Group: Citrus

2. Review and integrate comments from country consultation on the template for identifying new and emerging citrus quarantine pests and methods for their identification and management, used for *Citrus leprosis virus*.

Objective: Approval of the template as well as its application to *Citrus Leprosis Virus* at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Expert Group: Citrus

3. Revise the protocol on shoot-tip micro-grafting.

Objective: Undertake the 5-year revision of TP 02 on shoot-tip micro-grafting. Expert Group: Citrus

# **Electronic Phytosanitary Certification**

# 1. Provide assistance and technical support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group.

Objective: Provide input to the IPPC Steering Group, especially to help address mechanisms of exchange, security and secure transmission of data and the standardization of data.

Expert Group: eCert

# Forestry

1. Revise RSPM 33, Guidelines for regulating the movement of ships and cargo from areas infested with the Asian gypsy moth.

Objective: Undertake the 5-year revision of RSPM 33.

Expert Group: Asian Gypsy Moth

2. Organise a training workshop for the development of an Asian Gypsy Moth program based on RSPM 33, *Guidelines for Regulating the Movement of Ships and Cargo from Areas Infested with the Asian Gypsy Moth.* 

Objective: Provide countries with information and training to help them develop or improve their AGM programs.

Expert Group: Asian Gypsy Moth

3. Begin preparation for a multi-region conference on ISPM 15 implementation, following the recommendation that came out of the NAPPO – APPPC workshop.

Objective: Initiate the preparation of logistics (list of countries willing to participate; number of participants; proposed location and budget required) and a draft agenda.

Expert Group: ISPM 15

4. Review and integrate comments from country consultation on the specifications for a standard on the potential use of systems approaches to manage pest risks associated with the movement of wood.

Objective: Develop an integrated measures approach which may include: inspections (at harvest, during production, prior to and or following export), prescribed production activities; laboratory diagnostics; the application of treatments; the relationship between infested areas and pest free areas and general aspects of surveillance.

Expert Group: Systems Approach

5. Develop a NAPPO Science and Technology paper on the risks associated with Lymantriids of potential concern to the NAPPO region, identifying potential species and pathways of concern.

Objective: Undertake a comprehensive examination of the Lymantriids to identify species of potential concern to North America which may travel on the same pathway as AGM in order to inform regulatory decision-making by all NAPPO member countries.

Expert Group: Lymantriids

# Fruit

1. Review and integrate comments from country consultation on the Annex to RSPM 17 on *Guidelines for development of, and efficacy verification for, lures and traps for arthropod pests of fruits, and finalize.* 

Objective: Approval of the document by the Executive Committee during 2015.

Expert Group: Trapping

2. Revise RSPM 17, Guidelines for the Establishment, Maintenance and Verification of Fruit Fly Pest Free Areas in North America.

Objective: Undertake the 5-year revision of RSPM 17.

Expert Group: Fruit Flies

### Grain

1. Review and integrate comments from country consultation on RSPM 13, *Guidelines to establish, maintain and verify Karnal bunt pest free areas in North America*, and finalize.

Objective: Approval of the revised RSPM at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Expert Group: Grains

#### **NAPPO Headquarters Location**

1. Support work on the NAPPO headquarters location study, as required.

Objective: Provide information as required and available.

Expert Group: Location EG and Secretariat

#### Phytosanitary concepts

1. Convert the draft standard RSPM 41, *Guidelines for oversight programs*, into a discussion document.

Objective: Clearly organise the concepts of oversight into a discussion document to serve as future reference.

Expert Group: Oversight

#### 2. Prepare a discussion document on diversion from intended use.

Objective: Clearly organise the concepts of diversion from intended use into a discussion document to serve as future reference.

Expert Group: TBD

# **Phytosanitary Alert System**

# 1. Manage the NAPPO pest reporting system (Phytosanitary Alert System – PAS).

Objective: Meet reporting obligations under the IPPC and to facilitate awareness, detection, prevention and management of exotic plant pest species within North America.

Expert Group: PAS

### 2. Review the unofficial pest alert product offered by the Phytosanitary Alert System.

Objective: Determine whether there is a need to maintain Unofficial Alerts function of the NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System, and if so, how it might be improved.

Expert Group: PAS

### **Plants for Planting**

1. Establish what constitutes management options for possible inclusion in RSPM 18, *Guidelines for phytosanitary action following detection of plum pox virus.* 

Objective: Describe management options for plum pox virus acceptable to the three NAPPO member countries.

Expert Group: Plum Pox

2. Revise RSPM 35, Guidelines for the movement of stone and pome fruit trees and grapevines into a NAPPO member country, specifically related to virus testing particularly for certification programs.

Objective: Revise the current guidelines and consider including new techniques for virus detection.

Expert Group: Plum Pox

# Potato

1. Revise the pest list for RSPM 3, *Movement of potatoes into a NAPPO member country.* 

Objective: Undertake the annual revision of the pest list.

Expert Group: Potato

2. Review the existing RSPM 3, Movement of potatoes into a NAPPO member country to align it with ISPM 33, Pest free potato (Solanum sp.) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade and discuss any adjustments required by NAPPO member countries.

Objective: Compare RSPM 3 and ISPM 33 to determine whether adjustments are required.

Expert Group: Potato

# Seeds

1. Continue with the development of annexes to RSPM 36, *Phytosanitary guidelines for the movement of seed* to include treatments for seed borne and seed transmissible pests and to harmonize countries import/export phytosanitary requirements.

Objective: Prioritize pests to strategically strengthen RSPM 36 in its aim to facilitate international trade of seed.

Expert Group: Seed

2. Workshop on needs assessment of regulatory support of the North American seed industry.

Objective: Bring together stakeholders to define and prioritize the phytosanitary needs of the industry.

Expert Group: Seed