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

2025 Report from the Secretariat on achieving the objectives of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

This report specifically links NAPPO 2025 Work Program deliverables to the goals and sub-goals of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

The NAPPO Management Team and especially the Executive Committee are 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 2025</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 NAPPO projects “Discussion Document (DD) on how NAPPO member countries should prepare for the threat posed by <i>Tuta absoluta</i> and the “Science and Technology Document on evaluating the risk associated with different types of wood packaging materials – opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance”, are in line with this sub-goal. 	
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> • Continuing work on updating RSPM 26 - Certification of commercial arthropod BCAs or non-Apis pollinators moving into NAPPO member countries. • The manuscript "Pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (<i>ToBRFV</i>) in tomato and pepper seeds" was published in the journal <i>PhytoFrontiers</i> (May 2025, Vol 5(2)). A NAPPO Decision Document supporting the 	

	<p>recommendation of selected protocols for the identification of ToBRFV in tomato and pepper seeds in the NAPPO region was adopted by the Executive Committee, and the protocols were made available online on the NAPPO website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NAPPO revision of RSPM 8 (The authorization of individuals to use phytosanitary certificates) is a project aimed at standardizing phytosanitary certification knowledge and issuance for international shipments into and between NAPPO-member countries, while facilitating trade. This project also supports goal 2a of the NAPPO Strategic Plan. • The NAPPO Forestry project “Testing the heat treatment dose for wood product pests in North America-Interlaboratory test study” is a science-based initiative focused on enhancing how heat treatment is applied to wood products 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"> • A Discussion Document on alternatives to methyl bromide was drafted by a NAPPO Expert Group. The document was sent for country consultation in October 2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing activity
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"> • Thirty-seven Official Pest Reports from the U.S. for the North American region were posted on the NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System and uploaded to the IPPC website to meet our region's pest reporting obligations through 10/2025. 	<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		
Sub-goal	In 2025	Future projects/activities
a. Develop priority regional standards and other documents, based on the latest scientific and technical information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The executive committee approved the specification and project proposal for RSPM 42 (Seeds systems approaches) and included them in the NAPPO 2025 work program. Work on this project started in December 2024 and continued until mid-2025, when it was put on hold until fall 2026. See updates reported in Goal 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paused until fall 2026 when data from the pilot project with Chile is available.
b. Conduct a regular/periodic review of the phytosanitary measures framework for the NAPPO region to identify new priorities and gaps and determine which standards and other documents, procedures, or practices should be developed, maintained, updated, or archived.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See updates reported in Goal 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AMC is proposing a review of NAPPO RSPMs and other documents that may need updating to occur in 2026 The AMC will update the business process improvement for reviewing NAPPO RSPMs and other documents that may need updating in 2026
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adopted NAPPO Guidance Document on “Standardization 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 – <i>Consignments in transit</i> is in line with this subgoal. NAPPO RSPM one-pagers summarize regional standards in a language that is easy to understand, facilitating the implementation of NAPPO regional 	

	standards.	
d. Assist NAPPO member countries, as appropriate, in presenting and discussing technical information to avoid or settle a phytosanitary dispute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A in 2025 	
e. Assess the successes and challenges in the implementation of regional standards to adjust them to changing global conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See updates reported in Goal 1. This goal is addressed in ongoing discussions with the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee (AMC), which is currently working on documentation to determine how to evaluate the implementation of RSPMs. 	<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
f. Standardize diagnostic protocols in the NAPPO region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 1b on the status report of the Harmonization of protocols for the detection of ToBRFV in tomato and pepper seeds 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"> See 1c above. 	
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 and provides a platform to exchange information between NAPPO-member countries. The GICSV also has a working group on ePhyto where NAPPO and the other 4 RPPOs in the Americas discuss and promote the implementation of ePhyto. 	
3. Promote and maintain active industry and stakeholder engagement in NAPPO activities		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2025</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 are part of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) and participate in many NAPPO expert groups. Members of the NAPPO IAG share industry updates on practices and consumer preferences, and their influence on phytosanitary 	

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	activities in the NAPPO region.	
b. Solicit and encourage industry and stakeholder input into the NAPPO annual Work Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NAPPO IAG provides feedback on the NAPPO work program at every NAPPO governance meeting (three meetings per year). Feedback on the NAPPO work program is also provided in the NAPPO Annual Meeting (Industry-Government meetings) and through surveys that the NAPPO Secretariat sends to stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activity supported by the Industry Advisor Group in cooperation with the AMC and the NAPPO Secretariat.
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"> Participation of industry in some expert groups has exceeded that of government and NGOs, especially in commodities such as wood products. All NAPPO expert groups include industry members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activity supported by the Industry Advisory Group 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"> See 3b. 	
4. Contribute leadership in the international phytosanitary community		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2025</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"> The work on the new RSPM 42 (Seeds systems approaches in the NAPPO region) will contribute to the development of the ISPM 38 (International movement of seeds) Annex on systems approaches. 	
b. Promote the development of IPPC materials (e.g., standards, guides) important to NAPPO member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPPO assists with the IPPC work with the translation of technical documents and standards. 	
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 participates in the information exchange with this 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"> • See 4b. 	
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 of the GICSV. NAPPO also helps with interpretation services and document review. • NAPPO participated in the 37th TC-RPPO meeting, where information among RPPOs was exchanged, and confirmed its commitment to support the initiative of collaborating with the IPPC in organizing a side session at CPM 19 on artificial intelligence. NAPPO will draft an IPPC concept note for consideration. Information about emerging pests and collaboration with the IPPC POARS initiative was also discussed. 	
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"> • The 48th Annual Meeting Symposium includes important sessions on implementing NAPPO documents, a symposium on Artificial Intelligence and its applications to phytosanitary initiatives, and its potential to improve the implementation of NAPPO standards and products. 	
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"> • See 4e. 	
5. Promote and maintain the robust scientific and technical basis of NAPPO activities		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2025</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium on Artificial Intelligence organized for the 48th Annual Meeting • The 48th Annual Meeting is the opportunity to inform and share information with stakeholders about the 	

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

implementation, as appropriate	work carried out in various NAPPO projects.	
b. Strengthen partnerships with research, scientific, and other organizations to garner broader support for NAPPO objectives and activities through participation, speaking engagements, and NAPPO advocacy at various scientific conferences and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing and active participation in the GICSV Working Groups • Ongoing engagement with the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) at the annual NAPPO-EPPO strategy meeting 01/2025, the pre-CPM-18 meeting 04/2025, and the pre-SPG meeting – 10/2025. • Participated in the 37th Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations – 09/2025. • 48th NAPPO Annual Meeting – 10/2025. 	
6. Continue improving NAPPO communication and outreach		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2025</i>	<i>Future projects/activities</i>
a. Demonstrate and communicate to stakeholders the relevance and importance of NAPPO’s work in protecting plant resources to: <ul 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"> • The NAPPO website and newsletters provide information to stakeholders about the different NAPPO programs and activities. The NAPPO website also <u>provides</u> important information to facilitate the implementation of NAPPO standards and documents, <u>as well as</u> training material (videos, documents, and presentations). • Numerous NAPPO Secretariat notifications to stakeholders – 2025 work program, 2025 Annual Meeting, new tools and resources, and others. • The NAPPO AMC is organizing the work to draft the 2026-2030 NAPPO strategic plan. As part of this process, a survey will be shared with stakeholders to gather feedback on the current strategic plan, <u>enabling</u> better <u>preparation</u> for the <u>development</u> new strategic plan. 	
b. Continue building confidence and fostering trust in phytosanitary measures among stakeholders in NAPPO member countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 6a. 	

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<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"> • The 48th annual meeting survey provides valuable feedback to address this goal. 	
<p>d. Consider the use of innovative communication mechanisms and platforms to disseminate information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document on new approaches for NAPPO newsletters discussed and approved by the Executive Committee. A new format aimed at facilitating reading and finding information in the NAPPO Newsletter will be implemented in the future. Communication specialists from all three NAPPO-member countries and the IPPC will assist with this initiative. 	