



SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION (IPPC)

Established in 1952, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) seeks to protect the world's plants from pests. The IPPC adopts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and recommendations from the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), which is the governing body of the IPPC, to carry out its mission.

A central issue to the IPPC and the ISPMs is a lack of phytosanitary capacity among Contracting Parties (CPs), especially developing and least developed countries, to implement the Convention and the ISPMs efficiently. This impacts international trade.

This project was designed to tackle the three root causes of the issue:

(i) a lack of participation among CPs in IPPC governing bodies; (ii) low levels of technical capacity; and (iii) a lack of engagement among developing countries in the Standard Setting Process (SSP).



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WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

Despite the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruptions to implementation that it caused, the project successfully achieved its overall aims.

The focus of Output 1 was to support the engagement of developing and least developed countries in the governing bodies of the IPPC, including the CPM and the CPM Bureau. In person meetings were impossible owing to the pandemic restrictions in 2020, 2021 and most of 2022. This meant that the original target of supporting the attendance of 84 representatives from CPs from developing and least developed countries to travel to these meetings was not met; however, the target was ultimately far exceeded owing to the number of participants who attended the meetings virtually. Capacity development on understanding and implementing key ISPMs was supported under Output 2. Working groups (WGs) were organized for the development of training materials based on a list of approved topics. The WGs produced the following guides and training materials: (i) "The Pest Status Guide: Understanding the principal requirements for pest status determination", (ii) "The Surveillance Guide: A guide to understand the principal requirements of surveillance programmes for national plant protection organizations", and (iii) "ISPM 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade". Capacity development workshops were held virtually and then in person when pandemic restrictions were lifted. The project reached a total of 1 145 participants under this Output, including 108 who were financially supported to attend in-person activities. Again, organizing some events virtually increased participation significantly. Under Output 3, four new ISPMs were drafted virtually, with participation and engagement from developing countries encouraged and supported. Similarly to the other two Outputs, the work under Output 3 was planned to take place in person; however, the meetings were carried out virtually instead and had a level of participation that exceeded the original targets.

KEY FACTS

Latest Approved Budget

USD 1 055 556

Duration

July 2018–December 2023

Resource Partner

The European Union

Beneficiaries

IPPC Contracting Parties (CPs), especially developing and least developed countries



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IMPACT

Through the enhancement of capacities among CPs to implement the IPPC, ISPMs and CPM recommendations, the project results are expected to support the efficiency, inclusivity and safety of international trade.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ACTIVITIES

- Project implementation was managed through the timely provision of inputs, the monitoring of activities and the budget, and reporting.
- Communication material was produced and uploaded to the IPPC website.
- Meetings of the governing bodies were held.
- Capacity-development workshops and standard setting meetings were organized virtually for the first two years of the project, and in person for the second two years.



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