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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Lymantriids	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 31, 2018	
Chairperson	Dave Holden (CFIA)	
Participants:		
Glenn Fowler (PPQ)	Eduardo Jimenez Quiroz (SEMARNAT)	Daniel Bravo (SENASICA)
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Summary		
Project:	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.	
General comments:	Meeting objective: Provide updates on the risk analysis of Lymantriid species assigned to each country.	
Item 1:	Group progress report	
Consensus:	<p>Country report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada. Tracking information continues to be a challenge. Very difficult to access references. Canada requested more time to complete datasheets. The Chairperson asked all members of the group if they also needed more time to complete the datasheets. • Mexico. Mexico is experiencing the same problems obtaining data and accessing references however, they have finished searching and compiling the information about the species assigned (host and limited biological information) and need to put all that information in the datasheet for the risk analysis. Mexico also agreed that more time is needed to complete the datasheets. • US. The US EG member also agreed with the comments made by Canada and Mexico in that information is difficult to obtain however, the US has completed the risk analysis of 25 species assigned and indicated that those species with not enough information for the analysis were scored as “uncertain”. The US member indicated that other issues should be mentioned in the analysis, for example, 	

allergenic effects for the different species.

The Chairperson indicated that accessing the information for most species is still a problem although a few species are well known pests and information can be obtained in different languages.

Additional observations from the Chairperson:

- Final spreadsheet could include the final list of species with a rating assigned based on the information obtained. When not enough information is available for a particular species, the rating could be defined as incomplete.
- Rating for all species will show that a high number of species could not be scored. The lack of information on those species is still good information because it shows the difficulties in obtaining the data.
- The analysis and the final report will be based on data availability.

The Chairperson asked about the timeline for this project. The NAPPO TD indicated that the project should be completed by mid-2018. The TD also indicated that the final document will be eventually available online after going through country consultation and approval by the AMC and EC.

Consensus. The EG agreed that:

- Obtaining information to complete the risk analysis is still difficult for most species assigned.
- The group needs more time to complete the datasheets with the information available.
- The group agreed that an additional 1.5 months will be required to complete the datasheets with the information gathered.
- The information will be compiled and summarized for the next conference call where the next steps will be decided.

Mexico proposed to prepare a spreadsheet starting with the species with the highest scores to show difficulties in finding information for some species. Mexico also offered to help with the analysis of species from those members that have too many.

The Chairperson also asked NAPPO about the format to use for the report. The TD indicated that NAPPO does not have a particular format. The NAPPO TD also indicated that the Lymantriid project is a very unique project with unique approaches. He will also discuss this point with the ED and other NAPPO members for suggestions regarding the format to use for the document.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
All EG members	Complete datasheets for risk analyses	Before March 14
NAPPO TD	Find out what format can be used to write the final document	As soon as possible
All EG members	Summarize the information for the next conference call	Before March 14
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	March 14 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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