



NAPPO

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

EC – 4 - 2020 Report from the Secretariat on achieving the objectives of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan

This draft report specifically links **NAPPO 2020 Work Program** deliverables to the six goals and sub-goals of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

The Executive Committee is invited to:

1. *Note* the report.
2. *Comment* on the adequacy and continuation of this reporting format.
3. *Use the report* to further inform new project prioritization decisions.

2016-2020 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 2020</i>	<i>Ongoing projects/activities</i>
a. Develop a mechanism to identify, prioritize, validate, and respond to phytosanitary threats to North America through harmonized approaches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI) now includes Mexico • S&T document on the <i>Risks associated with Lymantriids of concern to the NAPPO region</i> to be finalized in CY 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete <i>validation of Asian Gypsy Moth risk periods in regulated countries</i> to adjust vessel certification programs in North America – May 2021? • Approve RSPM 5 and 9 and Lymantriid S&T document
b. Apply a regional approach for phytosanitary measures, by coordinating North American safeguarding initiatives, developing standards or protocols, and providing a framework/mechanism for implementing them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English version of the <i>Risk-Based Sampling Manual – Part I</i> published on the NAPPO website • Work initiated on <i>RBS Manual – Part II</i> • Translated/published Proceedings of ISPM 38 implementation workshop in Spanish • NASCI now includes Mexico • Updated RSPM 9 - Authorization of Laboratories for Phytosanitary Testing, RSPM 5 - NAPPO Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms, and RSPM 22 - Guidelines for construction and operation of a containment facility for insects and mites used as biological control agents • Progressed S&T document on <i>Contaminant organisms of wood commodities</i>, guide for improved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country consultation for RSPM 22 • Complete Contaminant pests of wood commodities S&T document, guide for ISPM 25, update of RSPMs 38 and 35 • Update NASCI webpage with Mexico content • Launch the call for new NAPPO project proposals in 2021

	<p>implementation of ISPM 25 - Consignments in Transit and update of RSPM 38 – Importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities into a NAPPO member country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated/progressed work on tobacco brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens • Continued revision/update of RSPM 35 - Guidelines for the movement of Stone and Pome Fruit Trees and Grapevines into a NAPPO Member Country 	
<p>c. Identify offshore threats (pests or pathways) that present significant risks to NAPPO countries and develop a harmonized approach to manage them, including, where possible, a regional approach to Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASCI now includes Mexico • S&T document on the <i>Risks associated with Lymantriids of concern to the NAPPO region</i> will be finalized in CY 2020 • Progressed work on S&T document on <i>Contaminant organisms of wood commodities</i>, the guide for improved implementation of ISPM 25 - Consignments in Transit and the update of RSPM 38 – Importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities into a NAPPO member country 	
<p>2. Harmonize plant protection activities designed to facilitate safe trade</p>		
<p><i>Sub-goal</i></p>	<p><i>In 2020</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing projects/activities</i></p>
<p>a. Prepare a comprehensive framework for the NAPPO region to identify <i>gaps and priorities</i> and determine which standards, procedures or practices should be developed, maintained, updated, or archived.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 2 subgoals a. and b. are specifically addressed every time the AMC and EC review and prioritize new project proposals submitted for consideration by NAPPO stakeholders • See 1b. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Goal 1 above
<p>b. Develop priority regional standards and other documents, based on the latest available scientific and technical information, of highest</p>		

relevance to NAPPO member countries.		
c. Assist NAPPO countries in interpreting and implementing regional standards and promoting their intended application, including through training initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide for improved implementation of ISPM 25 -Consignments in Transit • English version of the <i>Risk-Based Sampling Manual – Part I</i> was published on the NAPPO website; work was initiated on <i>RBS Manual – Part II</i> - both support implementation of ISPMs 23 and 31 • Translated/published Proceedings of the ISPM 38 implementation workshop in Spanish 	
d. Provide, upon request, assistance to NAPPO member countries in mediating, presenting and discussing the required technical information to help avoid or settle a phytosanitary dispute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • d. - No activities in 2020 • e. – suggestion to archive RSPM 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
e. Assess the successes and challenges of implementation of regional standards, to adjust them to changing global conditions.		
3. Maintain active industry/stakeholder engagement in NAPPO activities		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2020</i>	<i>Ongoing projects/activities</i>
a. Work with industry/stakeholders to track changing industry practices to better understand how these may influence phytosanitary practices and alignment with NAPPO standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry stakeholders form part of the Industry Advisory Group and participate in eight NAPPO Expert Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning the 2021 NAPPO Annual Meeting in conjunction with the North American Safeguarding Conference • Planned stakeholder survey concerning alternate modalities for the 2021 NAPPO Annual Meeting
b. Establish procedures for soliciting, considering and encouraging industry/stakeholder input on NAPPO priorities and future annual work programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments received from industry during 2020 Country Consultation period • Articles/contributions by industry to the NAPPO newsletter • NASCI now includes Mexico – actively seeking participation by 	

	Mexican sea container industries	
c. Engage industry through active representation on EGs, as appropriate, to ensure industry input in the development of NAPPO standards and activities as well as their support in their implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 3a. and 3b. 	
d. Adopt other practical approaches to continue fostering an active dialogue and partnership with industry/stakeholders on plant protection and regulatory harmonization issues.		
4. Contribute leadership in the international phytosanitary community		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2020</i>	<i>Ongoing projects/activities</i>
a. Present and advocate for the use of NAPPO standards as models for IPPC standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New “responsive” NAPPO website • Linking several NAPPO products/webpages to IPP Phytosanitary Systems pages 	
b. Promote the development of IPPC standards relevant to NAPPO member countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex to ISPM 38 is priority 1 for the IPPC Standards Committee; steward M. Zlotina U.S. NPPO 	
c. Identify emerging plant health policy issues from outside of the NAPPO region which have potential to affect its member countries and consider need for action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO ED nominated to represent the 3 NAPPO member countries in the Focus Group on Strengthening Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems 	
d. Actively support and partner with the IPPC Secretariat on strategic initiatives and activities (e.g., development of international standards, identification of qualified experts, organization of the IYPH and other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 4c. • NAPPO represents all RPPOs on the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) – ED is IC lead for several IC subgroups including ISPM 15 – <i>Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i> – comprehensive guide and the Sea 	

<p>activates of relevance to the NA region)</p>	<p>Containers Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO actively promoting the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) • NAPPO identified experts for ecommerce • NAPPO actively participates in all e-fora opened by the IPPS Secretariat 	
<p>e. Contribute leadership among Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) globally through the Technical Consultation among RPPOs (TC-RPPO) and focus attention on the RPPOs of the Americas, for example by collaborating with the Inter-American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO works closely with other RPPOs on TC-RPPO Agenda and other strategic issues (Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the TC-RPPO) • NAPPO actively participates in the Coordinating Group for the GICSV – currently led by COSAVE • NAPPO actively participates in GICSV TWGs – HLB, ePhyto, fruitflies, <i>Tuta absoluta</i>, locust and <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> TR-4 – through experts from NAPPO member countries; in addition, collaboration through interpretation and translation of documents for GICSV meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 NAPPO will be responsible for leading GICSV activities for the hemisphere – 2-year commitment beginning in March 2021
<p>f. Support global harmonization by designing and delivering targeted training to ensure consistent interpretation and implementation of international phytosanitary standards among key trading regions outside the NA region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activities in 2020 	
<p>g. Collaborate with other international organizations relevant to NAPPO (e.g., Comm. for Environmental Cooperation, Convention on Biological Diversity)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 4e. 	
<p>h. Support the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activities in 2020 	

Agriculture (IICA) and other organizations in the strengthening of the Caribbean region		
5. Promote and maintain the scientific and technical basis of NAPPO plant protection activities and phytosanitary measures		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2019</i>	<i>Upcoming projects/activities</i>
a. Provide and promote a dynamic mechanism for the timely exchange of scientific and technically sound information among members, including any relevant, emerging technologies that may come from research entities and industry groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New NAPPO website • NAPPO EG coordinating communications related to IYPH • English version of the <i>Risk-Based Sampling Manual – Part I</i> was published on the NAPPO website - supports implementation of ISPM 23 and 31 • Translated/published Proceedings of the ISPM 38 implementation workshop in Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning the 2021 NAPPO Annual Meeting in conjunction with the North American Safeguarding Conference
b. Identify new technologies, promote their use, and work to facilitate their implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized revision/update of RSPMs 9 and 22 • Initiated/progressed work on tobacco brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) <i>pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens</i> • Progressed work on the guide for improved implementation of ISPM 25 - Consignments in Transit and update of RSPM 38 – Importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities into a NAPPO member country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Goal 1 above
c. Strengthen partnerships with relevant research, scientific and other relevant organizations to garner broader support for NAPPO objectives and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call with International Society for Pest Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 5a. above
6. Develop and implement NAPPO communication and promotion strategies		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2020</i>	<i>Ongoing projects/activities</i>
a. Clearly demonstrate and communicate the relevance and importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New NAPPO website • NAPPO newsletters • European and Mediterranean Plant 	

<p>of NAPPO in protecting plant resources to senior and other officials in each member country; industry; other stakeholders including the public</p>	<p>Protection Organization (EPPO)- NAPPO ongoing strategic engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual TC-RPPO meetings 	
<p>b. Explore alternative communication mechanisms to disseminate information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 6a. • Possible 2021 NAPPO Annual meeting via virtual modality 	
<p>c. Facilitate strategic coordination among industry sectors of NA to proactively address challenges and seize opportunities of global significance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 6a. • B. Gething, U.S. industry, nominated by NAPPO to participate at IPPC level in the development of a guide to improve implementation of ISPM 15 	