



NAPPO

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

EC – 3 - 2021 Report from the Secretariat on achieving the objectives of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan

This draft report specifically links **NAPPO 2021 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 2021</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"> • S&T document on the <i>Risks associated with Lymantriids of concern to the NAPPO region</i> was finalized and approved by the EC in March 2021 • The Position document on Asian Gypsy moth (AGM) <i>specified risk periods in Japan, Russia, Republic of Korea, and China</i> is being presented for EC approval at this meeting • The new Science & Technology document on Contaminating organisms affecting trade in wood commodities and forestry products underwent country consultation in 2021 and will be finalized in Nov. 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update NASCI webpage with content generated by Mexico
b. Apply a regional approach for phytosanitary measures , by coordinating North American safeguarding initiatives, developing standards or protocols, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updates to RSPM 9 - Authorization of Laboratories for Phytosanitary Testing and RSPM 5 - NAPPO Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms were finalized and approved by the EC in March 2021 	

<p>providing a framework/mechanism for implementing them</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated RSPM 22 - Guidelines for the design, construction and operation of a containment facility for insects and mites used as biological control agents and RSPM 38 – Importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities into a NAPPO member country underwent country consultation in 2021 and are being presented for EC approval at this meeting • RSPM 35 - Guidelines for the movement of propagative plant material of Stone fruit, Pome Fruit and Grapevine into a NAPPO Member Country and a new Science & Technology document on <i>Contaminating organisms affecting trade in wood commodities and forestry products</i> also underwent country consultation in 2021 and will be finalized in Nov. 2021 • Continued to progress the logistics and plans to conduct the multi-laboratory multi-protocol <i>pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens focused on ToBRFV</i> • Work on the <i>Risk-Based Sampling (RBS) Manual – Part II – in English</i> will be finalized in CY 2021; <i>RBS Manual Part II</i> will be translated into Spanish during CY 2022 	
<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"> • See 1a • Continued to progress work on the guide to improve implementation of ISPM 25 - Consignments in Transit - the writing subgroup produced a first draft that is being reviewed by the EG • Nineteen Official Pest Reports have been posted on the NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System in 2021 and linked to the IPPC webpage on pest reporting 	
<p>2. Harmonize plant protection activities designed to facilitate safe trade</p>		
<p><i>Sub-goal</i></p>	<p><i>In 2021</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing projects/activities</i></p>
<p>a. Prepare a comprehensive framework for the NAPPO region to identify gaps and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 2 subgoals a. and b. are specifically addressed every 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Goal 1

<p>priorities and determine which standards, procedures or practices should be developed, maintained, updated, or archived</p>	<p>time the NAPPO AMC and EC review and prioritize new project proposals submitted for consideration by NAPPO stakeholders – an open call for new proposals will open on Nov. 15, 2021, and close on Jan. 15, 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rank, prioritize and select new projects based on project proposals received during the open call
<p>b. Develop priority regional standards and other documents, based on the latest available scientific and technical information, of highest relevance to NAPPO member countries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Goal 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize/sign USMCA, CUSMA, T-MEC letter of understanding
<p>c. Assist NAPPO countries in interpreting and implementing regional standards and promoting their intended application, including through training initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued to progress work on the guide to improve implementation of ISPM 25 - <i>Consignments in Transit</i> - the writing subgroup produced a first draft that is being reviewed by the EG RBS Manual – Part II - supports implementation of ISPMs 23 and 31. Work on the RBS Manual – Part II – in English will be finalized in CY 2021; RBS Manual Part II will be translated into Spanish during CY 2022 	
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. - No mediation activities in 2021 e. – RSPM 16 was reviewed and archived in 2021 	
<p>e. Assess the successes and challenges of implementation of regional standards, to adjust them to changing global conditions.</p>		
<p>3. Maintain active industry/stakeholder engagement in NAPPO activities</p>		
<p><i>Sub-goal</i></p>	<p><i>In 2021</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing projects/activities</i></p>
<p>a. Work with industry/stakeholders to track changing industry practices to better understand how these may influence phytosanitary practices and alignment with NAPPO standards.</p>	<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"> Used stakeholder 2021 survey to develop Agenda for the 44th NAPPO Annual Meeting

<p>b. Establish procedures for soliciting, considering and encouraging industry/stakeholder input on NAPPO priorities and future annual work programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments received from industry during 2021 Country Consultation period • Articles/contributions by industry to the 2021 NAPPO newsletters • NASCI now includes Mexico – continue to seek participation by Mexican sea container industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use 2021 post virtual meeting survey for next steps on designing the modality/approach for the 45th NAPPO Annual Meeting
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 3a and 3b • NAPPO 101 webinars in English and Spanish offered in Oct. 2021 	
<p>d. Adopt other practical approaches to continue fostering an active dialogue and partnership with industry/stakeholders on plant protection and regulatory harmonization issues</p>		
<p>4. Contribute leadership in the international phytosanitary community</p>		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2021</i>	<i>Ongoing projects/activities</i>
<p>a. Present and advocate for the use of NAPPO standards as models for IPPC standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking several NAPPO products/webpages to IPP Phytosanitary Systems pages 	
<p>b. Promote the development of IPPC standards relevant to NAPPO member countries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Annex to ISPM 38 (submitted by NAPPO to the IPPC in 2018) based on the approved Specification will begin in Oct. 2021; steward is Dr. M. Zlotina from U.S. NPPO 	
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NAPPO multi-laboratory multi-protocol <i>pilot for harmonization of diagnostic protocols for seed pathogens focused on ToBRFV</i> is addressing, among other things, the global issue of trust in the results of diagnostic protocols for seed transmitted pests • Work on the <i>Risk-Based Sampling (RBS) Manual – Part II – in English</i> will be finalized in CY 2021 and translated into 	

	Spanish during CY 2022. <i>RBS Manual – Part II</i> - supports technically justified inspection procedures and furthers implementation of ISPMs 23 and 31.	
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 activates of relevance to the NA region)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 4c • NAPPO Executive Director represents all ten RPPOs on the IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) • During 2021 NAPPO actively promoted the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) through the activities of its Expert Group on IYPH 	
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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO works closely with other RPPOs on TC-RPPO Agenda and other strategic issues (for example on updating/improving the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the TC-RPPO) • NAPPO heading the Coordinating Group for the GICSV – March 2021-2023 • NAPPO actively participates in all GICSV WGs – HLB, ePhyto, fruit flies, <i>Tuta absoluta</i>, locust and <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> TR-4 – through experts from our member countries; in addition, we collaborate through interpretation and translation of documents for GICSV meetings • Ongoing strategic exchanges with EPPO – pre-CPM, pre-SPG 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In cooperation with IICA and through GICSV, assisted in the promotion and delivery of a webinar on Sea Containers that included presentations by NASCI, AUS/NZ and industry; webinar had more than 150 participants • Assisting with the delivery of a virtual workshop on Practical issues with the IPPC ePhyto HUB in Oct. 2021, in cooperation with IICA and through the GICSV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a prerecorded presentation on materials to implement risk-based sampling using the tools on the NAPPO RBS webpage
g. Collaborate with other international organizations relevant to NAPPO (e.g., Comm. for Environmental Cooperation, Convention on Biological Diversity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 4e and 4f 	

h. Support the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) and other organizations in the strengthening of the Caribbean region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 4f 	
5. Promote and maintain the scientific and technical basis of NAPPO plant protection activities and phytosanitary measures		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2021</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"> • NAPPO EG coordinated NAPPO regional articles on plant health to support the IYPH • Spanish version of the <i>Risk-Based Sampling Manual – Part I</i> was published on the NAPPO website - supports implementation of ISPM 23 and 31 	
b. Identify new technologies , promote their use, and work to facilitate their implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized update of RSPMs 5 and 9 • 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 	
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"> • Several conversations with the International Society for Pest Information 	
6. Develop and implement NAPPO communication and promotion strategies		
<i>Sub-goal</i>	<i>In 2021</i>	<i>Ongoing projects/activities</i>
a. Clearly demonstrate and communicate the relevance and importance of NAPPO in protecting plant resources to senior and other officials in each member country; industry; other stakeholders including the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO website and newsletters • NAPPO regular emails to all stakeholders • NAPPO 101 webinars in English and Spanish offered in Oct. 2021 – in total, about 175 participants • European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)-NAPPO ongoing strategic engagement 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPPC Regional Workshop in Africa – developed and recorded presentation on how to meet IPPC Pest Reporting obligations using the NAPPO PAS as an example • Invited presentations on seed issues in NAPPO to the ASTA-AMSAC cross-border workshop and the Seed Association of the Americas • Virtual TC-RPPO meetings 	
<p>b. Explore alternative communication mechanisms to disseminate information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 6a • 44th NAPPO Annual meeting will be delivered virtually 	
<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 • Webinar on Sea Containers with presentations by NASCI, NZ/AUS and Industry to more than 150 participants from NPPOs in Latin America; coordinated with GICSV and IICA • B. Gething, U.S. industry, involved at the IPPC level in the development of a guide to improve implementation of ISPM 15 	