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

NAPPO Conference Call/Meeting Report

Panel:	E-Cert Panel	
Location/:	San Jose, Costa Rica	
Date:	June 13 th , 2013	
Chairperson:	Craig Southwick, US	
Participants:		
Rosa Bardales - Mexico	Michael Perry - US	Corinne Balasa - Canada
Delfino Hernandez - Mexico	Luis Leonel Espinosa- Mexico	Sherry Kirkpatrick-Papineau - Canada
Rebecca Lee - NAPPO	Craig Southwick - US	
Summary		
Introduction	The Panel met to go over progress made in its assignments for the year, to review and evaluate the IICA Workshop, and to discuss potential projects needed to advance ePhyto.	
Assignment 1	Support the Expert Working Group (EWG) in incorporating comments received through IPPC member consultation on Appendix 1 of ISPM 12, <i>Phytosanitary certificates</i> .	
Consensus:	The Panel's work on this assignment is complete. Members of the Panel provided feedback and assistance to comments received to the Appendix through Rebecca Lee.	
Assignment 2	Provide Leadership to NAPPO member countries on the implementation of electronic transfer of Phytosanitary certificates using Appendix 1 to ISPM 12	
Consensus:	The Panel Members agreed to provide an update on the implementation of electronic transfer of Phytosanitary certificates using Appendix 1 to ISPM 12. The Panel members will focus on leadership towards implementation and current challenges. The countries agreed to provide a summary of achievements by July 19 th .	
Assignment:	Support the IPPC in 1) a demonstration of concept or pilot implementation of Appendix 1 to ISPM 12 should the case arise and 2) assisting with presentations for the Technical Consultation among RPPOs and 3) assistance with presentations for the Interamerican Coordinating Group in Plant Protection	
Consensus:	Pilots: The US is working with the Netherlands on a bilateral piloting of ePhyto. The US and Canada are working with the Quad Countries (Australia, New Zealand, Canada, US) on a regional hub solution. Presentations/IICA Workshop: The Panel assisted with the planning of the IICA workshop for Certification. The panel provided presenters for the IICA Workshop.	

Other subjects	Other subjects included projects the panel should consider to support ePhyto in the future and ways to improve eCertification / ePhyto workshops.	
Consensus:	<p>Potential Projects for the Panel and for Countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel Members each took parts of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document being developed. The panel took ownership for answering the questions and smoothing out the document • The countries will continue to work towards and extend pilots of ePhyto. • A PowerPoint which would briefly introduce ePhyto and its benefits was suggested and the Panel agreed it would be useful • A validation of mandatory versus optional elements against the schema is suggested. The IPPC steering committee should be contacted about endorsing this task. • A proof of concept, similar to the one done in 2009, would be of value. This would be an attempt to find the simplest set of hardware and software which could achieve ePhyto/eCertification under Appendix 1 of ISPM 12. The data map should be validated first. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Panel Members by Country	The Panel Members agreed to provide an update on the implementation of electronic transfer of Phytosanitary certificates using Appendix 1 to ISPM 12. The Panel members will focus on leadership towards implementation and current challenges. The countries agreed to provide a summary of achievements by July 19 th .	July 19 th , 2013
Mexico	Prepare a draft flowchart on the ePhyto process	July 19, 2013
All panel members	Send in assigned revisions of FAQs to Craig Southwick	July 19, 2013
Next Meeting		
Date TBD (August?)	Conference call	
1. Revision of annual Panel report.		