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2019 NAPPO Work Program

Dear NAPPO stakeholders,

As you are aware, during the last call for new NAPPO projects (2017), stakeholders submitted thirteen (13) projects for consideration as possible additions to the 2018 Work Program. These projects were discussed, reviewed and prioritized by the NAPPO Executive Committee (EC) and Advisory and Management Committee (AMC) taking into consideration the evaluation criteria (listed at the end of this document) as well as the current ongoing and carryover NAPPO project load, and stakeholder input. There was consensus to immediately add three new projects to the 2018 Work Program and “wait list” three others to be added as ongoing projects were completed and as resources allowed.

In addition, you may already be aware that the United Nations proclaimed the year 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). As such, and to help our region prepare for this event, the NAPPO EC approved the formation of an additional NAPPO Expert Group on IYPH.

NAPPO will again open a call for new NAPPO projects on May 1, 2019. For transparency and in preparation for this call for new projects, we wanted to update you on the status of the NAPPO Work Program going into 2019. The information in the table that follows is organized as indicated below:

- New projects added to the Work Program in 2018 are at the top of the table; this includes the three wait listed projects that are about to initiate their activities (projects 1-3), a new NAPPO project on the International Year of Plant Health approved by the NAPPO Executive Committee (4) and the three projects that are already underway (projects 5-7).
- Immediately following these are ongoing NAPPO projects, with information on targeted completion dates in 2019 and beyond; the table includes a short description of pending deliverables (in blue);
- At the end of the table are NAPPO projects that are always ongoing.

	Area of Interest	Project Title	Objective	Expert Group
New projects				
1	Update existing NAPPO Regional	Revision of RSPM 22: <i>Guidelines for construction</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review/update RSPM based on the most recently adopted international and regional standards, current	Biological Control

	Standard for Phytosanitary Measures - RSPM	and operation of a containment facility for insects and mites used as biological control agents	<p>industry practices, government regulations and latest scientific and technical information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPM 22 was last reviewed in 2011. • Project will begin as soon as the new EG membership is confirmed by NAPPO member countries. 	
2	Forest Products	Develop a Science and Technology document that provides Inspection guidance following the detection of pests in certified wood packaging material and wood commodities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interception of pests on treated wood packaging is an issue that was raised at two NAPPO ISPM-15 workshops (China, 2014; Costa Rica, 2016). • Clarification has been requested by countries to help distinguish contaminants from regulated pests to reduce disruption of trade resulting from inappropriate phytosanitary measures that may be taken by the importing country. • NAPPO countries and their trading partners would benefit from technical and inspection guidance to determine whether presence of live pests or signs of live pests is indicative of ineffective treatment in certified wood products including wood packaging. • Project will begin as soon as the new EG membership is confirmed by NAPPO member countries. 	Forestry
3	Update existing NAPPO Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures - RSPM	Revision of RSPM 17: Guidelines for the Establishment, Maintenance and Verification of Fruit Fly Free Areas in North America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/update RSPM based on the most recently adopted international and regional standards, current industry practices, government regulations and latest scientific and technical information. • Adoption of new ISPMs since adoption of RSPM-17 and the amount of time (last reviewed in 2010) since it was updated prompts the need to review this RSPM. • Project will begin as soon as the new EG membership is confirmed by NAPPO member countries. 	RSPM 17
4	International Year of Plant Health - IYPH	The remit of the EG is to exchange ideas, develop appropriate materials and plan IYPH events in our region. Oversight of the IYPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project will begin as soon as the new EG membership is confirmed by NAPPO member countries. 	IYPH

		EG will be provided by the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee		
Ongoing projects				
5	Update existing NAPPO Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures – RSPM	Revision of RSPM 9: <i>Authorization of Laboratories for Phytosanitary Testing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/update RSPM based on the most recently adopted international and regional standards, current industry practices, government regulations and latest scientific and technical information. Implementation of RSPM 9 in the region has been important for accreditation programs and to facilitate certification and exports of plant products. Last update was in 2009. Project began in 2018. 	RSPM 9
6	Update existing NAPPO Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures – RSPM	Revision of RSPM 35: <i>Guidelines for the movement of Stone and Pome Fruit Trees and Grapevines into a NAPPO Member Country</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/update RSPM based on the most recently adopted international and regional standards, current industry practices, government regulations and latest scientific and technical information. RSPM 35 outlines a systems approach for reducing the risk of introduction of regulated pests associated with the international movement of stone and pome fruit trees and grapevines. Last update was in 2009. Project began in 2018. 	RSPM 35
7	Seeds	Design and deliver a hemispheric (Americas focused) workshop to promote the implementation of ISPM 38: <i>International Movement of Seeds</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate implementation of ISPM 38 for stakeholders in the Americas. Stakeholders include regulatory professionals in NAPPO member countries, countries represented by other RPOs of the Americas – OIRSA, CAN, COSAVE and CAHFSAs and seed industry and seed association experts. Project began in 2018. Workshop was delivered March 5-7, 2019. 	ISPM 38 Implementation
8	Khapra beetle	Develop a harmonized North American approach to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate each NAPPO member country's regulatory approach for Khapra beetle (prevention, detection and 	Khapra beetle

		preventing the introduction, and spread of khapra beetle in various pathways	<p>response) to identify similarities, differences and gaps and come to consensus on activities that can be harmonized in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft to country consultation in late 2018. • Document finalized; currently undergoing editorial review. 	
9	Biological Control	Develop modules on preparing a petition for 1st release of an entomophagous biological control agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop training modules in English and Spanish based on material from the 2015 NAPPO workshop on requirements outlined in NAPPO RSPM 12. • Spanish module completed in Jan. 2019. • Being converted to Adobe presenter platform – available soon on the NAPPO website. 	Biological Control
10	Lymantriids	Develop a NAPPO Science & Technology document on the risks associated with Lymantriids of concern to the NAPPO region, identifying potential species and pathways of concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive examination of selected Lymantriid species to characterize those species that present potential risks to North America to inform regulatory decision-makers in NAPPO countries. • Finalize risk assessment for selected species and develop the S&T document. 	Lymantriids
11	Risk-Based Sampling (RBS)	Risk-Based Sampling Symposium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium delivered in mid-2017 • Proceedings completed, translated and published in 2018. • Complete, publish and translate RBS Manual. 	Risk-Based Sampling
12	Asian Gypsy Moth	Validate specific risk periods for regulated Asian Gypsy Moth in countries of origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Asian Gypsy Moth data from regulated countries to determine whether any changes in specified risk periods for North America should be considered and whether such changes would have an impact on the requirements of the vessel certification program. • Negotiate and finalize data gathering and complete the document. 	Asian Gypsy Moth
13	Foundational documents	NAPPO foundational documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update existing and develop new NAPPO foundational documents based on present organizational needs. 	Foundational documents - AMC

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop additional foundational documents; compile the existing documents and review for duplication; editorial work for consistency. 	
Projects that are always ongoing				
14	Phytosanitary Alert System	Manage NAPPO region pest reporting and inform on emerging pest threats to the NAPPO region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet IPPC National Reporting Obligations and facilitate awareness, detection, prevention and management of exotic plant pest species within North America. 	PAS
15	Potato	RSPM 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly update of Annex 6 - potato pest list. 	Potato
16	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification	Assistance and technical support to the IPPC ePhyto Steering Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input to the IPPC Steering Group, especially help address mechanisms of exchange, security and secure transmission and standardization of data. 	eCert
17	Stakeholder engagement	Annual meeting planning, quarterly Newsletter and website updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, coordinate and execute activities for the NAPPO Annual Meeting. Develop and publish the quarterly Newsletter. Update NAPPO website. 	Secretariat, with AMC NPPO support for Annual Meeting
18	Regional collaboration	Collaboration with the Interamerican Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV), particularly via Technical Working Groups (TWGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate, collaborate and support regional initiatives on selected topics of importance to the RPPOs of the Americas. NAPPO participates in the virtual TWGs on eCert, HLB (citrus greening), fruit flies and <i>Tuta absoluta</i> with activities focused on information exchange, participation in quarterly virtual calls/ webinars. 	Experts from the NPPOs of member countries and NAPPO Secretariat

Evaluation Criteria and Other Considerations for NAPPO project prioritization

- **Project should fit under the mandate/regulatory authority of all the NAPPO member country NPPOs.**
- **Strategic Alignment:** Project should be well aligned with both NAPPO and the member country NPPO's strategic priorities; see below for links to the NAPPO Strategic Plan and to the websites of the three National Plant Protection Organizations of our member countries.
 - NAPPO Strategic Plan - <http://www.nappo.org/english/official-documents/strategic-plan>
 - Canada CFIA website - <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/eng/1299162629094/1299162708850>
 - United States – APHIS-PPQ website - <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth>

- Mexico – SENASICA website – <http://www.gob.mx/senasica/acciones-y-programas/organismos-y-acciones-de-cooperacion-regional-e-internacional>
- **Advancing the phytosanitary capacity of North America:** Project fosters the sharing of resources, information, and experiences, to help NAPPO members be collectively stronger and more effective.
- **Impact:** Project should have harmonization value for North America.
- **Priority Pests:** Project should focus on pests of concern to NAPPO member countries.
- **Feasibility - human capital:** Project proposal should clearly indicate availability of technical/scientific expertise from member country NPPOs.
- **Strategic Value of similar NAPPO projects:** Likelihood that the new proposed project would be successful/useful based on similar past endeavors.
- **Feasibility- resources:**
 - Project proposal should present a complete picture of the project and clearly outline the steps/processes and timelines needed to achieve the project objectives.
 - Project proposal should include details on human (how many) and financial (how much) resources are needed for the project. NAPPO does not itself provide funds for project development.
 - Project should be “doable” with current NAPPO Secretariat resources (how many projects can be managed by the NAPPO Secretariat taking into consideration other commitments).