



Summary of the Workshop on Capacity Building on Pest Risk Assessment for seeds (ISPM 2 and 11) for the participating countries of the project (STDF/PG/755)

titled

“Strengthening phytosanitary compliance and public-private partnerships to boost seed trade in the Asia Pacific region”

Location and Date: Manila, October 17-18, 2023

As part of the capacity building activities of the participating countries of the STDF/PG/755 on the ISPMs related to seed trade, a workshop was organized in-person in Manila, Philippines from October 17-18, 2023. This workshop focused on ISPM2 and 11, covering the ISPM 2 and 11. The agenda of the workshop is attached in Annexure 1. The NPPOs of each beneficiary country namely, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the work along with APAARI secretariat and representatives from associated technical implementing partners (Asia and Pacific Seed Alliance, Croplife Asia and International Seed Federation). The detailed list of participants is attached in Annexure 2. This workshop laid the foundation for further discussion and eventual development of the pest list for seeds for the countries which currently do not have a specific list or to work closely with countries which already have the pest list for seeds for some crops to expand the list for other crops.

Shivendra Bajaj welcomed the participants and provided the scope of the meeting, which was followed by the opening remarks and outlay of the meeting by Ravi Khetarpal (online). He also thanked the participating countries for participation and highlighted the importance of PRAs for efficient seed movement. Dr Ravi also informed the participants that the next workshop will also be conducted in Manila from March 8-9, 2024, immediately after the APSA expert phytosanitary consultation. The Director of Bureau of Plant Industries, Dr Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban gave his special remarks, also online and offered full support from BPI to the workshop. A video highlighting STDF activities was played for the benefit of the participants.

The Keynote was given by Dr Celia Chalam from ICAR NBPGR delivered her keynote on the overview of status of PRA in India with special reference to seed transmitted pests.

Dr Rose Souza Richards from International Seed Federation, who was the key resource person for this workshop provided the session outlay and objectives. She began with the introduction to the PRAs and relevant ISPMs and presented in detail about the preparation of pest list of seeds as per ISPM 2 and ISPM 11. It was discussed that ISF regulated pest list for seeds can be used as one of the reference lists for development of pest list for seeds for



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vegetable crops by the participating countries. The technical lead from ISF, Dr Bénédicte Lebas, discussed in detail about the process used by ISF for developing pest list for seeds. The participating countries in question, can make use of this information for developing their pest list for seeds using ISF regulated pest list as reference. Dr Melanie Newfield, former NPPO of New Zealand then shared her presentation on the several approaches to develop a pest risk assessment for seeds and the process New Zealand has taken for the pest risk analysis. Philippines has also developed pest list for seeds for 8 crops and that process was highlighted by the NPPOs of Philippines. Thelma Soriano presented the case study of public-private partnerships with development of pest list for seeds as an example for Philippines.

The participants were also shown the prototype of the portal where the phytosanitary regulations of the participating countries will be hosted. The regulated pest list for seeds will also be hosted in the portal.

Dr Celia shared the sources that can be used for conducting the PRAs.

A workshop was conducted with technical assistance from NPPOs of Philippines, Thailand and India to enable participants of remaining countries to determine how many pests in the regulated pest list for a particular crop are seed transmitted. The results were shared and discussed.

The workshop ended with a commitment from the NPPOs that they will start developing pest list for seeds and a follow up meeting will be organized in December to share the progress.



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October 17-18, 2023

Venue

Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria Hotel, Manila, Philippines

Day One: October 17 2023

Time	Agenda item	Remark
8.30-9.00	Registration	All participants
9.00-9.20	Welcome and Introduction	Shivendra Bajaj
9.20-9.30	Opening Remarks and Meeting Overview	Ravi Khetarpal
9.30-9.40	Special Remarks by Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Philippines	Gerald Glenn F. Panganiban
9:40-9:50	STDF Video presentation	<i>(Video presentation)</i>
9:50-10:20	Keynote: “An overview of status of PRA in India with special reference to seed transmitted pests”	Celia Chalam Vasimalla
10:20-10:30	Session Outlay and Objectives	Rose Souza Richards
10.30 – 11.00	Introduction to Pest Risk Assessment of seeds and relevant ISPMs	Rose Souza Richards
11.00 – 11.30	Tea break	
11.30 – 13.00	Introduction to PRA of Seeds (continued) Preparation and Update of Seed Pest Lists (ISPM2 and ISPM11) Utilizing ISF Regulated Pest List for Seed Pest List Updates Reviewing Country-Specific Seed Pest Lists: A Case Study	Rose Souza Richards
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 14.30	ISF's Process of Developing Pest Lists for Seeds	Online Presentation by Bénédicte Lebas, Technical Lead - RPLI, ISF
14.30 – 15.30	Different Approaches to Pest Risk Assessment for Seeds	Online Presentation by Melanie Newfield, and Australia’s representative
15.30- 16.00	Tea Break	



16.00-17:30	Developing Pest Lists for Seeds: Philippines Incorporating Seed Sector Inputs into Pest List Development	Philippines NPPO(s), Thelma Soriano
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Day Two: October 18, 2023

Time	Agenda item	Remark
9.00-9.30	Recap of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2	Rose Souza Richards
9.30 – 10.30	Portal for Seed Phytosanitary Regulations: Progress Update on Portal Development	Shivendra Bajaj
10.30-11.00	Workshop Outline on Pest List Development	Ravi Khetarpal
11.00 – 11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	Workshop on Pest List Development	Facilitated by Rose Souza Richards and Thelma Soriano
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Interactive Group Work: Developing Individual Pest Lists Group A Led by Thailand, Group B Led by Philippines Sharing NPPO Challenges and Mitigation Strategies Setting Up Next Steps for List Development	Facilitated by Rose Souza Richards and Thelma Soriano
17.00- 17:15	Conclusion and next steps Recap of Key Outcomes and Action Items	