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23-24 August 2018, Nadi - Fiji Islands



FINAL REPORT.

Key Speakers

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2. Mr Jan Helsen. Director, Land Resources Division (LRD), Pacific Community (SPC), Suva, Fiji.

3. Dr Lois Ransom. Former Chair, Committee on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Bureau, IPPC Secretariat. Assistant Secretary, Plant Imports Operations. Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR). Canberra, Australia.

4. Mr Binesh Prasad. Principal Agriculture Officer (West), Ministry of Agriculture, Fiji.

5. Mr Timothy Tekon Tumukon. Chairperson of the PPPO. Official Contact Point for Vanuatu National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO). Director Vanuatu Biosecurity

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MEETING SUMMARY

This summary captures the 2-days programme of presentations, discussions and interactive dialogue at the meeting on issues relating to Plant Protection and Biosecurity in the region, which took place from 23-24 August 2018 in Nadi, Fiji.

As the 9th Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) and 17th Regional Technical Meeting of Plant Protection (RTMPP) meeting convened, almost 30 Plant Health and Biosecurity key officials from 14 countries and territories including Australia and New Zealand gathered to discuss ideas and share views on relevant issues that are significant to the South West Pacific (SWP) region.

In opening the meeting, the chief guest Ms. Lois Ransom stressed the importance of the PPPO/ RTMPP to continue working together as a region with IPPC and other regional plant protection members to help protect and maintain the unique endemic plant status of the pacific region, free from exotic pests and diseases.

It was anticipated that this regional meetings discusses, deliberates and agree on important phytosanitary measures and outcomes that will help our various biosecurity institutions protect the SWP region from exotic transboundary plant pest and diseases while facilitating safe trade.

This meeting also saw the election of the new office bearers for the PPPO/RTMPP and the Board wishes the new team every success in propelling the organisation forward during their term.

Some of the main topics discussed in the meeting included the following:

- Summary findings of the consultant's report on the PPPO governance and structure
- Summary findings on the consultant report on the Regional Biosecurity Baseline Study
- Developing a matrix for the new PPPO Strategic/Business Plan (2019-2023)
- SPS Platform/Resource mobilisation.

This is the first time in the history of the PPPO/RTMPP meetings that the two groups are meeting in parallel sessions and issues of research and biosecurity were discussed separately before being brought together for adoption.

Under the leadership of the new Chairperson, the meeting concludes with a compilation of recommendations that is hoped to shape the future of the PPPO/RTMPP.

Presented below is a summary of the main recommendations arising from the meeting and also the Action Items.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) More member countries to seek to be involved in the training program currently conducted by PHEL.
- b) Transboundary biosecurity proposal is to include all PPPO countries.
- c) More information on CRB-G needs to be distributed in the region to get PICTs well informed.
- d) It was recommended that member countries are to effectively manage their national export system so that the confidence of trading partners can be maintained.

- e) FAO is to send clarification for regional transboundary initiatives to PPPO Secretariat who will then distribute to all members for information and awareness
- f) SPC is maintaining stockpile of appropriate lures for emergency responses on Fruit flies and CRB-G however it is recommended that countries send in requests when required.
- g) Similar to fruit fly surveillance programs, it is recommended countries seek pathology surveillance training to support biosecurity activities.
- h) To assist countries with ERP funding and while building more towards climatic emergencies, the Board has been advised that there are funding available relating to climatic resilience incursions and it is recommended that countries seek these funding. Although the source of available funding was not specifically mentioned, the advice given to the Board implied that funding for climate related events are widely available.
- i) An IPPC topics proposal to develop a guidance document on post disaster humanitarian donations is to be developed and provided to donor agencies as a guide to ensure that biosecurity risks are also considered during such events.
- j) Generic information on biosecurity to be made available on SPC website to help countries.
- k) The Board endorses and recommend the revival of PCE training and encourage members to initiate requests for this training.
- l) Updates need to be provided for all recommendation that is still in progress.
- m) The Board endorsed that a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to be formulated and finalised by the next ExCo Meeting.
- n) The new Strategic Framework is to include a communication plan and a monitoring and evaluation component.
- o) PPPO Secretariat to provide ERP support at a regional level and provide an update on ERP for the region however member countries need to provide this update to the Secretariat as most are managing their own response plan.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda 1.2: Presentation and adoption of the report of the 8th Meeting of PPPO Board 2015 by Secretariat

- a) Cook Islands to provide copies of the regional draft on gravel and sand movement so that members can provide comment.
- b) PPPO Executive Committee to work together with the Secretariat to update and prioritise the work plan.
- c) PPPO Secretariat to package progress updates in a format that can be consulted and reviewed to validate the impact of activities undertaken in countries and regionally.
- d) PPPO Secretariat to provide a collated status update on actions and recommendations from the previous meeting.
- e) PPPO Secretariat will work with Executive Committee members to prepare generic information on biosecurity which will be available on the SPC website.

Agenda 1.2.1: Summary Findings of the PPPO Governance and structure- Consultants Reports by PPPO Secretariat

- f) Task Force comprising of the PPPO Chairperson, Vice PPPO Chairperson, Executive Committee, Secretariat, IC and SC members to provide the draft SOP by March 2019. The SOP is to also include some process for other donor organisations that will help them recognise the priorities in the region.

Agenda 2.6 : Open discussions around the Consultants findings on the Regional Baseline Study

- g) PPPO Secretariat to take the lead in the compilation of project document for the revival of PCE and formulation of proposal to donor agencies in consultation with Board Members.
- h) Upon receipt, LRD is to circulate the Consultancy report to the PPPO Board for comments.
- i) The ExCo 2016 Meeting revised the work plan and included the roles and functions of the Secretariat. Australia is to provide a copy of the revised work plan that will be distributed to board members for their perusal and information.

Agenda 4.4 Discussions on New PPPO Strategic/Business Plan (2019-2023)

- j) PPPO Secretariat to circulate the amended Strategic Framework (that includes a communication plan and a monitoring and evaluation component) to all the countries so that they can indicate what has been achieved at national level. PPPO Secretariat will compile these achievements as indicators for regional success.
- k) PPPO Secretariat is to circulate a template to capture national success stories and submission of responses to the Strategic Framework. A timeframe will be attached for submission of responses to ensure timely return of comments for ease of compilation.
- l) Secretariat is to present the Strategic Framework with the success stories to DFAT and MFAT for peer review before submission to the donors.

Agenda 5.5 Discussions on Presentation by NPPOs

- m) FAO will advise Cook Islands through the PPPO Secretariat on the update of the legislation review.
- n) SPC to send some CRB-G lure to assist Vanuatu in protecting the northern part of Vanuatu that is now susceptible to a CRB-G incursion due the extensive spread of CRB-G in the Solomon Islands.
- o) PPPO Secretariat to provide an update on how ERP has been rolled out and maintained in country. Time has been given to the Secretariat to provide such update.
- p) FAO to send clarification for regional transboundary initiatives to PPPO Secretariat for circulation to members for information and awareness.
- q) Australia to lead the development of an IPPC topic proposal to provide guidance on post disaster humanitarian donations.
- r) The PPPO Secretariat to follow up with LRD Management regarding the Midterm report by Kalang on the project *Development of an SPS Pacific Regional Platform for Pacific Islands Countries and Territories Regional Platform* and advise the Board a date for report circulation

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Welcome and Introduction:-PPPO Executive Secretary, Dr. Visoni Timote

On behalf of the PPPO, the Secretariat welcomed all participants and stakeholders to the 9th Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO) meeting and the 17th Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Protection (RTMPP). In acknowledging the presence of invited guests, stakeholders and PPPO Board members, the Secretariat anticipated that the discussions and deliberations on plant protection regional issues for the next two days would be meaningful. Special mention was made to the Australian Government for its tremendous support in enabling the meeting to take place.

Opening Prayer

Head of NPPO Tonga-Dr.Viliame Kami.

Welcome Address – SPC LRD Director, Mr Jan Helsen

The Director warmly welcomed special guests and members of the PPPO Board for this 2 days regional meeting and acknowledged the continuing financial and technical support provided by the Australian government and DFAT, ACIAR, FAO, & PHAMA . The PPPO platform is critical as technical experts in various fields in agriculture continue to discuss pressing phytosanitary issues and outcomes that will benefit the Pacific region as a whole.

The PPPO Board was presented with an overview of LRD SPC in looking at various flagships and integration of programmes to best deliver their core roles and functions to member countries in an attempt to address issues like regional biosecurity, SPS, climate change, sustainable agriculture, people's livelihoods and safe trade.

As secretariat of the PPPO, LRD SPC hopes to collaborate with PPPO Member countries to prioritise the major biosecurity and research issues of concerns from the region. Similarly, LRD assured the meeting that they would continue to provide support and reaffirm their stand in the Secretariat role and continue to provide support to the member countries.

Full text of speech available as Appendix 1

Chief Guest/Keynote Opening Address- Ms Lois Ransom

On behalf of the IPPC, Ms Ransom thanked the Fiji Government for hosting the 9th PPPO and the 17th RTMPP meetings. The contributions of the Chairperson of the PPPO and the Pacific Community for continuing to house the PPPO Secretariat in LRD were duly acknowledge.

The PPPO Board was assured that the IPPC continues to support and collaborate very closely with the various Regional Plant Protection Organisations(RPPO) around the world and the PPPO and RTMPP is one

of the important RPPOS. These regional meetings discuss, deliberate and agree on important phytosanitary measures and outcomes that will help our various biosecurity institutions protect the SWP region from exotic transboundary plant pest and diseases while facilitating safe trade.

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Opening Remarks by Host Country- Mr Binesh Prasad, Principal Agricultural Officer(Western)

On behalf of the Fiji government, Mr Prasad welcomed the members of the PPPO Board and special guests to the 9th PPPO meeting and the 17th RTMPP. The continuous support of the Australian government, donor partners and other organisations present was duly acknowledged.

The growth in developments throughout the Pacific results in an increase in international movement of people and trade of commodities, hence the increase in pest and disease incursions. Board members and stakeholders were further encouraged to collaborate closely to protect the Pacific's unique biodiversity, flora and fauna.

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Thank you Note by PPPO Chairman- Head of NPPO Vanuatu, Mr. Timothy Tumukon

PPPO Chairman, acknowledged the presence of Board members, invited guest, and stakeholders. A special acknowledgement was awarded to the Chief Guest, FAO, IPPC Secretariat and Donor partners that provide the opportunity for PPPO member countries to meet and discuss issues that are important to the region.

Further acknowledgement was made to DAWR for the funding assistance that helped made the meeting a reality. Board members were encouraged to interact, network and share ideas with one another during the forum .

Full text of speech is available as Appendix 4

SESSION 1: PPPO CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda and daily time schedules by Secretariat

Agenda was endorsed and adopted.

1.2 Presentation of Progress Updates and adoption of the report of the 8th Meeting of PPPO Board 2015- by PPPO Secretariat Executive Secretary, Dr. Visoni Timote

Presented below are the action items with updates from the 8th Meeting of PPPO Board 2015.

- s) Cook Islands to provide copies of the regional draft on gravel and sand movement so that members can provide comment .

Update: Cook Islands NPPO confirmed that draft RSPM on movement of sand and gravel will be distributed to members for their comment.

t) The Meeting requested FAO, in partnership with other stakeholders, to seek the necessary resources to facilitate the implementation of relevant activities identified in the PPPO Business Plan and Work Plan 2012-2018, and supported the need to identify long-term funding for the operation of the PPPO

Update : FAO is currently identifying funds and some of the activities are ongoing as in the review of biosecurity legislation.

u) PPPO Executive Committee (PPPO ExCo) to work together to update and prioritise the work plan.

Update: PPPO Secretariat confirmed that the current work plan expires this year and assured the meeting that the PPPO Executive Committee will work together with the Secretariat to update and prioritise the work plan. Current work plan is due this year and the PPPO work plan for the next 5 years will be formulated in this meeting.

v) SPC to initiate a competition, open to higher education institutions to design a logo for the PPPO.

Update: PPPO Secretariat referred to latest action on 2018 PPPO Executive Meeting outcome and confirmed that PPPO Logo will be done in house to avoid legality issues.

w) PPPO secretariat to conduct a survey on the use of CABI's Invasive Species Compendium (ISC) and Crop Protection Compendium (CPC) in the next two months so that PPPO members can make a decision on subscription for 2016.

Update : PPPO Secretariat confirmed renewal of subscription to CABI's ISC and CPC for another year (2018 – 2019).

- Generic information on biosecurity to become available on SPC website to help countries.

Update: PPPO Secretariat will work with Executive Committee members for the progress of this work.

- Review project proposal on the Regional Pesticide Registration Scheme and its potential to provide a significant contribution to the strategic objectives of PPPO, and recommended endorsement of the Scheme and of the proposed Tasks and Composition of a Working Group to develop a full proposal.

Update : SPC PH Coordinator, Mr. Fereti Atumurirava, confirmed that the Technical Cooperation Proposal(TCP) has already been submitted to FAO and approved in principle however the funding provision for TCP implementation is limited to USD.5M. The proposal implementation cost is more than USD1M. FAO has made the decision to wait for the FAO Multilateral agreement on Phase 3.

Recommendations from PPPO ExCo 2016

The Board deliberated on the importance of the Phytosanitary Certification Evaluation (PCE). While it was a recommendation from the PPPO ExCo 2016 for member countries to officially request FAO for assistance for the PCE tool, FAO confirmed that none of the countries submitted any request. However, the Board was informed that Fiji actually requested for PCE training through the secretariat. The Board also encouraged members to initiate request for PCE training.

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The Board was advised that it would make an accountable update if the progress were clear and highlighting the responsibilities of all those involved in achieving a recommendation. The Board endorsed this advice and also requested the PPPO Secretariat to package progress updates in a format that can be consulted and reviewed to validate the impact of activities undertaken in countries and regionally. Some of the recommendation are still in working progress and needs to be update each time they are raised. The Board was also requested to provide an update on the outcomes of the 2018 ExCo meeting.

Full text of presentation is available as Appendix 5

1.3 Chairperson's Report.

The helm of leadership of the PPPO changes this year for yet another 3 years. This is the time when the Board will look back to review the recommendations and update on the progress of the organisation. A new Strategic Plan will be formulated this year and it will be up to the members to determine the direction of the organisation. Biosecurity legislation is critical and needs to be the base of national biosecurity operations. In that regard, the Board noted that Fiji and Samoa have progressed in their legislations. Member countries are encouraged to share their progress in the formulation of their respective biosecurity laws.

Member countries are reminded that draft ISPMs are being put forward and also encouraged to continue discussions of draft ISPMs in order to be familiar with its implementation. Similarly, each member countries are urged to register and become contracting parties to the IPPC, which is an action that will greatly benefit and provide experience to member countries. PPPO will always be grateful for the support and guidance of regional partners namely Australia and New Zealand.

As the leadership transitions, it is greatly anticipated that the positions will be taken advantage of to progress the work of the PPPO in the region and beyond.

1.4 Accolade for Ms. Lois Ransom

The Board, through the Chairperson paid tribute to Ms Lois Ransom who has been part of the PPPO Board for a long time. In 2006, she became the contact point for Australia with IPPC. Ms Ransom has contributed to more than 30 years to plant health and biosecurity in Australia and with the global community. She became the vice chair of the CPM in 2015, a post she held for two (2) years. The region and most importantly the PPPO has benefitted a lot from her vast experience and contributions and is indebted to Ms Ransom. The PPPO Board and members wishes her well.

SESSION 2: ELECTION OF PPPO OFFICE BEARERS

2.1 Election of new PPPO Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee members by Secretariat.

Nomination of PPPO Chair from the sub-region of Micronesia:

Palau confirmed the consensus of the Micronesian region and nominated **Guam** for position of PPPO Chairmanship, which was seconded by Kiribati. NPPO Guam accepted the nomination for the position.

Nomination for PPPO Vice-Chair

Australia nominated New Zealand for the position of PPPO vice Chairmanship and was seconded by Palau. New Zealand accepted the nomination for the position.

2.2 Address by new PPPO Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The PPPO Chairperson acknowledged the nomination and handed over the meeting to the Vice-Chairperson.

In acknowledging the nominations, the Vice-Chair thanked the Board for having faith in the new leadership and upholding the spirit and integrity of the institution and authority. Contributions by the outgoing PPPO Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Committee members, PPPO Secretariat and the PPPO Board was duly recognised and acknowledged. The Board was requested to work together as the transition into the new leadership takes place.

The Vice-Chair deservedly acknowledged the contributions made by Ms Ransom in the region and the international arena. Ms Ransom had always been seen as someone who relates and understands the Pacific situation and provides guidance with due processes.

In closing, the Board is reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to see that PPPO continues to strive and maintained. While looking to the vast and valuable experience of the senior members, the Board will ensure that there is room for the new generation to come through and keep the PPPO moving forward.

2.2.1 Election of PPPO Executive Committee:

- **Polynesia: Tokelau, Tuvalu** (Moved by NPPO Samoa & seconded by Tokelau) Tokelau and Tuvalu both accepted the nominations.
- **Melanesia: Fiji, PNG** (Moved by Palau & seconded by Fiji) Fiji and PNG both accepted the nominations.
- **Micronesia: Kiribati, Palau** (Moved by Nauru & seconded by Palau) Kiribati and Palau both accepted the nominations.

2.3 Summary Findings of the PPPO Governance and structure- Consultants Reports by PPPO Secretariat

Background

One of the outcomes of the 2015 PPPO Board meeting was to engage a consultant to review the governance, structure and effectiveness of the PPPO. The consultant's engagement was effected after the 2017 ExCo meeting. The review findings were presented to the 2018 PPPO ExCo meeting where it was endorsed that a summary findings is to be presented to the PPPO Board. The following issues were presented in the summary:

- a) **Institutional home:**

LRD/SPC provided a definite indication to the review in June 2018 stating in relation to their role as host of PPPO that they want to be seen as the driver playing an important role in SPS together with other partners. The review however recommends that LRD/SPC provide a formal confirmation of their role as Secretariat and institutional host of the PPPO. The Secretariat will be an exclusive role to the PPPO.

b) Governance:

The review highlights some ambiguities in the Constitution that affects the way the PPPO Secretariat operates and its relationship with SPC/LRD. It was recommended that the best way forward was to develop a set of agreed operating arrangements between SPC/LRD and the PPPO Board. This could be handled through a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and to address the following:

- Practical processes for linking PPPO planning/budgeting and priority-setting processes with the SPC/LRD planning-budgeting cycle.
- Clarifying the role of the PPPO Chairman and Board in providing guidance to the Secretariat (including the ability to give direction to the Executive Secretary).

It was recommended that the SOP is to be finalized by the next PPPO ExCo meetings

c) Funding:

The review highlighted funding/resources as critical to the future role of the PPPO and recommends that the Secretariat explore short term funding options on costs of regional meetings required under the convention. Following updates to the Strategic Framework and work program, the secretariat will develop donor funding proposals, including prioritized activities of the work program for consideration by donor organisations.

On the same note the review recognises the important role of FAO in supporting RPPOs in this area, and sees FAO as a key partner in relation to mobilising resources.

2.4 Open Discussions around the Consultants findings on the PPPO review.

a) Institutional Home

This agenda is being discussed in Agenda 3.1 : SPC Business.

b) Governance

The Board endorsed that a Standard Operating Procedure is to be formulated and be finalised by the next PPPO ExCo meeting. A task force comprising of PPPO Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Executive Committee, Secretariat, IC and SC members was also endorsed to formulate the SOP. The Board also advised that it was important the SOP ensures that the relationship between SPC LRD, PPPO Secretariat, Board and Executive Committee is clear as that is where PPPO will be operating.

c) Funding:

Details on funding will be discussed in Agenda 3.1

d) Other Matters

The Board was advised to also include a communication plan to support the Strategic Framework. Similarly, it was suggested that a monitoring and evaluation component needs to be included in the Strategic Framework to ascertain the effectiveness of the activities undertaken. This will help evaluate the activity in terms of value for money and can be attractive when presenting to donors.

The Board was also informed of the change process in LRD where the communication, knowledge management and impact that used to be part of projects previously have now been taken out and placed as a directorate level. This provides a good avenue for LRD to provide monitoring, evaluation and communication support for the PPPO.

It was also revealed to the Board that SPC/LRD had express interest to FAO to use Pacific Country Programme Framework (CPF) as modus operandi for project program planning. The objectives of FAO in their member countries are the objectives of SPC in the broader Pacific and FAO is in favour of SPC/LRD.

2.5 Summary Findings of the Regional Biosecurity Baseline Study-Consultants Report by PPPO Secretariat

The PPPO Secretariat presented on the summary findings of the establishment of a Regional Biosecurity Strategy and Baseline Capacity Review under the following topics. The Board was informed that the report is currently not available for consultation and will be made available to the Board upon completion of the consultancy project. Discussions however were based only on the presentations that were presented under the following heading.

- Key Points- Part 1 and 2
- Purpose
- Fit, How and Why a Regional Biosecurity Strategy
- Key Drivers
- Required Outcomes
- SPC LRD- Lead for the Strategy
- Biosecurity Capacity Review- Process, Key Capacity Gaps, Key Regional Pest of Concern (Transboundary), Diagnostic Capacity, Diagnostic, ICKM, Human Talent, Legislation Frameworks, Training, Private Sector/Community Linkages, PCE

Full text of presentation is available as Appendix 6

2.6 Open Discussions around the Consultants findings on the Regional Baseline Study

a) Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE).

The Board was advised that it would be wise to look at a couple of activities to make a start rather than wanting to change everything all at the same time and it was suggested that members could start from the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE). This is to see how far the region has

come but also going into that being prepared and to share the results so the members can identify common challenges within the region.

Members have shown positive interest in the revival of the PCE in the region seeing that it has been a lapse of eleven (11) years since the last one.

Similarly, the Board was advised that the PCE training would be attractive to donors if it were packaged as a Re-evaluation of Technical Capacity in the Pacific region using the PCE tool given the time lapse. The aim of the training could be to measure the progress to enable the identification of needs and priorities. Data would also be analysed in order to identify module training activities that could be undertaken to recommend a development plan. There are available resources on the IPP from other region who have training materials that the PPPO could use to build a training program. Although it may cost a lot but the added value to the proposal is taking the outcomes of the evaluation and building a regional program.

The Board was adequately assured by FAO that there is funding under to current CPF that could be used for PCE and members could request through SPC or through the national FAO offices.

The Board was informed that a lot of work had gone in to the PCE and that it is important to recognise PCE activities by compiling the findings so there are literature review available. This would enable members to look at outcomes issues raised from these PCE trainings.

PPPO Secretariat to take the lead in the compilation of project document and formulation of proposal to donor agencies in consultation and support with Board Members.

The Board fully endorses the PCE implementation.

b) Regional Biosecurity Strategy

The Board agreed to reserve the comments and decisions with regards to the report until the full report by the consultancy has been submitted to the PPPO.

c) Roles and Function of the Secretariat

The Board received enquiry on the role and functions of the Secretariat. The Board was informed that the ExCo meeting in 2016 revised the work plan and included the roles and function of the Secretariat. The Board requested that this document be presented to the Board and requested Australia and the Secretariat to look into this document.

SESSION 3: SPC BUSINESS

3.1 SPS Platform/Resource mobilization by Director SPC LRD, Mr Jan Helsen.

DLRD presented the SPC LRD Business Plan and how Biosecurity and SPS fit into the LRD Business Plan. The Business Plan is a product of several consultation held not only with member countries but also with relevant stakeholders and regional meetings or platforms such as the Steering Committee at the Heads of Agriculture and Fisheries (HOAFS) Meeting in 2017.

The key objective:

In as much as we want to facilitate access to good biosecurity the key objective for LRD remains as building resilient communities.

The business plan comprises of 4 operational pillars headed by a program pillar manager. The responsibility of pillar managers is to think about how each pillar should shape or to determine what the constituent elements should be and also to think about operational aspect such as developing concept note to ensure concept notes are developed better with a logical framework with the theory of change and once implemented will also have the necessary mechanisms for impact assessment for import and export.

The four pillars are:

1. Genetic Resources & Pacific Seeds for life.
2. Sustainable Forest and Landscapes – forestry, red plus, adaptation to climate change and climate smart livelihood and sustainable agriculture from a landscape perspective.
3. Sustainable Agriculture and Food & Nutrition Security.
4. Market for Livelihoods Value Chains

With regards to communication and knowledge management, SPC have developed so much in terms of information and knowledge programme that are relevant to the Pacific region, however this information became very difficult to access after the end of the project.

Getting scored competencies out of those thematic pillars and making them the drivers for LRD to support the overall objectives and contribute to food and nutrition security and help contribute to building resilient communities.

- i. Pacific Seeds for Life: it's part of the flagship initiative of SPC and has to do with genetic resources, landscaping, food and nutrition security so it cuts across the programme however the weight of this project is under Genetic Resources.
- ii. Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change
- iii. Food Systems for Health and Nutrition
- iv. Sanitary/ Phytosanitary Standards and Biosecurity

The key features of the flagship program are to contribute to an effective Regional Biosecurity Platform to:

- Contribute to an effective Regional Biosecurity Platform in ensuring that all PICT's have adopted and are practising Biosecurity model laws, in line with the IPPC, OIE and Codex Alimentarius Standards.
- Build capacity to ensure that NPPO's and Heads of Biosecurity Authorities are aware of the transboundary pests and diseases and exotic Terrestrial and Aquatic pests and diseases that threaten our flora, fauna, rivers, seascapes and our livelihoods.
- Work with member countries in building SOP's to complement technical capacities at national level that will help NPPO's make informed scientific decisions concerning biosecurity /SPS risks at the pre-border, border and post-border.
- Work with national authorities to institute effective Phytosanitary measures at pre-border, border and post-border to respond to / manage exotic plant pests and diseases.

- Address non-compliance bio-security issues faced in trade in both exports and imports and work with member countries to address these.
- Provide support to data generation and analysis and documentation to enable member countries make informed decisions on bio-security, and trade in the region.
- Work on SPS standards that will draw on technical expertise in pest and disease management and plant and animal health across LRD pillars as well as will link to other divisions with SPC.
- Through early warning systems, routine P&D surveillance and the application of Plant Health Clinics (PHC) in member countries, the platform will be in a better to respond to pest incursions and collaborate on containment and eradication.

Institutional Set-up

- Rather than having PPPO activities being part of a market access project; SPS will be an integrated flagship program with a longer-term horizon and multiple stakeholder platforms.
- The SPS Platform will have a dedicated Focal Point supported by a core operational and outreach team housed at the land resources Division with the main objective to provide the requisite coordination and Secretariat function.
- The Platform will draw on expertise within and across the Division in pest and disease management, knowledge management, P-MEL OCS, to be an effective and robust service provider to the NPPOs Biosecurity Authorities in the Region.
- The SPS platform will seek to forge linkages with other stakeholders and projects in the region and serve as the conduit for information exchange, communication and coordination of initiatives.
- To contribute to P&D management and food safety, LRD will align its core functions in Biosecurity to those of plant and animal health. Specifically, the biosecurity team aims to support Plant and animal Health through in-country surveillance on request of member countries. Other projects, managed by other colleagues – such as the one-health project – may come on board as part of the platform.
- Through early warning systems, routine P&D surveillance and the application of Plant Health Clinics (PHC) in member countries. LRD, SPC in collaboration with member countries will be in a better platform to respond actively to pest incursions and collaborate on possible containment and eradication.

Resource Mobilisation

- Core SPS – PPPO operations collective needs: Minimum set up of a Secretariat without which the fundamental SPS and Bio-security in the Pacific Region would be at risk (minimum critical mass required that allows us to have a Secretariat (Focal Point; OCS; Program Assistant).
- Outreach and Partnerships: resources that are required for activities that make an immediate and critical contribution to the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (capacity building, partnership projects, OCS, impact assessment and communication of impact).

3.2 Discussions on SPS Platform/Resource mobilization

a) Costing of the Plan

Members enquired about the costing of the plan however the Board was informed by LRD that the budget has yet to be finalised but as much as possible it be sourced from within SPC.

The Board was also informed that funding is confirmed for the one year and it is expected that resources come in, as SPC works on proposal because once commitment is done then resource mobilisation can take place. SPC is also hoping that some of their funds come in from year 2 just to bridge up their plans until the bigger projects starts.

b) PPPO Secretariat

The Board was also informed that Secretariat of the PPPO will provide the foundation for the SPS regional programme in future and reiterated the role of the Secretariat will be well defined and sustainable. The Board stressed that the Terms of reference, SOPs, Reviewed work plan of 2016 that defines the roles of the Secretariat and the constitution would be guiding document to achieve deliverables of the PPPO Secretariat. These documents also provide the legal basis for PPPO Secretariat.

Clarification was sought for a term used “biosecurity facility won’t be at risk”. The Board was informed that this phrase was used with reference to the breakdown of the Caribbean Plant Protection Organisation. As a result the biosecurity situation in that region as affected. The regional implication was huge and it took e a long time to be reinstated. There is a need to mitigate and sustain the PPPO instead of allowing it to disintegrate as it takes a long to be reinstated and start all over again. The Board was also informed that the LRD Business plans were fully endorsed by the Director General.

c) Collaboration

Regional partners (PHAMA) reflected on the work done in collaboration with SPC in the past. Building on those relationship going forward will be key on how SPC deliver their plan and how they will get their support from PPPO and member countries. There are opportunities for SPC, ACIAR, PHAMA Plus and PACER Plus that has strong SPS and biosecurity component to collaborate more. Once the program is online the Secretariat and LRD may need to look at how to engage those programs actively knowing PPPO will continue for the many reasons we have discussed today.

d) Relationship with Head of Agriculture and Forestry (HOAFS)

Members raised an enquiry on the relationship at Ministerial level and how this relationship could be capitalised in order to sustain the PPPO seeing that biosecurity issues are matters of national interest. It is urged that interest should also be at the national governments in the kind on initiative they can come up with instead of totally relying on donors.

The Board was informed that SPC Business Plan preliminary draft was tabled at the HOAFS meeting in October 2017. Since then LRD has been having a series of bilateral discussions and consultative meetings the last one was during the AVRC in April and also a mini HOAFs. There was also an internal retreat and the first final draft was circulated to the member countries for their comments. Once a consensus is reached, the final draft will be taken to MOAFs in Samoa, to the Steering committee and to have it officially endorsed at a much higher Ministerial level.

e) PPPO Secretariat Resources

The Board raised an enquiry to LRD whether the current resources at PPPO Secretariat is sufficient to cater for the many responsibilities that the Secretariat is being tasked to do. Similarly whether it was adequate to deliver the needs of the board or whether there is a need to network with other agencies that will be better placed in order to provide support where activities can be implemented.

The Board was informed that LRD envisioned that the staff would increase with more responsibilities and roles to come on board. LRD will consolidate the PPPO within this one year and make investment plan and start formulating proposals with some of the donor and anticipate that will come on board in 2020. This would see LRD with a strong power base for the PPPO within the next three(3) years.

The Board also queried whether the Secretariat would be preparing funding proposal for the next 12 months noting that the activities of the Secretariat would includes the following coordination of the SP Development, proposal around PCE, the legislations and organising the next meeting of the PPPO ExCo regional meeting.

Finally, the Board raised the issue of the effectiveness of the PPPO Secretariat and discussed during the recent PPPO ExCo and has been seen and raised by the countries. The impact and the effectiveness of the PPPO Secretariat will need to be factored within the framework of SPC. LRD is to ensure that the travel of SPC staff to PICTs for implementation of PPPO activities should have an impact in countries. The Board thanked the DLRD for his presentation and contribution and wished him well as he embarked on this new chapter of the PPPO Secretariat.

SESSION 4: PPPO BUSINESS

4.1 Call for topics by Mr. Ngatoko Ngatoko

After requests from some member countries with regards to relevant standards for the Pacific, the Board was briefed that standards can be found on the IPPC website. The Board was also provided with an overview on the classification of the standards by IPPC, which also lists topics according to concepts such as Risk Management, PRA, and Surveillance. Member countries could access and are encouraged to access this information online at www.ippc.int

4.2 International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) by Ms. Lois Ransom

The Board was briefed on the progress of the IYPH that is about creating awareness in relation to Plant Health as it affects the UN sustainable development goals such as hunger, poverty and threats to the environment and economic development. The IYPH intent is not only about IPPC but also to raise awareness on the importance of plants to human life. It is envisioned that the UN council will declare the year 2020 to be the IYPH.

Members countries could support this proclamation through the following actions:

- contacting national UN Missions to support IYPH proclamation
- Coordinate with you IYPH Standard committee representative
- Start planning national and regional activities now
- Give presentations t scientific conferences
- Involve national stakeholders including media civil society, academia
- Look now for financing your part

The Board is encouraged to focus on the activities that will be done to celebrate the IYPH at Regional and national levels.

4.3 Business/ Strategic Plan – existing (2012- 2018) by Mr Timothy Tumukon

The PPPO Strategic Framework provides the vision and objectives to take on this regional responsibility. The associated Work Plan provides costing to achieve these. The PPPO recognises that to attract the specified funding requirements, cost effective strategies and transparent business practices must be

employed. Furthermore, the PPPO recognises that is only through mutual ownership and responsibility will the PPPO vision and objective be achieved.

The strategic objectives of the PPPO are to:

1. prevent the introduction and spread of pests to protect sustainable agriculture and enhance food security.
2. protect the environment and biodiversity from pest.
3. promote scientifically based phytosanitary measures to facilitate economic and trade development.
4. represent members in for a where the regional phytosanitary perspective is important.
5. develop regional phytosanitary capacity to accomplish these objectives.
6. promote the activities of the PPPO through public awareness.

The preposition is to have a look at the current Strategic Framework (2018-1018) to see what should continue, what should be removed and to identify gaps that needs improvement.

4.4 PLENARY SESSION – DEVELOPING MATRIX ON NEW PPPO STRATEGIC/ BUSINESS PLAN (2019 – 2023)

Output 1: PICTs undertake monitoring and structured detection and delimitation surveys for pests of economic and environmental concerns.

Output 2: PICTS identify pests of significant economic and environmental concern within seven (7) days and report them in the Pacific Pest List and via the IPP.

Output 3: PICTS undertake phytosanitary inspections of regulated goods to verify phytosanitary status.

Output 4: Model legislation is enacted and implemented by all PICTs.

Output 5: Regional Biosecurity information and material is used by PICTs to improve biosecurity behaviour and compliance.

Output 6: A regional coordination framework supports emergency response and longer-term management strategies to reduce the impact of new pest incursions into the region.

Output 7: A regional fruit fly strategy is developed and implemented to deliver a viable, cost effective and sustainable regional approach to fruit fly management.

Output 8: Trade and market access opportunities are promoted by technical submissions incorporating scientifically based phytosanitary measures, international standards and contemporary approach to pest risk management.

Output 9: The PPPO provides support to member countries to implement the International Plant Protection Convention and international and regional standards.

What worked	Keep Doing	Stop Doing	GAPS
MICRONESIA (comments on workplan)			
1	1		1. Funding, training, access to material, traps that needed to be addressed
3	2 Diagnostics processes like PLD and IPP to continue		2. Diagnostics: PLD and IPP
5	3		3. Counterfeit documents, non-compliance issue
6	4		4. Regulations and potential funding to help
7	5		5. More funding, specific Palau is requesting more assistance to broadcast their inflight videos more cooperation from stakeholders eg. Airlines inflight videos for tourists
	6		6 Funding -
	7		7 Funding
	8		
	9		
MELANESIA (comments on workplan)			
1	1		1.Improvement needed in outputs 1-9 particularly in the tasks and activities
2 Diagnostic training in, Fiji, Tuvalu Vanuatu, Samoa and the Solomon Islands.	2 Other countries to be given the same opportunities		2.Timeframe for getting feedback on diagnostic results. Feedback normally takes more than 7 days.
3 BIF Manual- some good work done	3		3
4. Legislation	4 Still in progress.		4.Samoa and Cook Islands to work on their pilot programme and maybe change the output for the countries where this was to happen
5	5		5.
6	6		6.More work required here.
7	7	7. Change it from a regional activity to country level.	7.A national fruit fly strategy is developed/improved to deliver a viable/cost effective regional approach to fruit fly management

8	8	8.	8
9	9	9	9. Region to specify ISPMs can be worked on eg. 6,2,8,15,7
<p>Comments: The consideration that in this day and age of technology, diagnostic training in the region should be kept abreast of current technology diagnostics.</p>			
<p>Proposed New Output : Output 10: Impact of climate change, ICT, and other related factors on Biosecurity trade and environment</p>			
<p>POLYNESIA (<i>comments on Strategic Framework</i>)</p>			
<p>Amendment on 3. Strategic Objectives part 2: to read “Protect the <i>environment and biodiversity from pests</i> by promoting strategy that support resilience and adaptation to climate change. “</p>			
<p>Amendment on 3.2 to read “PPPO Members environment and natural resources under sustain and increasing pressure from invasive pests. This increase pressure is due to climate change, rapidly increasing tourism, increase trade and increase movement of heavy machinery and shipping into the Pacific. The introduction and spread of exotic pests must be managed collectively at <i>regional and national level</i>. To achieve this PPPO will work with members with other stakeholders”</p>			

4.4.1 Discussions on Matrix on New Strategic/Business Plan (2019 – 2023)

It was suggested to change Output 7 from a regional fruit fly approach to a national approach. The Board however agreed to maintain fruit fly the strategies on regional level but develop links for national level strategies. This would ensure that member countries that do not have national strategies could use the regional strategies and identify the commonalities to adopt as national strategies. Furthermore the Board was reminded to ensure that the strategic framework must be seen as addressing emerging risks as well.

4.4.2 Discussions on the way forward:

The Board endorsed that the Secretariat and SPC will take the lead role in collating success indicators from the region and package it with the Strategic Framework for submission to donor agencies. The Secretariat is to circulate a template to capture national success stories and submission of responses to the Strategic Framework. A timeframe will be attached for submission of responses to ensure timely return of comments for ease of compilation. SPC recently launched an initiative on compilation of success stories that can be used by the Secretariat when collating success stories from the region.

The Board was kindly advised to ensure that the Strategic Framework is clear in its achievements as an organisation and packaged this well for donor submissions. The Board is grateful for the assistance from DFAT and MFAT to peer review the document, which will be circulated to the member countries before presentation to donor agencies. The Board also agreed that the Strategic Framework would continue to be for a period of six (6) years but can be reviewed after three (3) years for its validity.

The Secretariat is requested to circulate the IPPC information paper so that members can see the IPPC Secretariat funding program. The Board was also informed about an international workshop that will be held in Georgia in March 2019 on the Brown Marmorated Stink bug (BMSB) and it will also cover the invasive ant. The workshop will cover areas of the pests spread, surveillance, diagnostics, management and biocontrol. Members are encouraged to put together papers that can be presented in this workshop

4.5 PPT presentation of New PPPO Strategic/ Business Plan by Dr. Visoni Timote

The Board requested the PPPO Secretariat to send the amended Strategic Framework to board members.

SESSION 5: TRADE FACILITATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

5.1 New Zealand Plant Health Environmental Laboratory & Ministry of Primary Industries Updates

Presentation from New Zealand in two parts:

1. Enhancement of Biosecurity and Market Access in the Pacific Phase 2 by Dr. Lalith Kumarasinghe

- Project Component focusing on Fiji Project Component. Projects on Cook Island and Niue were also covered.
- Project Data – 5 years (2016-2021)
- Sub project 1: Continuous capability development (Fiji Programme)
- Pest & Disease Diagnostics Capability Development Programme (workshop & attachment training)
- NZ Aid Biosecurity Inspector Training – import and export inspection
- NZAID Mycology & Bacteriology Pathology Training
- Quality Management Systems (QMS) – in 2 phases
- Sub project 2: Surveillance, Investigation & Response (Fiji component)
- Sub Project 3: Scoping survey in Fiji on pest management of exportable fresh produce
- Multi-countries activities (MFAT number A12538)- Niue & Cook Islands
- Sub Project 4: Extension of PHEL diagnostic training to Cooks and Niue
- PHELdi – new online image library PHELdi – (PHEL diagnostic images)- currently in development phase
- NA Aid – M&B Pathology Training – introduced Molecular technology in lab
- Sub project 6 – Pacific Regional Remote Microscopy Network.

2. Trade Facilitation & Related Issues MPI Updates by Mr. Nacanieli Waqa

- IHS Development Updates – prioritised list
 - Polynesian plum- Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, CI, Vanuatu
- Audits –
 - Treatment facilities (HTFA: Fiji, Tonga, NC; Methyl Bromide: Tonga)
 - Pathway assurances’ – pineapple (Samoa, Tonga); watermelon (Tonga); Basil leaves (Fiji); Breadfruit (Tonga)
- Export Plans – moving away from BQA to Export Plan
 - Banana/ Plantain (Samoa)
 - Tahitian limes (being assessed – Samoa)
 - Export Plan Workshop – being planned and countries will be informed; MFAT funded. To empower PICTs capability to draft exports plans. Training will be done in countries to ensure capacity exist in country.
- Bilateral Meetings -face to face engagements in country (Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, PNG, Cook Islands). MFAT funded and plans are underway to have these meetings more in an annual basis
- New developments
 - Export Plans – move away from BQAs. Required for RG3 pest and to some extent the RG2 pests as well depending on the level of risk involved.
 - Pest categorisation – basic measures for RG1; RG2 – targeted measures; RG3 – MPI specified measures). Training will be provided for countries.

- Attachment training for Export Systems Coordinator – specifically requested by Fiji. The NPPO Oversight over the export systems. Fiji - recruited their Export Systems Coordinator
- Renewed prioritisation approach – purpose is to shift away from a current to a regional prioritisation approach to be facilitated by the PPPO members and relevant agencies.

5.2 **Australia Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Updates by Ms Lois Ransom**

Import conditions for Tahitian Limes from a number of Pacific Island countries are in BICON

New Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Hon. David Littleproud as of Dec 2017

- Surveillance – Comprehensive and multipronged (Commonwealth, National, Offshore)
- Pest Outbreaks/ Incursions
- Eradication response
 - Citrus canker detected in April 2018
 - Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) detected in Feb 2017
 - Red Imported Fire Ant (*Solenopsis invicta*) – RIFA discovered in Feb 2001
 - Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)- most often intercepted during summer in shipping containers machinery & motor vehicles
- Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative (PBRI) – collaboration for increased coordination of R&D for long term protection
- Change in Biosecurity Risk Process
 - Eg. Fruit Fly
- Regulatory Changes:
 - Import Conditions Review - progress to date – refer to ppt
 - Export Control Act
 - Timber Pallets – failure of ISPM 15 treatment – phasing out of wooden ISPM 15 pallets to lighter, reusable plastic pallets as an alternative. Australia had approx. 70 detections in ISPM 15 treated pallets in 2017

5.3 **FAO Updates by Mr. Tevita Keresoma**

FAO Technical assistance to PICS on Plant Production & Biosecurity support

Technical Co-operation Projects recently completed:

- Enhancing food and nutrition security in RMI – US259,000
- Strengthening Household Capacity for integrated Agro-forestry and Food Crops Production and Utilization in Nauru.
- On-going TCPs 2017 – 18
 - FSM – Biosecurity bill
 - Palau – enhanced tropical food production
 - Tokelau- strengthening capacity in home gardening healthy food awareness and effective biosecurity
 - Samoa- strengthening capacity of youth for employment and livelihood in agriculture

- Pipeline – related to the work of PPPO
 - Technical assistance for review of Fiji’s Biosecurity Promulgation
 - Regional pesticide registration and management scheme for the Pacific Community
 - GCF biosecurity proposal – Transboundary plant and animal pests and diseases and invasive alien aquatic species. Formulation of a regional TCP for this project
- *Full text of presentation is available as Appendix 7*

5.4 Pacific region- combined ppts on Biosecurity priorities from the region. Emerging threats, Potential trade, Gaps identified by PPPO Secretariat

Biosecurity regional priorities by PPPO Secretariat, Ms. Ana Tunabuna-Buli

1. Surveillance (Fruit flies, Yellow Crazy Ants (Tuvalu), Singapore daisy (Wedelia) plant.

- Pest Outbreaks/ Incursion
- Challenges & Gaps Identified – Funding, lack of equipment/facilities, no proper lab facilities for biosecurity staff, lack of training and workshops, implementation of structured programmes for in-house trainings, specialised trainings in traditional discipline areas, ERP, Risk pathway analysis
- Diminished effectiveness of rapid responses to new incursions of invasive species
- Regulation of biocontrol
- Strengthening of NPPO capacity development
- Identification of new export markets

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Guam Biotype (CRBG) by PPPO Secretariat, Ms. Unaisi Turaganivalu

Emergency Response Challenges – rate of spread in SI 6.7km/month

- Presence of other hosts like ornamental palms
- Mandate – HOAFS & MOAFS Samoa
- Pacific Subregional CRB Strategic Planning Meeting 2017
- Coordination and Communication (LRD R&D Officer – Mr. John Oakeshott)- Campaign and Awareness programmes developed, Regional and National Consultation, mapping of stakeholders
- Communication and Awareness – eg Pest Alert, Pull up banner
- Biosecurity Surveillance
 - ERP and interventions – in SI working together with GIPOL (Palm oil industry)
 - Research and Development – possibility of getting a virus to kill CRBG
 - Biological control – silver bullet (virus to kill CRBG)
 - Resource Mapping update

5.5 Discussions on Presentations

a) Diagnostic Trainings

Board members acknowledged the presentation made by NZPHEL and the projects that are being undertaken in some countries in the region and suggests that this training to be continuing. The Board was also informed that the current pilot project by NZPHEL only involved three (3) countries however after the program evaluation at the end the year, NZPHEL would be able to make a decision on further progress. The region is also fortunate that similar diagnostic training will be available under the new ACIAR capacity building program. It is requested that pathology pest surveillance training to be part of the programme.

b) Market Access Requests and Climate Change Impacts

Member countries raised their concern on the time it takes to complete a market access request from the region. Island states are most vulnerable to climate change impacts and only have a few market access requests per year. Due to climate change impacts, exports are required to ensure economic growth in the region. Similarly, crops that are undergoing market access request process could be affected by the time the market access request is granted. This becomes further constraint for developing countries. It is requested that trading partners provide an expert personnel to assist climate change vulnerable countries.

The Board was informed by trading partners that there is no discrimination where market access requests is involved however, there are requirements to determine how biosecurity risks are managed. To assist where climate change impacts is felt, countries could look for alternative export commodities and it would be best if the countries engage with trading partners directly for alternative commodities. Similarly, trading partners also reiterated that the national export systems needs to be managed effectively to ensure the confidence of trading partners and importing country, This would greatly helps when it comes to market access request.

c) Regional Transboundary Initiative

Members proposed to FAO that this initiative must include all countries and not just the three (3) countries chosen. The Board was informed that FAO is not fully aware on the scope of the initiative but will seek more clarity and will advice the Board accordingly through the Secretariat. SPC informed the Board that the GFC proposal that is currently being designed is focussed on climate change and its impact on transboundary invasive species. A concept note has been formulated and there will be a task force in October and any information will be sent to countries. LRD is currently working on Pacific Agricultural Information systems project to ensure PICTs have access to this information but it is confirmed that the project is earmarked for 3 countries.

c) CRB-G

Members requests that more information on this pest be distributed to the region so that all PICTs are informed. Secretariat has assured the Board that they will be responsible for distributing pdf formats of the awareness materials to all. The Board was also informed that NZPHEL is

providing a lot of opportunity to leverage results in the Solomon Islands to a more regional approach.

Similarly, members recommended that SPC stockpile emergency response supplies for fruit flies and CRB-G. The Board was informed that as part of the resolution adopted in the PPPO Meeting 2003 in Sigatoka, Fiji, SPC still maintained the stockpile for fruit flies and now CRB-G. Members will only have to submit email to SPC for any request.

Member country (Vanuatu) is concerned about the risk of spread of CRB-G into the northern part of the country and requested SPC for biocontrol agents to help control. SPC agreed to send lure that can be used. Likewise, financial assistance can also be provided from the Regional Coconut Investment Development Project (CIDP) for regional awareness campaign to support for CRBG control.

e) Market Access Approvals into NZ

Member countries enquired about the access of breadfruit into NZ. The Board was informed that the only approved pathway for cooked breadfruit into NZ is that for Samoa. No other member has submitted any request however NZMPI has reviewed their import health standard and will be releasing standards on cooked breadfruit pathway (including b/chips) that facilitates the condition for cooked breadfruit both for personal as well as commercial.

The new proposal by NZ to have the Export Plan and moving away from BQA was perceived as a trade barrier, however it was clarified that this would be done on a bilateral level. If the parties agree to it then it would be adopted.

f) FAO/SPC model law.

Member country (Cook Island) requested an update from FAO on Cook Islands legislation. The Board was informed that FAO would follow up with Dr. Viliami Fakava and will advise member accordingly via the PPPO Secretariat

g) Post disaster Humanitarian Donation

The issue of post disaster humanitarian donation was raised. Biosecurity risks could be enter the country this pathway. It is recommended that a guide document/ be developed and provided to donor agencies for considerations on biosecurity risks through post disaster humanitarian donations.

h) Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Members raised important issues with regards to the timely mobilisation of resources during an incursion. Strategies and process should be in place to allow for immediate responses while the countries may still have to sort out internal processes. This forum should be able to collate lessons learnt from similar experiences (eg. Oriental Fruit Fly incursion in Cook Islands) and use that in an event of an incursion in particular with the real risk of CRB-G that the region is facing.

The Board was informed that a lot of work has been put into the development of ERP and the Secretariat is requested to provide an update on how these ERP has been rolled out and maintained

in countries. It was mentioned that each country was responsible their individual ERP based on the regional model that was sent to all members. Each member was requested to provide national updates.

An overview of the work on ERP in the region was presented and it was suggested that the ERP on CRB-G provides a more focussed approach as it is a pest that is critical to region. The PPPO should be looking at response plans and address CRB-G for both infected and non-infected countries. Another important component of the ERP is to have a skills audit around the region to ascertain where the technical expertise are that would be called during an emergency.

Funding would be needed in an ER however available resources could be used to mobilise ER teams at the earliest time. The Board was advised to consider expanding emergencies to include climatic emergencies and to consider whether the emergencies are triggered by pest incursion or an environmental/climatic response for e.g Vanuatu (after Cyclone Pam 2015) and Tonga (after Cyclone Gita 2017). A lot more funding is available for climatic resilience or climate adaptation incursions therefore it will be better to consider both emergency response triggered by incursion and climatic events.

The Board has also decided to look at ERP from national levels perspectives and to discuss this further in the next meeting.

i) SPC Centre of Excellence

Members requested an update on this issue that is critical in empowering biosecurity capacity in the region. Update is presented in Agenda 6.7.

SESSION 6: PPPO Chairman Presentation: Summary of PPPO Recommendations

- 1) **Management of national Export systems**
 - Countries reminded to manage national export systems effectively to expedite market access negotiations
- 2) **FAO Regional Transboundary Initiatives**
 - FAO to send update and clarification of initiatives to PPPO Secretariat for members information
- 3) **Awareness Materials**
 - PPPO Secretariat to disseminate awareness materials in pdf formats to members
- 4) **LRD Information Systems Project**
 - PPPO Secretariat to make available information of this project to members
- 5) **CRB-G**
 - PPPO Secretariat to continue support to maintain, update and disseminate Stockpile to countries during emergency.
 - Countries to submit request via email to PPPO Secretariat for assistance
 - Vanuatu raised concerns given close proximity and requested that a bio control be identified to help with eradication.
- 6) **Tuvalu Breadfruit Chips Pathway**
 - NZ MPI to release revised approved standards for Breadfruit chips pathway for passenger and commercial consignments from Tuvalu into New Zealand.

7) **Humanitarian Assistance**

- A clear guideline be developed for donor agencies to be aware of the biosecurity risks involved while addressing humanitarian assistance in response to natural disaster.

8) **Emergency Response Planning and the need to respond quickly during an emergency**

- PPPO secretariat was requested to provide an update on ERP for the region however there was limited information available as countries were managing their own response plans
- PPPO Secretariat to coordinate ERP support at a regional level to ensure assistance to countries are provided when and as needed.
- Sidney Suma provided historical information on how ERP program was conducted in the past and suggested to use the CRB-G as the pest to revive and set a new platform for response planning assistance that needs established in countries and regionally as well.
- Tonga recommended the formation of a Taskforce to review current ERP and systems for further discussions

9) **Regional Emergencies Incursions**

- DLRD making to community resilience incursions and findings that is available for those programs

10) **NZ PHEL Diagnostics**

- Samoa and Tonga have expressed their appreciation on the implementation of the project and the

11) **Centre of Excellence (CoE)**

- Tonga proposed for PPPO Secretariat to provide an update on the progress on the CoE project
The Board adopted the recommendations

6.1 Presentation on Centre of Excellence by Patrick Duthie, Kalang Consultant

Scoping Study Midterm Report on Development of an SPS Pacific Regional Platform for Pacific Island Countries and Territories:

- Consultations to date – 160 stakeholders contacted, SPC, PIFS, NPPOs, Pacific CODEX, EU, World Bank, Australian Government, New Zealand Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Primary Industries
- First draft submitted November 2017, three drafts written to date with fourth requested
- Scoping /study Next Steps to include
 - Is the SPS Pacific Regional Platform needed?
 - Where will it be housed?
 - Proposal Draft Business Plan addressing the following
 - Another Midterm/ Final report including project proposal, draft Business plan

Full text of Presentation is available as Appendix 8

Discussions:

Members had sought clarification on the report given the number of drafts that has already been written and requested confirmation on timelines to when members can see the final report. The Board

was assured that the Secretariat would follow up with LRD Management and will advise the board accordingly.

There was also concern that the change in name should have been brought back to the Board for discussion and approval.

6.2 ACIAR Pacific Plant Biosecurity Capacity Development Project by Bill Magee (ACIAR Consultant)

The objective of the project is to work with a number of countries in the Pacific that work regularly with ACIAR and to further develop plant biosecurity skills among some different and unique approaches to capacity building such as:

1. Consulting NPPOs in selected countries and identify two people in each country for capacity building training in Australia focusing on country priority needs
2. Communication and advocacy program to be able to advocate the relevance of technical issues in trade sense to relevant authorities
3. Market Access simulation – involving discussions on pests and diseases for import and export

Discussions:

The Board was informed that ACIAR have already nominated countries and unfortunately not all member countries can be included in this training program at the moment. However, the long term goal of the program is training can be offered to other countries.

The Board suggested to engage practical experiences similar to those being done by Dr Richard Davis's team with their engagement with the Ni-Vanuatu and Torres Straight Islanders. The Board was duly informed that ACIAR recognise the need for hands on training and would definitely include that in the program.

To the benefit of the PPPO, The Board was informed by PHEL that the work done by ACIAR is very encouraging and proposes to further collaborate with ACIAR to share tools, SOPs and online databases to which ACIAR favourably accepts.

The Board was also informed that the current focus is only on plant biosecurity and may include animal biosecurity later on in the program.

6.3 PHAMA Overview by Bronwyn Wiseman

The Board was presented with an overview on the PHAMA programme currently being implemented since 2011 and the core aim is increasing agricultural exports in 6 countries namely Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Samoa and Tonga. There has been a lot of work done in the program and the tender process is currently undertaken for the new PHAMA PLUS program.

One of the outcomes in the new program is supporting biosecurity agencies in the Pacific to deliver their programs. One of the exclusive part of the PHAMA PLUS program is the potential to include other countries.

The availability of PHAMA to PHAMA plus transition bulletins updates for members to consult for further information on the new program. In addition, the new program also contributes to the activities of

PACER PLUS activities relating to Small Island countries like Tuvalu, Niue etc on the need to support the private sector and also support the regulatory arm of the process that relates to exports.

Discussions

PHAMA confirmed that assistance for advocacy programs such the Coconut Advocacy Program could be taken on board however requests have to go through responsible decision-making bodies such as the Tonga Working Group

6.4: Review and Adoption of PPPO Report

Draft initial report was adopted subject to further edits and finalisation

CLOSE OF MEETING

APPENDICES

APPENDIX: 1 – WELCOME SPEECH BY DIRECTOR LRD.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Lois Ransom from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

Mr. Binesh Prasad. The Principal Agricultural Officer, Western division and the Fiji host country representative and delegate from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr. Timothy Tumkon. The National Plant Protection Contact Point for Vanuatu and the Chairman of the Pacific Plant Protection Organization.

Distinguished Guests, Fellow Participants, Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen.

This morning its indeed an honour and privilege and on behalf of the Pacific Community (SPC), the Land Resources Division (LRD) I kindly extend a warm welcome, a very Good morning and Bula Vinaka to you All.

Thank you for your availing your time to attend this two day regional meeting. The 9th Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO) Board and the 17th Regional Technical Meeting of Plant Protection (RTMPP), is held every three years. It's a meeting that brings together **heads of National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO)** and the heads of Agricultural Research from our members in the Pacific region.

On this gesture SPC would like to thank and acknowledge the financial help and support from the Australian government that has enabled the PPPO / RTMPP member countries to meet here in Nadi, Fiji. (Please lets show our appreciation in the usual manner - clapping)

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the presence of DFAT, ACIAR & PHAMA. Thank you for your continued support to SPC and the region as a whole and we look forward that in the next 2 days we will be in a better position to know how we can collaborate and help give back to the member countries.

This regional platform is critical and crucial for the member countries in that as technical experts in various fields in agriculture we continue to discuss pressing Phytosanitary issues and outcomes that will benefit our Pacific region as a whole.

Transboundary plant pests and diseases is a big concern to the region. The next 2 days will continue to advocate on the importance of regional Biosecurity and how as National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO's) we need to work and pull together and steer resources so as to achieve the best outcomes from the minimum resources that we have.

In LRD, SPC we look at various flagships and integration of programmes to best deliver our core roles and functions to the member countries and ensure that we continue to address issues like regional Biosecurity/ Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), Climate Change, Sustainable Agriculture, Peoples livelihoods and safe trade.

From this meeting we hope to work with the PPPO member countries prioritise the major biosecurity and research issues of concern from the region. Also how best as we can capture this and get to collaborate

with potential funding donors, agencies and stakeholders to address these major regional biosecurity issues.

In ending let me reassure that LRD as being the secretariat of the PPPO we will continue to reaffirm our stand in this secretariat role and continue to provide support to the member countries and in that also continue to give technical capacities in biosecurity, research and advice.

I wish all participants the very best in your 2 day workshop and do hope you also get time to enjoy your stay here in Fiji.

Thank you and Vinaka Vakalevu.

APPENDIX: 2 OPENING ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST: MS LOIS RANSOM

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning, Malo e lelei, Kiorana, Fafetai lava, Halfa day and Bula Vinaka.

Firstly on behalf of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), I would like to thank and acknowledge the Fiji Government for being the host country and allowing this very important Pacific Plant Protection Organization Board (PPPO) meeting and The Regional Technical Meeting of Plant Protection (RTMPP) to take place here in Novotel Hotel, Nadi, Fiji.

I would also like to acknowledge Mr. Timothy Tumkon. The National Plant Protection Contact Point for Vanuatu and also the Chairman of the Pacific Plant Protection Organization.

I would also like to thank the Pacific Community (SPC) for continuing to house the PPPO secretariat in the Land Resources Division (LRD) and in also providing technical Phytosanitary support to the Pacific member countries as a whole.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the various donor partners, agencies and government delegates that are present here today. Thank you for your continued collaboration and strong support to the PPPO/ RTMPP and its Phytosanitary work in the region.

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is one of the three international standard setting bodies. The other two international standard setting bodies are Animal Health (OIE) and Codex Alimentarius. All these three international standard setting bodies are also known as the THREE SISTERS and are set under the FAO umbrella.

The IPPC continues to support, and collaborate very closely with the various Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPO's) around the world and the PPPO/ RTMPP is one of these important RPPO's. The PPPO/ RTMPP consists of 26 member countries and it continues to meet on triennial bases. These regional meetings is to discuss, deliberate and agree on important Phytosanitary measures and outcomes that will help our various Biosecurity institutions protect the South West Pacific (SWP) region from exotic transboundary plant pests and diseases.

Climate Change is an ongoing challenge in the world today and plant pests and diseases have continued to evolve with this change thus challenging our regional Plant Protect institutions. These 2 days of PPPO/ RTMPP meeting also gives these agricultural plant protection experts the opportunity to share ongoing research and ideas to combat these exotic plant pests and diseases and in that ensuring and facilitating safe trade.

Plant pest early warning systems, pest and disease surveillance, biosecurity border control, containment and eradication are just some of the issues that the PPPO/ RTMPP members have to continually discuss, strengthen and implement at pre-border, border and post border to fight against these exotic plant pest and disease threats.

Here in the Pacific, its pristine waters, unique endemic flora and fauna and peoples livelihoods are what we hold dear and close to our hearts. Tourists travel from afar to get an opportunity to see and be part of these unique biodiversity. Thus it's only proper that the PPPO/ RTMPP continue to work together as a

region with IPPC and other regional plant protection members to help protect and maintain the unique endemic plant status of the Pacific region, free from exotic pests and diseases.

I firmly believe that the issues discussed from this two days will provide and pave a way forward in ensuring that the Phytosanitary status of the Pacific region is protected against exotic threats and in that we can all continue to also facilitate safe trade with other member countries.

With these few words I declare and open the 9th Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO) Board Meeting and the 17th Regional Technical Meeting of Plant Protection (RTMPP).

I also would like to convey my best wishes to all the delegates, participants and observers of this PPPO/RTMPP meeting and may you all have a fruitful 2 day discussion on Biosecurity, Plant Research and Trade.

May God continue to Bless and guide the members of the PPPO and the RTMPP here in Pacific region.

Thank you and Vinaka Vakaleu

APPENDIX: 3 : OPENING REMARKS BY HOST COUNTRY-FIJI- MR BNESH PRASAD- PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER(WEST)

The Chief Guest, Dr. Lois Ransom from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

The Chairman of the Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO), Mr. Timothy Tumukon.

The Director for Land Resources Division of the Pacific Community (SPC). Mr. Jan Helsen.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. To all regional participants, Welcome to Fiji and a very Good morning and Bula Vinaka to you All.

This morning on behalf of the Fiji Government/ the host country, I welcome you all to the triennial meeting of the 9th Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO) Board and the 17th Regional Technical Meeting of Plant Protection (RTMPP), held here in Nadi, Fiji.

This meeting brings together heads of National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO) and the heads of Agricultural Research from our Pacific region.

Fiji also thanks and acknowledges the continuous support from Australia, donor partners and organisations.

(Please do join in showing our appreciation in the usual manner - clapping)

Their generous support continues to enable the Pacific Plant Protection Organization (PPPO) and the Regional Technical Meeting of Plant Protection (RTMPP) to have these regional meetings and discuss pressing Phytosanitary issues.

As we all know, we the Pacific Island countries are continuously developing in terms of infrastructure. With these developments there is increase in international movement of people and trade of commodities. Due to these activities there is increase in pest and disease incursions thus as island nations, we must all continue to work together as Pacific Plant Protection Organizations (PPPO) members and protect our unique biodiversity, flora and fauna from these exotic threats.

Regional collaboration on research on the science and practice of managing weeds, pests and diseases that damage our crops and plants need to be done, constantly reviewed and updated and the Regional Technical Meeting for Plant Protection (RTMPP) is the platform and forum where this pressing issues are tabled and discussed.

The PPPO in coordination with its member countries helps to contribute to the objectives of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to protect our plant resources against exotic pests and diseases and in ensuring food security, preserving our biodiversity and to help facilitate safe trade.

The two-day regional meeting will promote the use of scientifically-based phytosanitary measures in order to protect and facilitate safe trade within and outside the Pacific Islands.

Our Pacific people and their livelihoods depend on our limited natural resources. Thus the prevention and spread of exotic pests and diseases will ensure that we maintain and promote not only sustainable agriculture but also maintain the livelihoods for our Pacific people.

Although our unique island settings may set us apart in the Tourism industry, our fragile environment is at risk of exotic pests and diseases that can and continue to threaten our biodiversity in our various island

nations.

Globalisation of trade, the increasing movement of people and commodities and climate change is something we are all too familiar with. Fresh fruits and vegetables and agricultural related items are continuously being traded around the world and we as PPPO members must be mindfully aware of the exotic threats that can and could penetrate our borders through trade.

This regional meeting also provides a common platform to discuss biosecurity, research and trade. This collaborative platform identifies the needs for the National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO's) and the Research in the region to ensure that our Pacific Island nations are protected from these exotic threats.

I believe that the Biosecurity and Research issues discussed in the next two days will provide a platform in ensuring that the phytosanitary status of the Pacific region is protected against exotic threats and that we continue to provide sustainable food source for our Pacific people and also continue to facilitate safe trade.

I wish all participants the very best in your next 2 days of deliberations and for our colleagues and friends from the region please do enjoy your stay and the hospitality of the Fijian people.

God Bless you All.

Thank you and Vinaka Vakalevu.

APPENDIX: 4- THANK YOU NOTE BY PPPO CHAIRMAN- - MR. TIMOTHY TUMUKON

The Chief Guest, Dr. Lois Ransom bureau member of the IPPC

The Director Land Resource Division, Mr Jan Helsen

The representative of the host country Fiji, Mr Binesh Prasad

Donor Agencies and Stakeholders.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

At this moment I would like to take this time on behalf of the PPPO to thank you all for your presence here this morning.

To our Chief Guest, Dr. Lois Ransom , thank you so much for agreeing to be our chief guest today. Your presence and contributions in our previous IPPC meetings has always been valuable and I would like to thank you. I hope that we will see more of that in this meeting as well.

I would like to thank FAO, IPPC ,NZ and Australia for your continued support and help in ensuring that the PPPO member countries get the opportunity to meet and discuss issues that are important to the region. Thank you.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to Australia, The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources(DAWR) for the funding that has helped make this workshop a reality. A big Vinaka Vakalevu and Thank you from all the PPPO member countries.

I would also like to thank the host country Fiji for the warm welcome and encouraging speech which once again ensures importance of this meeting.

To the PPPO Secretariat, Director Land Resource Division, Mr Jan Helsen, Dr Visoni Timote and your team thank you for your continuous support. You have done a great job in putting this meetings together and I acknowledge your hard work.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the member countries for your availability to be here.

Please ensure that you exchange and share your ideas with each other and with the technical experts who are here today.

With those words just as the host country has mentioned, please enjoy your stay here in Fiji.

God Bless you all

Thank you.

APPENDIX: 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PPPP/RTMPP-2015, PPPO EXCOMMEETING 2016 & 2017

Matters Arising From The Last Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) /Regional Technical Meeting Plant Protection (RTMPP) – 2015 PPPO ExCo Meeting – 2016 & 2017

PPPO/RTMPP 2015 RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTION ITEMS

- Members to send suitably qualified representatives that prepare themselves well in advance to the PPC workshop in order to allow for meaningful discussions
- **NOTED:** NPPOs need to ensure that priority staff are sent to upcoming meetings, while balancing the capacity development needs of all staff.
- Members to consider how attendance to important meetings such as BPPO can be maximised to voice members' issues. Members to inform Secretary of issues of concern.
- **NOTED:** Progress was noted.
- Representation of the South West Pacific is minimal at the CPM despite it being a funded opportunity for members. PPPO Secretary to notify & remind members of attendance nominations.
- Samoa to draft an intervention to take to CPM to keep the waste standard on work plan of IPPC. *Completed*

- Cook Islands to provide copies of the regional draft on gravel and sand movement so that members can provide comment.
- **ACTION:** Secretariat to follow-up with Cook Islands (CI) and to provide CI with assistance, as required, to draft specifications for the sand and gravel topic. This would outline what they want in the standard, and some of the considerations. These specifications will then be ready to be forwarded to the IPPC SC once the call for topics has been made.
- The Meeting requested FAO, in partnership with other stakeholders, to seek the necessary resources to facilitate the implementation of relevant activities identified in the PPPO Business Plan and work plan 2012-2018, and supported the need to identify long-term funding for the operation of the PPPO.
- **ACTION:**

- PPPO Board endorsed to meet every two years.
- **Progress:** PPPO Exec Secretary said this was endorsed at the last meeting that, instead of triennial the PPPO move to every second year, but perhaps the members should take into account costs and that some members are also part of the Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) that also meets regularly - perhaps alternate between them. PPPO Chairperson supported this comment and the need to balance the meetings.
- PPPO Executive Committee work intersessionally to update and prioritise the work plan.
- PPPO Secretariat to send out to CIRGA representatives list with contacts to PPPO members.
- PPPO members to contact CIRGA representatives and highlight the importance of the PPPO and its need of financial support to deliver its work plan.

- PPPO Chair and Secretary approach PHAMA for assistance (consultant) with drafting the work plan for presentation at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- **PPPO Exec Secretary explained assistance has been sought from the Project Management Officer (PMO) given the assurance from PHAMA last year at Board Meeting, but PHAMA had other priorities at that stage. It is hoped that having the PHAMA representative here, Semy Siakimotu, PHAMA Trade Facilitation Adviser, it will further strengthen the relationship. PHAMA's Mr Semy Siakimotu said he had nothing to add.**

- PPPO Secretariat to draft funding proposal with assistance from interested PPPO members on capacity building to improve participation of NPPOs at CPM meetings & effectively contribute to developments of draft standards
- **No response from countries ACTION:** PPPO Secretariat to send another request to countries, to then wordsmith a concept note so the idea may be sold to potential donors (including the new GEF officer joining FAO).
- SPC to initiate a competition, open to higher education institutions to design a logo for the PPPO.
- **PPPO Exec Secretary explained an email had been sent to the PPPO metropolitan partners about suggested steps to progress the logo, and is awaiting responses. Dr Villani Kani, Tonga MAFF, asked the Secretariat to resend the email.**
- **ACTION:** Secretariat to resend email to member countries.
- **ACTION:** Agreed to in the last ExCo that the PPPO logo will be done in house to avoid legality issues.

- PPO secretariat to conduct a survey on the use of CABI's ISC and CPC in the next two months so that PPO members can make a decision on subscription for 2016.
- *The survey was sent but only one country completed the survey, and the Secretariat is waiting to hear from the other PPO members to see if they think the crop compendium is a useful tool. The cost for the online logins is not cheap at around 7,000 UK pounds per year (\$21,000 FJD) so the SPC is wanting to ensure the compendium will be used if that amount of money is spent. Semy Siakimotu, PHAMA, asked whether the lack of response to the last few recommendations and communications sent to member countries, may be an issue with the way information is sent and understood. The PPO Chairperson agreed there is a lot of communication that has been sent to member countries without much response.*
- **PROGRESS:** The subscription to CABI for this 1yr (2018 -2019) has been renewed.

- Generic information on biosecurity to become available on SPC website for countries to help with their own preparation.
- Review project proposal on the Regional Pesticide Registration Scheme and its potential to provide a significant contribution to the strategic objectives of PPO, and recommended endorsement of the Scheme and of the proposed Terms and Composition of a Working Group to develop a full proposal
- *Fareli Atunurikwa, SPC, said the Working Group has been formed and the first draft developed ready for communication to the regional registrars in January. From there, it will be recommended for endorsement at the FAO SPC Minister's Meeting. Once endorsed, the proposal will develop from there onwards.*
- Board to support the Pacific Invasive Ants Partnership Program (PIAPP) initiative and work in collaboration with SPREP to seek resources to address invasive ants. *PPO Exec Secretary commented on the Pacific Invasive Ant Program for which, it was agreed at the last Board Meeting, work should continue with crop agencies such as SPREP, and other stakeholders to prepare another concept note. Many member countries have asked SPC for assistance with Yellow Crazy Ants and the only way to assist them all is by working with crop agencies.*
- **NOTED/ ONGOING:** SPC continues to collaborate with crop agencies to address invasive ant species in Tokelau and Kiribati, and now also Tuvalu.

- Note that the first draft of the Regional Operational Manual for the Biosecurity Information Facility is currently awaiting review by experts within SPC and PPO.
- *Current BIF manual is being tested before it is rolled out to the other Island nations. NOTED: It was also noted that e-phyto is being pushed to become part of NPO operations in future.*
- The regional operational manual is available on line on the BIF website: www.bif.spc.int
- Launch of the website was also done in the last IPPC workshop, 2017.
- Note the draft Standard for International Waste Disposal is to be provided to NPOs for their support and for re-submission to IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).
- *Member countries to submit names of local experts for the upcoming third waste disposal 'calls for experts'.*
- Members requested to review 3 options of biosecurity model law provided by FAO and come back best way forward to address.
- **PROGRESS:** FAO has completed the review of the model law. Countries to seek funding to take it forward in their own judicial systems and implement. Samoa & Fiji has requested funding for this work.

- Board to support initiative of PIAPP but SPREP to seek resources for this activity. PPO core business is plant pests and if come across ants then pass on to SPREP to manage.
- PPO and RTMPP request assistance from SPC to take the coordinating role to seek funding, establish and managed a programme to minimize impact from the newly discovered Guam biotype of coconut rhinoceros beetle.
- **NOTED:** *Concept note drafted and being forwarded to DG for endorsement before being sent to member countries. Also plans to seek experts to develop a virus effective on the Guam biotype.*

- Designated country staff to update the Pest List Database and ensure that online data integrity is maintained as well as improving communication with Pest List Database administrator and Plant Health staff.
- **NOTED:** *A lot of information is not being updated by member countries and NZ has offered to clarify the diagnostic results to assist countries in the uploading of data.*
- PPO to approach the New Zealand (NZ) Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and request testing of Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus (CGMMV) desiccated, historical specimens collected from PICTs between 2002-2007. In addition, all future surveys to target this virus.
- *PPO Exec Secretary said NZ has samples and wants to move ahead but who would pay? The PPO is not in a position to provide funds to assist given the costs of analysing samples.*
- *PPO Chairman confirmed that in the interim, the samples will sit at the lab in NZ.*

- PPO to endorse Begomovirus surveillance strategy for PICTs (prioritizing French territories, and Cook Islands)
- **NOTED:** *progressing this recommendation is dependent on securing funding.*
- PPO is to establish a four-year project by September 2016 and a website, as part of the IPPC ePhyto pilot programme.
- *PPO Exec Secretary explained this has not been progressed, but discussions with SPC indicate this would sit within the SPC website rather than standalone, and so this needs to be considered by PPO member countries.*
- **ACTION:** *Secretariat to seek guidance from SPC and legal clearance and, secondly, about visibility if housed on the SPC site.*
- Request from the Capacity Development Committee (CDC) Chair that countries provide the CDC with their priority training needs.
- *PPO Exec Secretary said the CDC continue to develop training materials and the PPO hopes to see that progress continue in years to come.*

- PPPO to endorse development of a project proposal for research into the BANANA PHYTOPLASMA problem
- *Dr Visvan Thimote, SPC, said the reason it has not progressed is because a concept note needs to be developed for the project proposal. By the next meeting of the PPPO it is hoped there will be some traction with potential funders.*
- *No progress: This year the banana phytoplasma concept note is to be drafted.*
- PPPO to endorse a study to determine the movement and pathways of five important emerging pests in the PICTs.
- *ACTION: The Secretariat will this year progress the emerging pests proposal.*
- PPPO conduct studies to determine the effectiveness of horticultural oils in managing invertebrate pests in PICTs.
- *Ferati Atunua, SPC, said the CGIAR project for emerging pests includes white fly, mealy bugs, etc, and the project encourages the use of biological control agents such as oils. He said Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the recommended way forward.*

- PPPO and RTMPP to endorse revival of Pacific Invasive Ant Prevention Plan (PIAPP) and target 4-5 specific ants species of concern to be addressed.
- *PPPO Exec Secretary explained there are a lot of projects on ants, such as the NZ partnership program where identified 5 important invasive ants in the region. Creating a toolkit to assist member countries, and this has been sent to some members for consultation and comments. NOTED: Progress was noted.*
- PPPO and RTMPP to continue to support POETCOM and the development of Pacific agencies.
- *PPPO Exec Secretary confirmed the PPPO has been working closely with the POETCOM team.*
- PPPO note and support the establishment of the Regional Centre of Excellence (RCOE) for Biosecurity and Trade Facilitation in preparation of proposal to Standard Trade and Development Facility (STDF) for consultant to develop project preparatory grant.
- *ACTION: Secretariat to check with STDF if it will be happy to receive letters from the NPPOs or RPPOs. The Board is to approve the request soon to member countries, asking them to provide a letter of support to accompany the RCoE request.*
- *UPDATE: Consultancy completed by Kolong. Report is to be circulated.*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PPPO EXCO 2016

- PPPO member countries be encouraged to officially request FAO assistance for the PCE tool.
- PPPO Secretariat to provide an updated work plan detailing activities and budget, so that allows the committee to look at the details and prioritise in relation to funding.
- PPPO workplan & strategic objectives reviewed. Amended wording inserted into the PPPO Strategic Objectives.

- Secretariat to review the Strategic Framework's section on pests before the next board meeting, ready for the board to review suggested amends of the section.
- PPPO Secretariat to be assisted by Lois Ransom, Australian DAWR, to update the work plan to include two additional sections, on 'Governance and Administration' and also 'Related Projects'.

- PPPO Secretariat to work on a training database for evaluation on effectiveness
- Finalise the work plan and distribute in the next week...
- Ensure we have a positioning for the CRGA next year and, in interim, have a factsheet for the ease of reference by member countries, which outlines the value of the PPPO.

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- Cook Islands to provide copies of the regional draft on gravel and sand movement so that members can provide comment. *ACTION: Secretariat to follow-up with Cook Islands (CI) and to provide CI with assistance, as required, to draft specifications for the sand and gravel topic. This would outline what they want in the standard, and some of the considerations. These specifications will then be ready to be forwarded to the IPPC SC once the call for topics has been made.*
- PPPO Secretariat to draft funding proposal with assistance from interested PPPO members (Pilot Capacity Building) *ACTION: PPPO Secretariat to send another request to countries, to then wordsmith a concept note so the idea may be sold to potential donors (including the new GEF officer joining FAO).*
- SPC to initiate a competition, open to higher education institutions to design PPPO logo. *ACTION: Secretariat to remind email to member countries. Legality issues and thus its to be done in-house at SPC.*
- Board to support the PIAPP initiative and work in collaboration with SPREP to seek resources to address invasive ants. *NOTED: SPC continues to collaborate with crop agencies to address invasive ant species in Tokelau and Kiribati, and now also Tuvalu.*

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- Note that the first draft of the regional Operational Manual for the Biosecurity Information Facility is currently awaiting review by experts within SPC and PPPO. ACTION: Current BM manual is being tested before it is rolled out to the other island nations. NOTED: It was also noted that e-phyto is being pushed to become part of PPPO operations in future.
- Note the draft Standard for International Waste Disposal to be provided to PPPOs for their support and for re-submission to IPPC Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). RECOMMENDATION: Member countries to submit names of local experts for the upcoming third waste disposal 'calls for experts'.
- Find and introduce a density-dependent bio-control agent for the CRB-Guam biotype to prevent massive destruction of Guam's palms and to lower the risk of CRB-Guam invading other islands. NOTED: Concept note drafted and being forwarded to DG for endorsement before being sent to member countries. Also plans to seek experts to develop a virus effective on the Guam biotype.
- Designated country staff to update the Pest List Database and ensure that online data integrity is maintained as well as improving communication with Pest List Database administrator and Plant Health staff. NOTED: A lot of information is not being updated by member countries and NZ has offered to clarify the diagnostic results to assist countries in the uploading of data.

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- PPPO to endorse the Begomovirus Surveillance Strategy for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PCTs), with an emphasis on the French territories and the Cook Islands. NOTED: progressing this recommendation is dependent on securing funding.
- PPPO is to establish a four-year project by September 2016 and a website, as part of the IPPC ePhyto pilot programme. ACTION: Secretariat to seek guidance from SPC and legal clearance and, secondly, about viability if housed on the SPC site.
- PPPOs to review current seed importing procedures in view of risks associated with seed transmitted viruses. NOTED: Work is in progress with members encouraged to provide further updates for inclusion in Secretariat reporting.
- Endorse development of a project proposal for research into the banana phytoplasma problem. ACTION: No progress of this proposal. This year the banana phytoplasma concept note is to be drafted.
- Endorse a study to determine the movement and pathways of five important emerging pests in the PCTs. ACTION: The Secretariat will this year progress the emerging pests proposal.

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- If any the need for the Secretariat to circulate discussion papers prior to the ExCo meeting.
- Concern and Clarity on PPPO and its continuation-where it will sit and what it will look like and how will it be funded which is an issue and alternatives.
- Questions on: Are we getting out of it what we should? Or can we do things better.
- The needs of the region is much more than what the scope of PHAMA is and this needs can be encompassed in the PPPO.
- PPPO secretariat is better placed in SPC and the need for the members to vigilantly work together towards the PPPO core functions.
- Potential support from FAO on the new Country Programming Framework (CPF) for 2018-2022 and working together with SPC to mobilise funding support for the work of the PPPO.
- Support on the PPPO secretariat is better placed in SPC given that PHAMA doesn't cover the French Territories.

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- Concern raised on about the operation and hosting of the secretariat and the clarity of the secretariat's roles.
- The work programme of the secretariat will need to be considered, as it is unlikely that the secretariat can take on many roles. The funding and accountability involved with the role need to be considered.
- There is a need for transparency and clarity between members so the result is workable for everyone and this will require bringing in other players apart from SPC.
- Members will need to be mindful of the scope of activities that is covered by the PPPO and how these activities can be achieved within a set timeline.
- The PPPO review will give light to the past status of the PPPO review and how best the PPPO can better sustain its operations and commitment to the member countries moving forward.

Summary of last minutes.3

- Reiteration on support of the PPPO secretariat being retained in SPC.
- The PPPO works better when linked to a large multipurpose organisation, which can attract funds and leadership. Additionally, when working well, SPC can offer sufficient kinds of support to make the PPPO more effective.
- The possibility for the ExCo to be involved in the PPPO review and should there be a linkage to greater organisations with funds in working with SPC, then this would be the way to go.
- The effectiveness of the PPPO in the past years is attributed to funding available for the organisation to perform its roles.
- Better strategic management, leadership and guidance can be arranged within SPC to enable the PPPO to function as it should to ensure a good direction for progress.

Summary of last minutes.5

- The review to also contain an independent consultancy for transparency. Reason being that there appears to be a lack of confidence in the PPPO which needs to be restored.
- The terms of reference for the review will be discussed and shared with the ExCo members to provide some feedback into, making sure that everyone understands what has been agreed upon in terms of the direction that the PPPO is taking.
- The need for the ExCo members to be briefed before the results of the review is presented to the full board to allow for discussion of the results by members.
- This was agreed that it is only fair that the ExCo have a say in how the recommendations will be framed before it is presented to the full board. This was confirmed that PPPO Executive Secretary will share the results of the review with the ExCo.
- The timeline was raised on when the review will take place to allow members time to prepare for it. In that countries have their own work priorities and a designated timeline will allow for monitoring on how we are doing. The ownership of the review results was also raised.

Summary of last minutes.4

- The PPPO Executive Secretary reported that the ExCo will own the review report which has been allocated a timeline of 3 months for presentation before the full board in 2018.
- Review to start around July 2017 and will take approximately around 8 weeks. The consultation process on the 1st draft report should be held around the 1st quarter of next year.
- PPPO executive Secretary, to be in touch with the ExCo concerning the drafting and the Terms of Reference for the consultant. The consultancy should take about 8 weeks.
- Communication and transparency will be vital during the whole process and the members will be informed via regular updates from SPC.
- Concern raised on the separation between the PPPO and the technical issues (RTMPP) on the ground adding the need to explore ways of encompassing the two. This was due to the lack of coordination between the two suggesting that it be considered in the review.

Summary of last minutes.6

- This was agreed to be a part of the TOR of the consultant, where the coordination of the link between plant protection (RTMPP) and the PPPO can be improved.
- The PPPO Chairperson be actively involved in the whole review process, "so he is very much part of the whole journey", especially in the linking up to the secretariat before updates and information is sent to the ExCo. The chairperson is to be initially involved and informed in the whole exercise that will take place.
- PPPO Chairperson, presented a summary of the members' discussion and issues that were raised.
- PPPO Executive Secretary, requested that the ExCo accept the recommendations that have been put forward. The Chairperson noted the amendments to these recommendations.
- The meeting ended with the agreement that the discussion will be sent by the Secretariat to the ExCo members to allow for contribution of comments and ideas to the review. The Chairperson reminded the Secretariat of the specific review timelines that is to be provided to the members and thanked everyone for their valuable contribution in the meeting.
- Meeting Closed.

APPENDIX 6: SUMMARY FINDING- REGIONAL BIOSECURITY BASELINE STUDY.

Establishment of a Regional Biosecurity Strategy and Baseline Capacity Review

Commissioned by SPC Ltd
Presented by Wayne Hartley

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Key Points

2 Parts to Presentation

Part 2

- ▶ Interim analysis of a regional biosecurity capacity review
- ▶ Initial recommendations

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Biosecurity Specialists

- ▶ Biosecurity Training / Adult Education
- ▶ Programme / standards development, and operational delivery (Imports and exports) - pre border, border, post border

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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

Purpose

To enhance and strengthen regional cooperation and collaboration between:

- ▶ PICT's
- ▶ SPC and PPPQ
- ▶ Development Partners and Donors
- ▶ Other supporting agencies

Importance of biosecurity to the economic and social prosperity of PICT's

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Key Points

2 Parts to Presentation

Part 1

- ▶ Why a Regional Biosecurity Strategy (RBS) is required
- ▶ Principal elements of the strategy
- ▶ Recommendation - who should administrator / lead the strategy

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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

Fit

- ▶ Does not replace existing regional strategies
- ▶ Does not undermine current initiatives
- ▶ Complimentary / enabling for enhanced biosecurity outcomes
- ▶ Synergies with STDF funded project exploring the option for a SPS Platform

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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

Why

Presents a platform which enables:

- ▶ Integration of existing and future biosecurity capacity building initiatives
- ▶ Harmonisation of capacity building among development partners and donors
- ▶ A regionally focussed mechanism to engage, focus, align and coordinate SPS related activities across multiple stakeholders

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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

Key Drivers


- ▶ The delivery of effective and sustainable biosecurity services and capacity building programmes typically requires significant investment - funds are limited!
- ▶ Biosecurity is a continuum of pre border, border, post border. All need to be effective to achieve an appropriate level of protection from biosecurity threats

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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

How
Integration:

- ▶ Adopting multi and cross sectoral approaches to address existing gaps and overlaps in the delivery of biosecurity services, and in the delivery of biosecurity capacity building initiatives

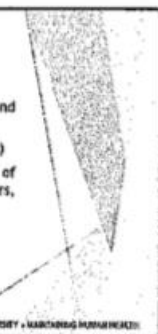


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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

Required Outcomes

- ▶ Enhanced delivery of biosecurity services at national and regional levels
- ▶ Greater visibility of capacity gaps (national and regional)
- ▶ Clear definition of roles and responsibilities of governments, NPPOs, development partners, donors, private sector, and communities within the Pacific




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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

How
Harmonisation (Focus on)

- ▶ Expertise, not exclusivity, with joint work prioritised where it has the greatest impact with due recognition of development partners mandates and expertise
- ▶ Collaboration, not competition, with mutual recognition of respective contributions; and inclusive dialogue

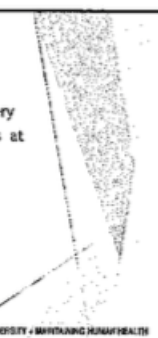


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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

Required Outcomes

- ▶ Improved transparency, accountability of service delivery
- ▶ Long term retention of capacity building initiatives at national and regional levels
- ▶ Enhanced opportunities to secure donor funding




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A Regional Biosecurity Strategy

SPC LRD - Lead for the Strategy

- ▶ In-depth understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures
- ▶ Political convening power / strong linkages with multiple key stakeholders
- ▶ Experienced provider of extension services
- ▶ Cross sectoral advocacy
- ▶ Longevity / Retention




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Biosecurity Capacity Review

Key Capacity Gaps


- ▶ General Technical and Operational Capabilities
- ▶ Surveillance / Survey Activities Including Information
- ▶ Emergency Response
- ▶ Facilities and Equipment
- ▶ Legislation and Policies
- ▶ Market Access
- ▶ Training



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Biosecurity Capacity Review

- ▶ Interim analysis of the biosecurity capacity review
- ▶ Initial recommendations




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Biosecurity Capacity Review

Key Regional Pests of Concern (Trans boundary)

- ▶ GAS
- ▶ Fruitfly (multiple species)
- ▶ Rhinoceros beetle (Guam biotype)
- ▶ Ants (multiple species)

▶ Findings of recent ACIAR workshop also identified 57 specific pests with 77% showing commonality with other countries



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Biosecurity Capacity Review Process

- ▶ In person discussions
- ▶ Attended ACIAR Workshop late June
- ▶ Telephone and Written Questionnaires
- ▶ Desk evaluation

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Diagnostic Capacities

- ▶ Concern highlighted by many PIC's
- ▶ PHEL Initiative (2008 - present) train the trainer for 5 PICTs has increased capacities
- ▶ Key Issue is attrition of capacity / knowledge from staff turnover

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Diagnostics

Country	Lab	RMD	Comments
Fiji	█	█	RMD units established within BAF & SPC
Vanuatu	█	█	
Samoa	█	█	
Solomon Islands	█	█	
Tonga	█	█	

▶ The general availability of RMD is a required minimum for PICT's capacity building

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Legislation Frameworks

- ▶ Incomplete
- ▶ Lack of supporting regulatory processes
- ▶ Area for further attention - underpins effectiveness of biosecurity and also further safe guards independence of biosecurity actions from external influences

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Information, Communication and Knowledge Management (ICKM)

- ▶ Reliance of external information sources for decision making
- ▶ Information sources are fragmented and include potentially out of date information
- ▶ Information generated by development partners associated within discrete projects may be compartmentalised with regional benefits not realised

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Training

- ▶ Remains a key request from PICT's for capacity building
- ▶ Sub Regional vs Regional benefits and needs
- ▶ Future opportunities - platforms to disseminate information and objectively assess competencies

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Human Talent

- ▶ Various capacities between PICT's
- ▶ High turnover
- ▶ Retention and loss of institutional knowledge / capabilities
- ▶ Increased capacity from 2007 PCE assessment

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Biosecurity Capacity Review Private Sector / Community Linkages

- ▶ Variable findings - dependent on size of PIC and scope of activities
- ▶ Recognised general requirement for establishing increased linkages with the private sector and communities to for biosecurity awareness and achieving "good/compliant" outcomes

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Biosecurity Capacity Review

PCE

- ▶ Recommend support is sought for completion of another PCE across PICT's to benchmark progress since 2007
- ▶ Objective measure
- ▶ Concern - many of the capacity issues identified in 2007 remain
- ▶ Reset of capacity building initiatives required?

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APPENDIX : 7 FAO PRESENTATION: TECHICAL ASSISTAMCE TO PICs ON PLANT PRODUCTION AND BIOSECURITY SUPPORT

FAO technical assistance to PICs on Plant Production & Biosecurity support

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

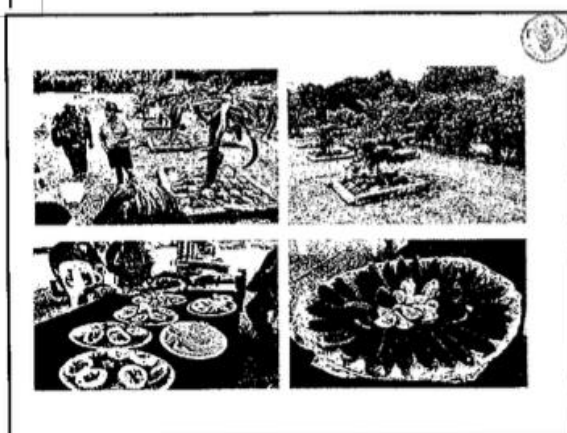
1. Updates on FAO assistance to member countries
2. Pipeline - Biosecurity bill Fiji / Regional pesticide registration / GCF biosecurity proposal

Technical Co-operation Projects recently completed

- 1) TCP/MAS/3502 - Enhancing food and nutrition security in the Marshall Islands through an integrated (US\$259,000)
- 2) TCP/NAU/3501 - Strengthening Household Capacity for Integrated Agro-forestry and Food Crops Production and Utilization in Nauru, (US\$259,000)
- 3) TCP/FIJ/3502 - First Season-Long Training of Trainers (ToT) on Integrated Rice Crop Management, (US\$333,000)
- 4) TCP/NIU/ 3601- Niue Household Fruit and Nut Trees Integrated Replanting Project (US\$98,000)
- 5) TCP/SOL/3502 Assistance to control and management of recent outbreak of coconut rhinoceros beetle (US\$98,000)
- 6) TCP/SAM/3363 Review of Biosecurity Legislations

On - going TCPs 2017-18

- 1) TCP/MIC/3601 – Strengthening the capacity of Farmers Associations to increase production and marketing of root crops, fruits and vegetables in FSM
- 2) TCP/PLW/3602 – Enhanced Capability in Tropical Fruit Production and Integrated Pest Management for Palau (US\$250,000)
- 3) TCP/TOK/3601 Strengthening capacity in home gardening, healthy food awareness and effective biosecurity for Tokelau (US\$205,000)
- 4) TCP/SAM/3603 Strengthening capacity of Youth for Employment and Livelihood in Agriculture (US\$199,000)



Pipeline

- 1) Technical assistance for the review of Fiji's Biosecurity Promulgation
- 2) Regional pesticide registration and management scheme for the Pacific community
- 3) GCF biosecurity proposal - Transboundary plant and animal pests diseases and invasive alien aquatic species

APPENDIX 8: PRESENTATION ON CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE BY PATRICK DUTHIE, KALANG.

Food Safety & SPS Roundtable Discussions

 Patrick Duthie – Technical Advisor

 AUGUST 2018





Current Relevant Work

SPS Pacific Regional Platform Scoping Study	SPC & STDF
Pacific Plant Biosecurity Capacity Building Program	ACIAR
PHAMA Program	DFAT, MFAT & AECOM
PHAMA Plus Investment Design	DFAT & John Faehner and Associates


Scoping Study Consultations to Date

- Approximately 180 stakeholders contacted;
- 2017 IPPC Regional Workshop;
- SPC, PIFS, NPPOs, Pacific CODEX, EU Delegation, World Bank;
- Australian Government (e.g. DFAT, DAWR, ACIAR);
- New Zealand (e.g. MFAT, MPI);

Scoping Study Midterm Report


- First draft submitted November 2017, three drafts written to date with fourth requested
- First Draft
 - More detailed and very ambitious
 - Attempted to address all issues identified in terms of reference
 - Included preliminary thinking on multi-donor funding platform, cost sharing, and mechanisms to support coordination and collaboration across Aus, NZ and EU development programs, past and current.
- Latest Draft
 - Less detailed discussion paper
 - Higher level facilitation and communications group
 - Focused the draft report on current activities of key existing institutions and development of joint road strategy




Scoping Study Next Steps

- Is an SPS Pacific Regional Platform needed?
- Where will it be housed?
- Another Midterm / Final Report including: Project Proposal, Draft Business Plan addressing the following:
 - Activities (required for establishment of the SPS PRP);
 - Inak Framework;
 - Legal Framework;
 - Monitoring and Evaluation Framework;
 - Detailed costings;
 - Key risks and mitigation;
 - Management structure of the SPS PRP;
 - Key partners, roles and responsibilities;

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APPENDIX 10: MEETING AGENDA

Time Schedule	Agenda Items	Presenter/ Facilitator
DAY 1:	9th Pacific Plant Protection Organisation Board Meeting	
	Thursday, 23rd August 2018	
8.30 -9.00 am	Registration	Secretariat
Opening Session		
9.00 – 9.30 am	Opening and Prayer	PPPO Secretariat
	Welcome Address	LRD Director
	Chief Guest/ Keynote Opening Address Dr Lois Ransom. Member of IPPC Bureau.	IPPC
	Opening Remarks – Host Country	MOA Fiji
	Thank you note	PPPO Chairman
9.30 – 9.40 am	Group Photo	Simi - LRD
9.40 – 10.00am Tea Break		
SESSION 1	PPPO Chairman’s reports	
10.00 – 10.10 am	1.1 Adoption of the agenda and daily time schedules	Secretariat
10.10 – 10.20 am	1.2 Presentation and adoption of the report of the 8th Meeting of PPPO Board, 2015	
10.20 – 10.30 am	1.3 Chairperson’s report	
10.30 – 10.40 am	1.4 Thank you Speech for Dr. Lois Ransom	D/LRD & PPPO Chairman
SESSION 2	Election of PPPO Office bearers	
10.40 – 11.00 am	2.1 Election of new PPPO Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee members	Secretariat
	2.2 Address by new PPPO Chairman	New PPPO Chairman
11.00 – 11.15 am	2.3 Summary Findings of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) governance and structure – Consultants report	Secretariat

11.15 – 12.00 noon	2.4 Open discussions around the Consultants finding's on the PPPO review.	Members
12.00 – 12.20 pm	2.5 Summary Findings of the Regional Biosecurity Baseline Study – Consultants report	Secretariat
12.20 – 1.00 pm	2.6 Open discussions around the Consultants findings on Regional Baseline Study	Members
1.00 – 2.00 pm Lunch Break		
Session 3	SPC Business	
2.00 – 2.30 pm	3.1 SPS Platform/ Resource mobilization	D/LRD
Session 4	PPPO Business	
2.30 – 2.40 pm	4.1 Call for topics	Ngatoko Te Ngatoko
2.40 – 2.50 pm	4.2 International Year of Plant Health	Viliani Kami
2.50 – 3.15 pm	4.3 Business/ Strategic Plan – existing (2012 - 2018)	Members
3.15 - 3.30 pm Tea Break		
3.30 – 4.30 pm	4.4 Plenary Session - Developing matrix on New PPPO Strategic /Business Plan (2019 - 2023)	Members/ Chairman/ Secretariat
4.30 – 5.00 pm	4.5 PPT presentation of New PPPO Strategic/ Business Plan	Secretariat
5.00 – 6.00 pm	3.6 Side meetings and potential bilateral engagements	Secretariat
7.00 - 9.00 pm	OFFICIAL FUNCTION	TBC
DAY ENDS		
DAY 2	9th Pacific Plant Protection Organisation Board Meeting, 24th August 2018	
	PPPO & RTMPP - Parallel Sessions	
	PPPO	
Session 4	Trade Facilitation Related Activities	
8.30 – 8.50 am	4.1 New Zealand Plant Health environmental Laboratory & Ministry of Primary Industries Updates	NZ PHEL NZ MPI
8.50 – 9.00 am	4.2 Australia Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Updates	DAFF
9.00 – 9.10 am	4.3 FAO Updates	FAO

9.10 – 9.30am	4.4 Pacific region - combined ppt's on Biosecurity priorities from the region. Emerging threats, Potential trade, Gaps identified, etc	Secretariat/ Members
9.30 – 10.40am	4.5 Discussions on presented ppts. NPPO's	Members
10.40 - 11.00am Tea Break		
Session 5	17th REGIONAL TECHNICAL MEETING OF PLANT PROTECTION (RTMPP)	
	5.1 Choosing of the RTMPP Chairman	Members
8.30 – 8.40 am	5.2 Welcome by the RTMPP Chairman	TBC
	5.3 RTMPP Presentations and issues PPT presentation from Tonga PPT presentation from PNG PPT presentation from Cook Islands PPT presentation from Fiji PPT presentations from Vanuatu PPT presentations from Samoa PPT presentation from Solomon Is	
8.40 – 10.40 am	PPT presentation from Plant Health Team/LRD/SPC	Members
10.40 - 11.00 am Tea Break		
11.00 – 12.30 pm	Field trip – PPPO members only - Nature's Way Cooperative Fiji Ltd/ Nadi Bay Herbs	BAF, SPC.
11.00 – 12.30 pm	5.3 Group discussions and way forward for RTMPP	Members
12.30 – 12.45 pm	5.4 RTMPP Merge with PPPO. RTMPP Chairman's presentation	RTMPP Chairman
12.45 – 1.00 pm	5.6 PPPO Chairman presentation	PPPO Chairman
1.00 – 1.20 pm	5.7 Review and adoption of Report	Rapporteur
1.20 – 1.30 pm	5.7 Close of Meeting	PPPO Chairman
1.30 – 2.30 pm Lunch Break - Hotel		
2.30 – 3.30pm	Field trip (All members) – Sigatoka	BAF, SPC.
3.30 – 3.50 pm Tea Break – Exporter Pack house		
3.50 – 5.50 pm	Field trip (Continued) – Sigatoka & head back to Nadi Novotel Hotel	BAF, SPC.
	END OF PPPO/ RTMPP MEETING	

