

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 12-13 JULY 2012

THURSDAY, 12 JULY 2012	
9.00 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.15	<p> Audio: Listen to the Morning Session (12-06-12)</p> <p>Workshop overview and objectives</p> <p><i>Melvin Spreij, STDF Secretary</i></p>
10.15 – 10.30	<p><i>Morning Session Moderator: Ralf Lopian, STDF Consultant (presentation)</i></p> <p><i>Introduction to the topic of Trade and Invasive Alien Species. Introductory remarks including some examples on major "high profile" IAS introduction cases through trade.</i></p>
10.30 – 12.30	<p>Coverage of IAS under the WTO SPS Agreement</p> <p>This session will explore the concepts related to IAS within the scope of trade and the WTO SPS Agreement and it will clarify how and why the IAS issue is relevant to the this Agreement. In doing this, speakers will outline the related provisions under the SPS Agreement and related instruments (IPPC, OIE and WHO). The session will also present the scope and objectives of the CBD with regard to the IAS issue highlighting rights and obligations of CBD contracting parties and implementation mechanisms.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gretchen Stanton, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO) (presentation) ▪ Brent Larson, Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (presentation) ▪ Masatsugu Okita, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (presentation) ▪ Junko Shimura, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (presentation) <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raman Velayudhan, World Health Organization (WHO) ▪ Donatella Crosetti, Italian Institute for Environmental Research and Protection (ISPRA), on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
12.30 – 13.00	<p>Summary of key concepts and definitions under SPS Agreement and related instruments with regard to IAS</p> <p>This session will summarize the concepts introduced in the previous sessions and highlight fundamental differences between the SPS Agreement and the CBD that may exist in relation to: (i) scope (ii) areas of overlap or potential duplication in coverage (iii) obligations and rights of Members (iv) key principles and (v) legal status (binding</p>

	<p>vs. non-binding).</p> <p>By moderator <i>Ralf Lopian, STDF Consultant</i></p> <p>Open discussion</p>
13.00 – 15.00	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13.30 – 14.45 Side Event hosted by the IPPC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMERGING PATHWAYS AND CHALLENGES IN THE AREA OF TRADE-RELATED IAS <i>(presentation)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">By Washington Otieno, IPPC/IRSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WTO-Meeting Room S2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Internet trade and risks of introduction of IAS ▪ Aquatic plants: new insights from IPPC perspective on a longstanding challenge <p style="text-align: center;">Discussant: Nagat El Tayeb, STDF developing country expert</p>
15.00 – 15.15	<p> Audio: Listen to the Afternoon Session (12-06-12)</p> <p><i>Afternoon Session Moderator: Jamie Reaser, IAS expert</i></p> <p><i>Introductory remarks outlining key stakeholders at national level in the area of IAS and trade and explaining the drivers for each of the stakeholder groups to be involved in the IAS issue.</i></p>
15.15 – 16.30	<p>No rest for the new pests. Policies and strategies to prevent IAS entry, establishment or spread through international trade</p> <p>This session will analyse existing policy instruments at national level to control the entry, spread and establishment of new pests through international trade. It will review the drivers for such policies as well as the main institutions involved at national level in their elaboration and implementation. Stakeholder consultation during the elaboration of such strategies will be discussed. Examples will be provided of coordination and collaboration between SPS institutions and institutions responsible for environmental and biodiversity issues as well as the role played by the private sector in the process. This analysis will highlight the challenges and lessons learned and depict the overall scheme (institutional, economic and regulatory) linking SPS and environment/biodiversity institutions and the trade community (including private sector) at national level.</p> <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ralf Lopian, STDF consultant</i> <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stanley Burgiel, <i>The National Invasive Species Council (NISC), United States of America</i> ▪ Valentina Bastino, <i>Directorate General Environment, European Commission</i> ▪ Stuart MacDiarmid, <i>Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand</i> ▪ Keith Davenport, <i>Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA)</i> <p>Open discussion</p>
16.30 - 17.45	<p>State of play of implementation of IAS-safe trade : challenges and progress made in</p>

developing countries, and regional co-operation initiatives

This session will showcase progress made by developing countries in elaborating and implementing strategies to control introduction, spread and establishment of IAS. Examples will focus on countries that have created coordination fora or mechanisms involving SPS and biodiversity agencies. Presentations will emphasize challenges in implementation and proposed solutions. The session will also present examples of regional collaboration initiatives aiming to address the IAS issue in the context of both developed and developing country. This will highlight good practice, lessons learned and ways forward.

Speaker

- [Sidney Suma](#), STDF developing country expert ([presentation](#))

Discussants

- [Evaldo Vilela](#), Secretariat of Science and Technology of the Minas Gerais, Brazil
- [Souad Boudjelas](#), Pacific Invasives Initiative (PII)
- [Bob Ramnanann](#), Caribbean Regional Invasive Species Intervention Strategy (CRISIS)
- [Ana Isabel Gonzalez](#), Mexico, North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Expert Group on IAS
- [Sarah Brunel](#), European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)

Open discussion

17.45 – 18.00

Closing remarks

This session will summarize recommendations on policy instruments and ways to enhance collaboration at regional level to control spread of IAS.

By Moderator Jamie Reaser, IAS expert

FRIDAY, 13 JULY 2012

10.00 – 10.15

 **Audio: Listen to the Morning Session (13-06-12)**

Session Moderator: [Delilah Cabb](#), STDF developing country expert

Introductory remarks summarizing key challenges faced by developing countries in managing introduction of IAS and capacity building needs

10.15 – 11.30

No silver bullet, but a number of silver buckshots: What solutions, which actors?

SPS frameworks at national level are a major landmark for countries' interventions to control the introduction, spread and establishment of IAS. Likewise, CBD sets the basis for national interventions to control the impact of IAS on biodiversity. However, implementation is still a challenge in many developing countries. This session will present efforts undertaken at national and international level to address concerns related to introduction, spread and establishment of IAS through international trade. It will explore capacity building programmes which aim to assist developing countries in implementing measures related to border inspection, quarantine, risk assessment, etc., as well as biodiversity preservation measures. Awareness raising, industry codes of practice, multi-stakeholder initiatives and the development of tools through applied research to assist in policy making can all contribute to achieve this purpose.

Speaker

- [Craig Stephen](#), STDF Consultant ([presentation](#))

Discussants

- [Guy Preston](#), Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa
- [Titiek Setyawati](#), Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
- [Thomas Jung](#), Pathway Evaluation and Pest Risk Management in Transport (PERMIT COST-Action)
- [Steve Woodward](#), Increasing Sustainability of European Forests (ISEFOR)
- [Marshall Meyers](#), Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC)

Open discussion**11.30 – 12.45****Turning the tide: Way forward in the fight against IAS**

This session will summarize the lessons learned and good practices identified throughout the seminar to overcome the challenges in controlling the introduction, spread and establishment of IAS through international trade. The focus will be on enhancing collaboration and coordination at national level between SPS and CBD-related institutions and on means to increase the impact of technical cooperation in this area including through promoting joint initiatives at national and international level. The importance of proper need assessments (using tools such as the PVS pathway and the PCE) and priority setting in the design of capacity building interventions will be highlighted. The session will make recommendations on the way forward by answering the following questions:

- What could be done to enhance developing countries' capacities to control the introduction and spread of IAS via international trade?
- How could collaboration between national sanitary/phytosanitary and environmental agencies (specifically those responsible for IAS and biodiversity) be promoted to ensure the most effective use of resources and best results?
- How can international dialogue and cooperation be fostered in order to elaborate coherent strategies on IAS?

Discussants

- [Charlotte Gobin](#), Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- [Shyama Paqad](#), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Invasive Species Specialist Group
- [Sarah Simons](#), Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI)
- [Ana Peralta](#), IPPC Secretariat
- [Masatsugu Okita](#), OIE

Open discussion**12.45 – 13.00****Closing remarks and wrap-up**

By STDF Secretariat

Relevant**Documents**

- [The difficulties in designing and conducting IAS management projects funded by the environment agencies \(UNEP/GEF/IUCN/CBD\) from the perspective of a Biosecurity consultant's experience](#), Robert Ikin

- [Chromolaena odorata in South Africa's Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park](#)

- [Considerations for Implementing International Standards and Codes of Conduct in National Invasive Species Strategies and Plans](#)
- [Internet Trade \(e-Commerce\) in Plants - Potential Phytosanitary Risks](#)
- [Aquatic Plants their Uses and Risks](#)
- [OECD fights alien invaders](#)