# Use of pest reports by EPPO



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# Why collecting pest reports?



## Information dissemination

**EPPO Convention** 

#### **Article V. – Functions**

#### The functions of the Organization shall be:

#### f. to disseminate information by

- 1. obtaining information from Member Governments on the existence, outbreak or spread of pests, and conveying such information to Member Governments;
- 2. providing for the exchange of information on national phytosanitary legislation, lists of regulated pests, or other measures affecting the free movement of plants and plant products;
- 3. establishing a documentation and information service and publishing in an appropriate form material for technical or scientific advancement;



# Reporting obligations

**EPPO Convention** 

#### **Article VI. -** Obligations of Member Governments

a. Member Governments shall furnish to the Organization so far as is practicable such information as the Organization may reasonably require in order to carry out its functions, including in particular the information referred to in Article V f1 and V f2.

# EPPO's objectives

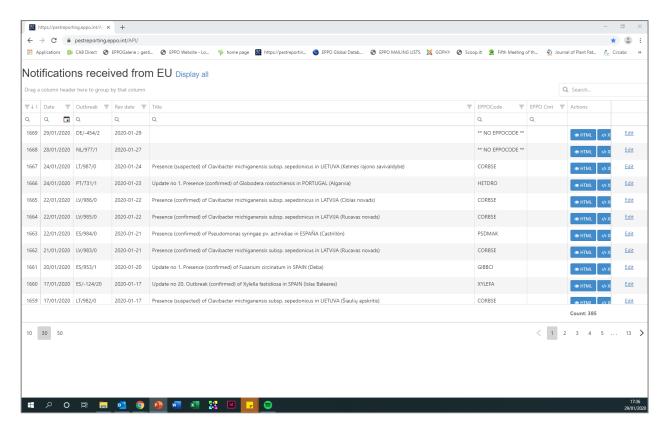
- To inform all EPPO member countries about new introductions, new outbreaks, eradication of regulated pests
- To provide early warning on emerging pests
- To initiate EPPO activities on Pest Risk Analysis, pest listing, preparation of pest-specific Standards



How pest reports are collected?

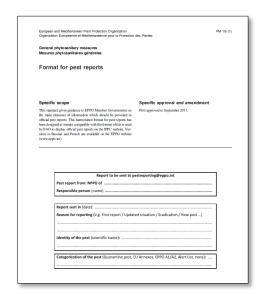
## **EU Member States: via Europhyt-Outbreak**

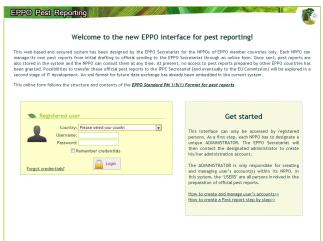
- EPPO has <u>NO</u> direct access to Europhyt-Outbreak = <u>transfer in JSON</u>
- EPPO views notifications via an API (developed by EPPO)
- EPPO may receive only part of the information (data selected by MS, no file attachments, no maps, no PDF)





### Other EPPO member countries: via official correspondence





EPPO Standard PM 1/5(1) Format for pest reports



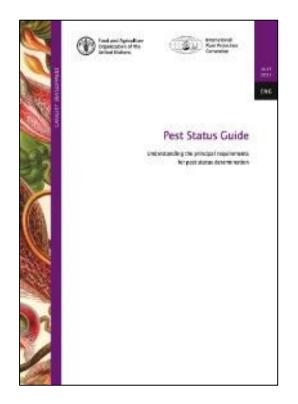
https://pestreporting.eppo.int



## ISPMs and useful guidance from the IPPC

ISPM 06	Guidelines for surveillance	
ISPM 08	Determination of pest status in an area	
ISPM 09	Guidelines for pest eradication programmes	
ISPM 13	Guidelines for the notification of non- compliance and emergency action	
ISPM 17	Pest reporting	
ISPM 19	Guidelines on lists of regulated pests	





Pest status guide

https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb6103en

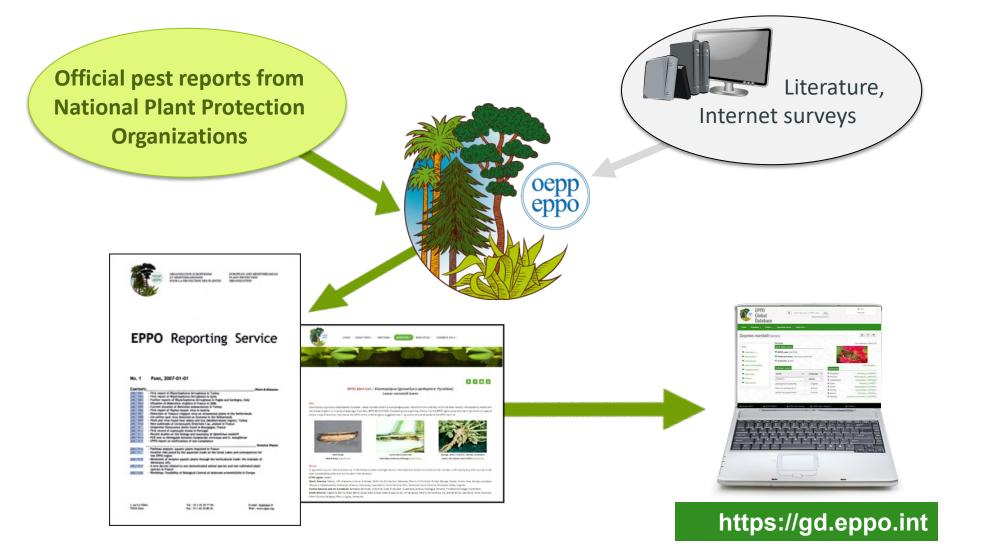
How EPPO shares information from pest reports?



## Information reported to EPPO by NPPOs

- First reports of regulated pests
- Updates about outbreaks of regulated pests
- Eradication of regulated pests
- Emergence of new phytosanitary problems

## Information flow within EPPO

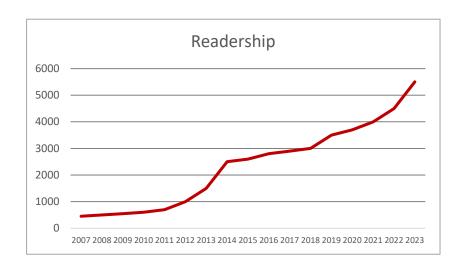


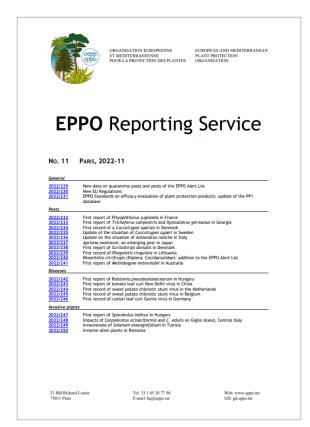
## **EPPO Reporting Service**



A free monthly newsletter

- New data on host plants, geographical distribution and biology, of quarantine pests and pests of potential quarantine significance.
- Additions to the EPPO Alert List.
- New information on invasive alien plants and biological control agents.





# Reporting pest status

EPPO encourages its member countries to report official pest status using the terms of ISPM no. 8



In the EPPO Reporting Service and in EPPO Global Database, there is a distinction between:

- pest situation (interpretation by the EPPO Secretariat)
- pest status (official declaration made by the country)

## **EPPO Reporting Service**

2023/085 First report of Meloidogyne enterolobii in Italy

Listing

Context

Pest status

The NPPO of Italy recently informed the EPPO Secretariat of the first finding of *Meloidogyne enterolobii* (EPPO A2 List) on its territory. The root knot nematode was detected following the report by the NPPO of the Netherlands concerning a finding of *M. enterolobii* in *Ficus microcarpa* plants imported from China (EPPO RS 2023/046) and re-exported to Italy. *M. enterolobii* was found in March 2023 in one greenhouse where *F. microcarpa* are grown in pots in the municipality of Piancastagnaio (province of Siena, Toscana region). Leaves and roots were asymptomatic. The entire lot will be destroyed and nematicides applied on plants of the same species throughout the production site. An intensive monitoring programme will be carried out in the production site. Trace back and forward inspections related to the presence of *M. enterolobii* are ongoing.

The pest status of *Meloidogyne enterolobii* in Italy is officially declared as: **Transient**, **actionable**, **under eradication**.

Source: NPPO of Italy (2022-04).



Information is summarized, harmonized, put back into its general context (checking what was the situation before) by the EPPO Secretariat when it is published in the EPPO Reporting service or entered into the EPPO Global Database

## **EPPO Reporting Service**

#### 2023/065 First report of huanglongbing in Uruguay

Listing

In December 2022, the presence of huanglongbing (associated with 'Candidatus Liberibacter spp.' - EPPO A1 List was recorded for the first time in Uruguay and the Ministry of Agriculture declared a phytosanitary emergency. The disease (bacterial species not specified) has been detected by PCR test in one citrus plant growing in a private garden in Bella Unión (Artigas department, Northern Uruguay). The infected plant has immediately been destroyed and surveys are being carried out within a radius of 10 km around the detection site. Phytosanitary measures are being put in place to prevent the spread of the disease, following a contingency plan which had been developed during the last 10 years between public and private institutions. In addition, Tamarixia radiata (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae) has been released in Bella Unión to control populations of Diaphorina citri (Hemiptera: Psyllidae) which is one of the insect vectors of huanglongbing.

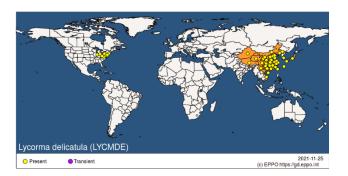
Interpretation by the EPPO Secretariat

The situation of huanglongbing in Uruguay can be described as follows: **Transient (detected in 1 citrus plant which has been destroyed).** 

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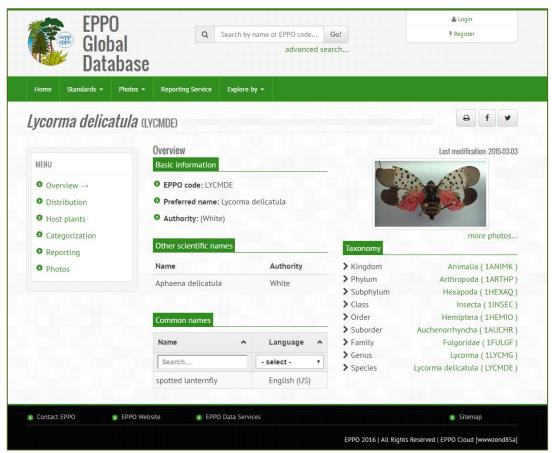
Ministerio de Ganaderia, Agricultura y Pesca (2023-01-19) Emergencia sanitaria: HLB en Bella Unión: Liberan insecto para control biológico del vector and comunicado de prensa ante la detección de HLB. <a href="https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-ganaderia-agricultura-pesca/comunicacion/noticias/hlb-bella-union-liberan-insecto-para-control-biologico-del-vector">https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-ganaderia-agricultura-pesca/comunicacion/noticias/hlb-bella-union-liberan-insecto-para-control-biologico-del-vector</a>

### **EPPO Global Database**









https://gd.eppo.int

Distribution details in Italy

#### Situation

<u>Current pest situation evaluated by EPPO on the basis of information dated 2022:</u> Present, restricted distribution

First recorded in: 2014

<u>Pest status declared by NPPO:</u> Present, only in some parts of the Member State concerned, under containment, in case eradication is impossible (2020-07)

#### Comments

EPPO Reporting Service (2014/179): first found by a naturalist in July 2014 along the river Ticino, within the Ticino Valley Natural Park, on wild plants (Rubus, Ulmus, Rosa, Populus, Vitis) and soybean crops (Glycine max). Under official control.

EPPO Reporting Service (2020/116): infested area of 7550 km2, still containted in the Ticino Valley Natural Park. Under official control.

EPPO Reporting Service (2020/166): 2 adults trapped in Parma province (Emilia-Romagna Region). Considered as an incursion without any establishment to date.

EPPO Reporting Service (2022/081): infested zone now includes a small part of Emilia-Romagna region and the buffer zone a part of Valle d'Aosta region.

#### References

Internet

 region Emilia-Romagna: https://agricoltura.regione.emiliaromagna.it/fitosanitario/temi/avversita/schede/avversita-per-nome/popillia/popillia-japonica - region Lombardia:

https://fitosanitario.regione.lombardia.it/wps/portal/site/sfr/DettaglioRedazionale/organisminocivi/insetti-e-acari/popillia-japonica

**GD** Category

Pest status

Comments with links to Reporting Service



Courtesy: Gilles San Martin (CRA-W)

# Possible correspondence

ISPM 8	EPPO Global Database categories
Present: widely distributed	Present: widespread
<b>Present</b> : not widely distributed and not under official control	<pre>Present: restricted distribution (+ comments)</pre>
<b>Present</b> : not widely distributed and under official control	<pre>Present: restricted distribution (+ comments)</pre>
Present: at low prevalence	Present: few occurrences
<b>Present</b> : except in specified pest-free areas	<b>Present</b> : restricted distribution or few occurrences (+ comments)
Present: transient	Transient
Absent: pest not recorded	Absent: no pest record
<b>Absent</b> : the entire country is pest free	Absent: confirmed by survey (+ comments)
Absent: pest no longer present	Absent: pest no longer present
Absent: pest eradicated	Absent: pest eradicated

# Conclusions

NPPOs are encouraged to continue to sending pest reports to EPPO

NPPOs are encouraged to use ISPMs in providing information related to pest outbreaks (e.g. pest reporting, pest status, surveillance, eradication)

The EPPO Secretariat will continue to develop tools to collect, disseminate, and store information for its member countries

