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The IPPC and International Harmonization of Standards

An overview on the implementation of the IPPC standards

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The importance of harmonization of phytosanitary measures

- **Harmonized plant health standards**, the **ISPMs**, provide **assurances** to **all** those applying them in trade that the **commodities being exported and imported** are **free** from harmful **pests and diseases**.
- The **application** of the **ISPMs** developed harmoniously reduces confusion and endless negotiations between trading partners as concerns processes and procedures for market access.
- The **IPPC** has within its **framework** and **governance procedures** the component on **implementation** of the **Convention** and its **standards**.





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IPPC initiatives:

1. It is in our agenda to develop a **M&E framework** for the implementation of the new **IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030**, however it is still at concept stage.

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IPPC initiatives:

2. Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS):

- Review the extent to which contracting parties and their NPPOs implement the IPPC and its standards and identify ways to support improved implementation.
- Two general surveys on implementation of the IPPC and ISPMs (2012 and 2016)





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IPPC initiatives: Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

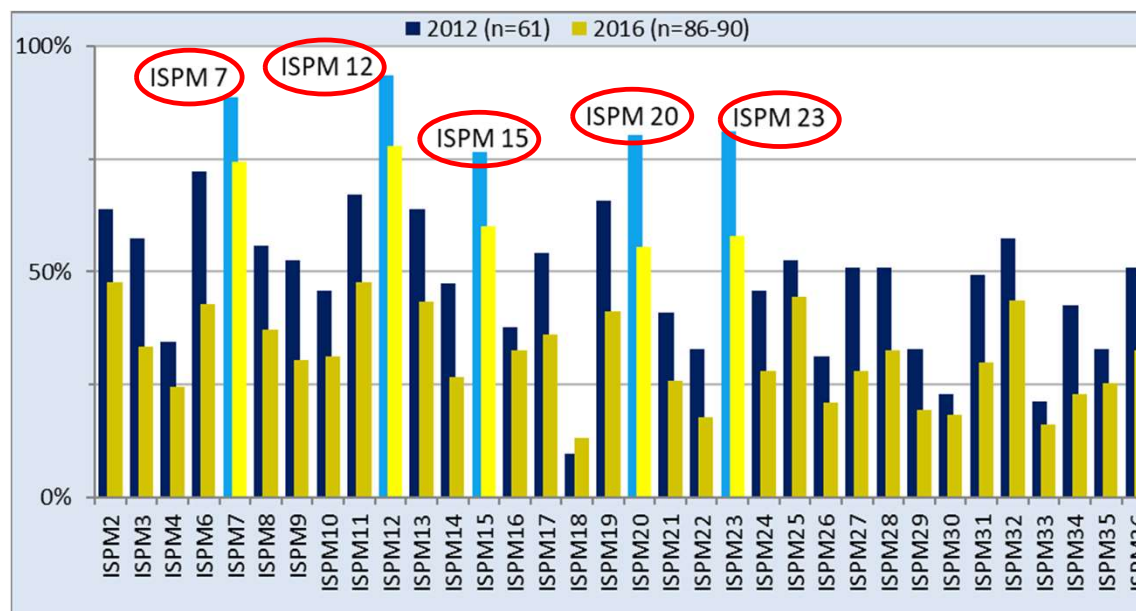


Figure 1: Implementation of ISPMs – **highest level** of implementation highlighted

An overall monitoring framework for the implementation of the standards

IPPC initiatives: Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

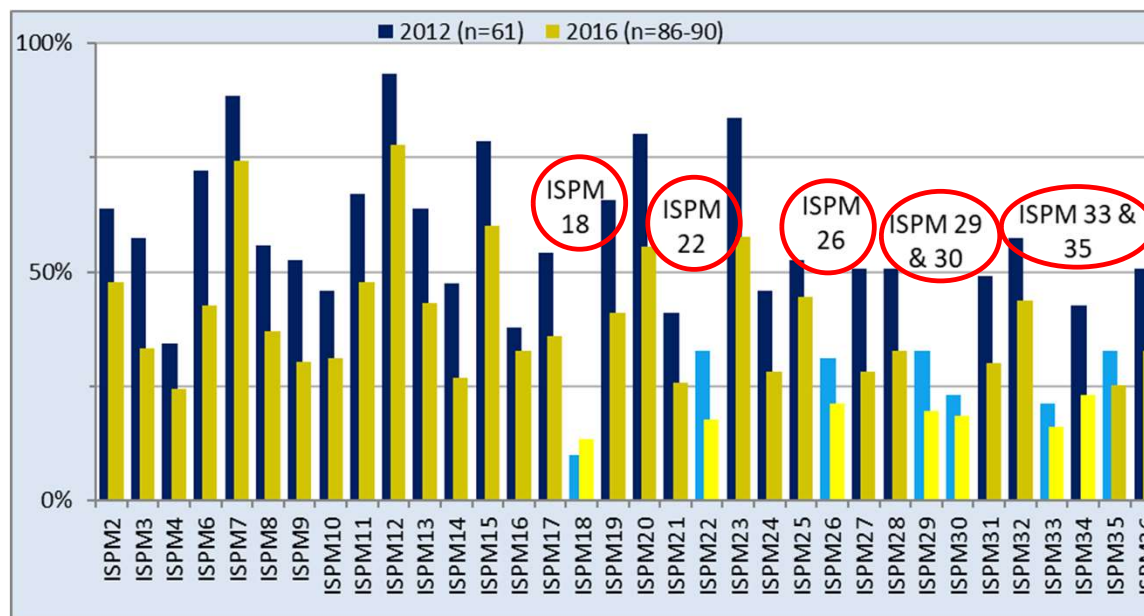


Figure 2: Implementation of ISPMs – **lowest level** of implementation highlighted

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IPPC initiatives: Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

Factors influencing implementation:

- This ISPM is not very relevant
- This ISPM is highly or moderately relevant
- This standard is easy/difficult to implement
- There are (in)sufficient qualified personnel to support implementation
- (In)sufficient support for financial resources (such as budget and funding)
- (In)sufficient infrastructure supporting the implementation of this ISPM
- (In)sufficient facilities supporting the implementation of this ISPM
- Insufficient/good communication and coordination among stakeholders
- (Non-)availability of long-term supporting policies and operational plans

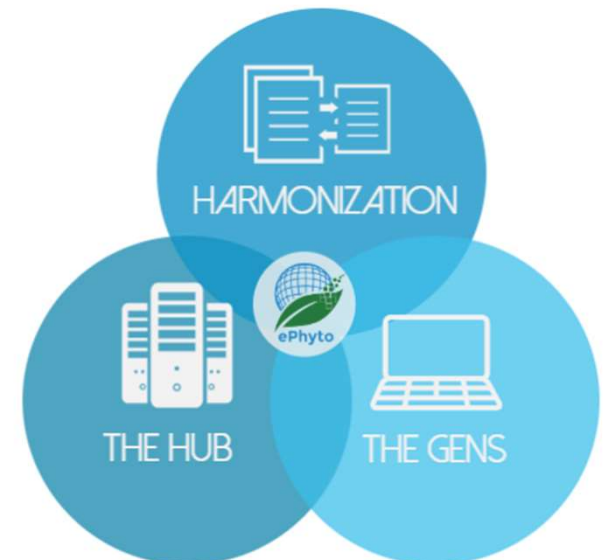


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IPPC initiatives:

3. ePhyto solution, in which is a great tool to monitor how ISPM 12 is being implemented.

Number of countries registered	Number of countries using
101	58
As of Oct 2021 – IPPC ePhyto solution	



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- **International cooperation is key.**
- **Implementation of the IPPC** involves **collaboration** by national plant protection organizations (**NPPOs**).
- Through the **suite of ISPMs** and **capacity development programmes**, the Commission provides the framework for the NPPOs and the support to help NPPOs build capacity to carry out their functions.





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