

**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**

### **Joint Work Plan for Cooperation between the Secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity 2017–2018**

This joint work plan addresses major activities for bilateral cooperation between the Secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2017–2018. This plan has been developed and agreed to by the two Secretariats, subject to the availability of resources, with eight major activities.

#### **Activity 1. Participation in Governing Body Meetings**

Each Secretariat will facilitate the presentation of reports to their respective governing bodies, as appropriate. The secretariats will also cooperate to organize side events during the meetings of their respective governing bodies, where relevant.

#### **Activity 2. Global Taxonomy Initiative Training**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will keep the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention informed on the schedule of the Global Taxonomy Initiative training events. The International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat will support the participation of one representative in one workshop of the Global Taxonomy Initiative. During the workshop, the representative of the International Plant Protection Convention will deliver a presentation explaining the use of diagnostic protocols (standards) and exploring the application of DNA-based technologies to these protocols in the near future.

#### **Activity 3. Comparison of Terms Used in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms, and Other Relevant Instruments**

The Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat will develop a draft document containing a comparison of terms used in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in relation to the Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms developed by the International Plant Protection Convention and other relevant instruments and standards, as appropriate. The Standards Committee of the International Plant Protection Convention has agreed that the Technical Panel for the Glossary will review the draft prepared by the Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat. Other relevant organizations may also be invited to review the draft. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention will finalize the comparison of terms and agree on its publication.

#### **Activity 4. Expert meetings regarding e-commerce**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will keep the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention informed about the schedule of expert meetings on risks associated with trade in wildlife via e-commerce and other processes of guidance-setting related to invasive alien species. The Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention will support the participation of one of its representative in one expert meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity. During the meeting, the representative of the International Plant Protection Convention will share information on the progress of work conducted under the International Plant Protection Convention.

#### **Activity 5. Supporting Parties in Project Formulation**

Each Secretariat will make efforts to support their respective contracting Parties in the formulation of projects targeting funding opportunities offered by the Standard Trade and Development Facility, the Global Environment Facility and others to seek funding opportunities. Each Secretariat will also keep each other informed on the progress of such projects in order to facilitate cross-sectoral collaboration at national and regional levels.

#### **Activity 6. Document Preparation**

Each Secretariat will make efforts to provide draft documents on issues of mutual concern prior to relevant statutory meetings for commenting. These documents should be provided at least two weeks ahead of meetings to allow sufficient time to review and prepare comments. This will help share information, ensure correctness and facilitate cooperation.

#### **Activity 7. Promotion of International Year of Plant Health in 2020 and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will, as appropriate, promote awareness of the themes that the International Plant Protection Convention will focus during the period of 2018-2020. Such themes include plant health and the environment (2018), plant health and capacity development (2019) leading up to 2020—International Year of Plant Health (2020). The Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention will continue to promote awareness of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020 through different activities, including the International Day for Biological Diversity, celebrated annually on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Activity 8. Webpages**

Each Secretariat will make available a page, on their respective web site, where the other organization can present information explaining our cooperation from their perspective.

**Work Mechanism**

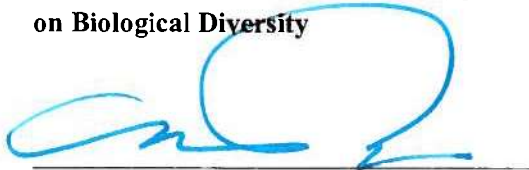
For effective communication and cooperation purposes, each Secretariat has designated a contact point: Brent Larson for the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat, and Junko Shimura for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The two Secretariats will make efforts to keep each other informed about the activities outlined above through the designated contact points.

With regard to communications, the two Secretariats will inform their designated contact points about joint activities, as appropriate.

When organizing events where joint participation is desired the two Secretariats will plan and inform each other at least 6 months in advance, where practicable.

The two Secretariats will review the progress made in the implementation of this joint work plan and prepare a revised plan, as appropriate, for the next biennium (2019-2020) in November 2018.


**For the Secretariat of the Convention  
on Biological Diversity**



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