#### Priority Process of Regulated Pests in OIRSA Region

#### Quarantine Regulators Meeting

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#### History

* 1947**:** The International Committee Against Locusts (CICLA) was created.
* 1953: OIRSA was created at the 5th Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of Mexico, Central America and Panama, held in El Salvador.
* 1961: The organization sets its Headquarters in El Salvador
* 1973: The International Fumigation Service (SIF) was created in the 20th Ministers' Meeting.
* 1983: Representative offices are opened in Member States
* 2014: The 2015-2025 Strategic Plan was established.

#### Mission

To support the Ministries and Secretariats of Agriculture and Livestock of the Member States, in their efforts for the development of their plans for animal and plant health, quarantine services and food safety, and thus contribute to the social and economic development of the population through a healthy agricultural production, in harmony with the environment, and facilitating international trade.

#### OIRSA Functions

* To determine which pests or diseases pose real or potential danger for the region.
* To promote the adoption of common regional policies in
* agricultural health, and actions of prevention, control and/or eradication of agricultural pests and diseases of regional importance and interest.
* To arrange agreements with international agencies and organizations regarding technical cooperation and financing for the development of projects of regional interest.
* To coordinate actions with other countries and related organizations within and outside the region.

#### Pest Risk

2517 Regulated quarantine pests

(Graphic of world map showing various pests in different countries)

#### OIRSA Regional List of Regulated Pests

Last update:

* Mexico. List of regulated pests of Mexico (IPPC, 2019).
* Guatemala. Regulated pests of quarantine interest absent in the country and regulated pests present under official control (IPPC, 2016).
* Honduras. List of quarantine pests and regulated pests for Honduras (SENASA, 2014).
* Nicaragua. List of regulated pests of Nicaragua (IPPC, 2020).
* Costa Rica. List of regulated pests of Costa Rica (IPPC, 2019).
* Panama. Specific lists of regulated pests of Panama (IPPC, 2018).
* Dominican Republic. List of regulated pests of the Dominican Republic (IPPC, 2020).
* The lists of Belize and El Salvador are in process with the support of OIRSA

#### OIRSA Regional List of Regulated Pests

(Screenshot of Excel document showing list of pests by region)

#### Number of Quarantine Pests Regulated by Country

* Mexico 1070 (25%)
* Honduras 837 (20%)
* Guatemala 611 (14%)
* Nicaragua 527 (12%)
* Dominican Republic 447 (11%)
* Costa Rica 416 (10%)
* Panama 347 (8%)

#### Pest prioritisation

What are priority pests?

Priority pests are organisms characterized as pests, within the scope of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), whose presence in any of the countries of the OIRSA region can cause losses and impacts on the economy, the environment or biodiversity, with social and even political repercussions.

The pests that are of interest to the common of all the Member States, are those of interest in their regional character, whether they are of quarantine interest (absent or present with restricted distribution and under official control), regulated for accessibility to export or present markets, and that due to their biological or epidemiological characteristics may change their habits when introduced to new environments and cause damage to agriculture or forestry.

#### Pest Prioritisation Criteria

Model

* The main objective of a list of prioritised pests is to put OIRSA member countries on alert for attention and channelling resources.
* It is used by OIRSA to select potential pests for a Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).
* The proposed pests are prioritised based on the crops that have been identified as priorities for the region
* The pests are then classified according to their "score" on the different criteria.

#### Pest Prioritisation - Work Team

Technical Direction

* Regional Directorate of Plant Health
* Regional Unit for Risk Analysis Technical Panel on Plant Health (National Directors of NPPOs)
* National Risk Analysis Units of the Member States

#### Priority Regulated Pests in OIRSA Region

(Graphics showing list of pests under by group; exotic fruit flies, banana, coffee, coconut, cereals, legumes, Solanaceae, other pests, cocoa and forest pests, and their priority status)

#### Possible entry (pathway)

* Importation of contaminated regulated goods from countries with the presence of pests.
* Mobilisation of unregulated items contaminated with unregulated pests (autostop).
* Mobilisation of contaminated soil.
* Unauthorized importation by passengers and international travellers (bioterrorism)
* Entry through international mail from countries with the presence of pests.
* International mobilisation of containers without sanitizing or disinfecting

#### Pest Risk Management

* Legal responsibility
* Detection, management and control
* Action plan (sampling, monitoring, identification, pest management, notification)
* Regional Epidemiological Surveillance Program

#### Thank you