

Legislation Participant Workbook



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Target audience

This workshop is aimed primarily at **Biosecurity, Environment and Agriculture officers** who need to know about relevant legislation invasive ants in the course of their work (e.g. for enforcing movement controls, international obligations etc.). **Policy makers, risk managers** and others involved in the development of biosecurity and environmental legislation may also find this relevant. In addition the workshop will be useful background for **consultants and NGO representatives**.

Objectives

By the end of this workshop you should:

Exercise 1: Biosecurity: International legislation and organizations

- Have an understanding of the WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary agreement that binds its members

Exercise 2: Regional organizations

- Be aware of the regional organizations and their functions and responsibilities
- Be able to use the resources contained in the PIAT to contact appropriate agencies to seek advice, assistance with legislation to prevent or manage invasive ant species

Exercise 3: Import Health Standards (or equivalent)

- Have an understanding of the basic requirements of an import health standard (or equivalent)

Exercise 4: Advantages of biosecurity legislation

- Have an understanding of the use of legislation in enforcing biosecurity measures internationally and internally
- Have an understanding of the value of an unwanted organisms register (or equivalent)

Exercise 5: Environmental impact legislation

- Be able to identify the general legal requirements for environmental impact assessment for control of invasive ant species
- Be familiar with the local standards and legislation for environmental impact assessment

Duration

0.5 days

Materials Required

- white board
- A3 sheets for collaboration
- whiteboard marker
- permanent marker or sharpie
- laptops for participants
- laptop with AV
- workbooks printed in colour
- pencils / pens
- USB, CD or online access to the PIAT
- labels for participant / facilitator names

Exercise 1. Biosecurity: International legislation and organizations

Duration: 0.5 hours

This workshop deals with a very broad topic that ranges from international agreements to local bylaws and has been organized to try to reflect the different levels of biosecurity legislation that exist.

Use the PIAT to identify the International organizations bound by the SPS agreement. Read through the information in **Legislation → Biosecurity legislation and regulations → International organizations**.

Q1. Name the three mandated international biosecurity organizations.

Q2. Which organization administers the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement?

Q3. What are the three key statements of the SPS agreement?

Exercise 2: Regional organizations

Duration: 0.5 hours

Regional organisations are mandated to assist Pacific nations and territories with biosecurity and invasive species management. Use the PIAT to identify the Regional organizations that coordinate biosecurity in the Pacific. Read through the information in **Legislation → Biosecurity legislation and regulations → Regional organizations**.

Q1. What is each organization responsible for relative to biosecurity and invasive species?

SPC has a team mandated to support biosecurity, standard setting and compliance among member nations in the Pacific region.

Q2. Use the PIAT to identify and name this team.

Q3. How would you contact this team for advice?

Typically, a country will have a Biosecurity Act (or equivalent) that stipulates the legal obligations of importers and members of the public to protect the environment, economy, human health and food security of the issuing country. This Act is governs import and export standards. The PIAT contains a link to the FAO Legal Office website, which contains links to multiple country's biosecurity legislation. This link may be found in the PIAT under **Legislation → Biosecurity legislation and regulations → Governments** page. Follow this link for information about Pacific nations' biosecurity legislation (not available offline).

Q4. Name the Act or other legislation that governs your country's biosecurity?

Exercise 4: Advantages of biosecurity legislation

Duration: 0.5 hours

The Chief Technical Officer of a country's biosecurity ministry may designate an organism as "Unwanted" if it is believed, based on sufficient scientific evidence, to be capable of causing harm to any natural and physical resources or human health.

Holding a register of unwanted organisms evaluated against the Ministry's (or equivalent) Policy on unwanted organisms Biosecurity Act (or equivalent, allows the powers available under the Act to be exercised against that organism.

Q1. Use the PIAT to find and discuss the advantages of legislation for biosecurity. Look in the page Legislation → Biosecurity legislation and regulations → Departments

Q2. Look in the PIAT for information on Unwanted Organism Registers (Legislation → Biosecurity legislation and regulations → Departments). What advantages does keeping an Unwanted Organism Register (UOR) convey?

Q3. Even if you have no environmental impact legislation what are the basic aspects you should consider?

Q4. If you have no environmental impact legislation, can you think of how this could be drafted?

Q5. What other areas of legislation might cover management of invasive species? Hint: pesticides can harm people too.

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