Stage 1. Initiation

Reason for doing PRA, and PRA area

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Initiation

Aimed at identifying the pest or pathway of quarantine concern (ISPM 11)

The PRA process may be initiated as a result of:
- identification of a pest that may require phytosanitary measures
- identification of a pathway that presents a potential pest hazard
- review or revision of phytosanitary policies & priorities.

At this step, it is already important to check if this pest or pathway had already been subject to a particular PRA

IPPC defines a pest as "***any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal, or pathogenic agent, injurious to plants or plant products***"

Content of the PRA should be adapted to the purpose of the PRA

e.g. for regulation, deregulation, for decision after interception, etc...



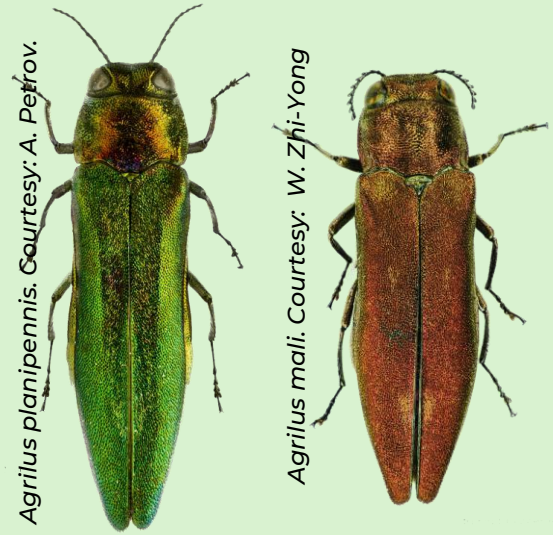
Reason for doing a PRA (1/2)

The PRA may be initiated for one/several reason(s)

PRA initiated by the identification of a pest:

- outbreak
  - in the PRA area;
  - invading a new area outside the PRA area
- interception
  - in an imported consignment in the PRA area;
  - detected more frequently in international trade;
- as a risk by scientific research;
- to be more damaging in a new area than its area of origin;
- requested for intentional import;
- previous PRA being re-evaluated;
- an organism has been identified as a vector for other pests

Etc…



Because of knowledge on 'similar' pests?

Reason for doing a PRA (2/2)

PRA initiated by the identification of a pathway:

- new imported commodity
- new plant species imported for breeding/research purposes

Etc...

PRA initiated by the review/revision of a policy:

- Phytosanitary regulations being revised (or delisting purposes)
- Proposal made by an other country or international organization (RPPO, FAO)
- A dispute arising on phytosanitary measures



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SCIENTIFIC OPINION

Commodity risk assessment of *Salix* unrooted cuttings from the UK

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Abstract

The European Commission requested the EFSA Panel on Plant Health to prepare and deliver risk assessments for commodities listed in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 as 'High risk plants, plant products and other objects'. This Scientific Opinion covers plant health risks posed by unrooted cuttings of *Salix* species (*S. aegyptiaca, S. eriocephala, S. gmelinii, S. miyabeana, S. purpurea, S. rehderiana, S. schwerinii, S. udensis, S. viminalis*) imported from the United Kingdom (UK). The assessment was performed considering the available scientific information, including the technical information provided by the UK. All pests potentially associated with the commodities were evaluated against specific criteria. Only two EU Regulated pests (the fungus *Entoleuca mammata* and the oomycete *Phytophthora ramorum* (non-EU isolates)), present in the UK and potentially associated with the commodity, were considered as relevant for this Opinion. No pests non-regulated in the EU were identified to be selected for further evaluation.

e.g. High-risk plant dossier in the EU

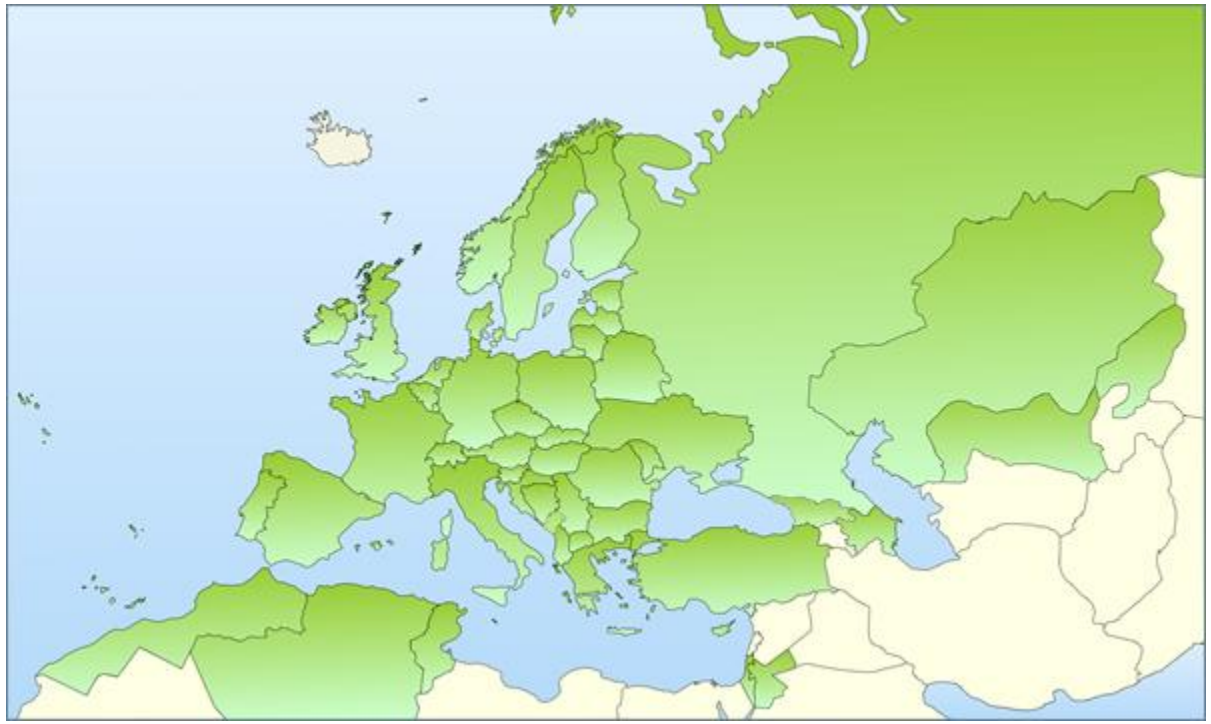
For this workshop, please consider you are preparing a PRA for recommending the pest for regulation at EPPO level

The PRA area

PRA area being assessed should be specified & described

- a **complete country**,
- **several countries**,
- **part**(s) of one or several countries

In this training (and for EPPO PRAs), the PRAs are performed for a PRA area covering all **EPPO member countries**



Group exercise

For the pest assigned to you, please

1/ discuss **salient details** of pest, and

2/ capture

- EPPO's status (EPPO A1, A2, Alert List) and e.g. history/reasons for addition to this List
- Additional reasons for selection as a priority pest for PRA
- Search for PRAs, risk assessments already performed on this pest

… a summary is made on one PowerPoint slide



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