Exercise 1. Reporting obligations

Under ISPM 17 (Pest reporting) and the IPPC's National Reporting Obligations (NROs), contracting parties must report the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests that may pose an immediate or potential danger. Pest reporting is one of the 13 NROs and supports early detection, pest management and safe trade.

Objectives

1. **Understand why to report:** Discuss the importance of pest reporting for early detection, control, eradication and trade.
2. **Determine what to report:** Identify which pests and pest situations require reporting, considering regulated pests, invasive species and phytosanitary risks.
3. **Identify reporting requirements:** Determine what information a pest report should contain.
4. **Identify reporting channels:** Discuss who should receive pest reports and how they should be communicated.

Outputs

- Understanding the key criteria for deciding when a pest report is required.
- Essential information and reporting channels for official pest reports.
- Familiarity with IPPC NRO guidance, pest reports on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) and relevant e-learning resources.