Exercise 3.

Under ISPM 17, NPPOs are responsible for collecting, verifying and communicating information on pest occurrence, outbreaks and spread.

Effective pest reporting requires clear national procedures for information collection, verification, pest status determination, institutional coordination and official reporting. Participants will compare their national procedures, identify gaps and propose practical improvements.

Objectives

1. **Review current procedures:** Explain how pest information is collected, verified, assessed and officially reported in your country.
2. **Identify gaps:** Discuss weaknesses in existing procedures, including information flows, responsibilities and coordination.
3. **Explore challenges:** Identify barriers to effective pest reporting, including technical, institutional and resource constraints.
4. **Propose improvements:** Agree on practical measures to strengthen national reporting procedures and overcome identified challenges.

Outputs

- Provide an overview of existing national pest reporting procedures and tools.
- Understand the main challenges and gaps in national pest reporting systems.
- Provide practical recommendations to improve national reporting procedures.