

Inter- American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection
GICSV
Fruit Flies Working Group

Fruit Flies (FF) WG report 01/2021

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Time 08:30 am Central America Time, 10:30 Raleigh Time EDT
Hosted: Videoconference. Zoom Session.
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I. List of participants.

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	Arturo Bello Rivera	Senasica Mexico
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	Nedelka Marín Martínez	Interpreter and Technical writer.
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Observers		
Stephanie Dubon	USDA	

1. Opening session.

GICSV Coordinator, Dr. Stephanie Bloem, informs that NAPPO assumed GICSV coordination since March 2021, she welcomes the experts to the first working group meeting of current year.



2. Consideration and adoption of the agenda

WG Coordinator, Dr. Alies Muller, presents the draft agenda and leaves it for participant's consideration. The agenda is approved without modifications.

	Draft Agenda
08:30hs*	1. Opening session. <i>Dra. Bloem, GICSV Coordinator.</i>
08:35 hs	2. Consideration and adoption of the agenda. <i>WG Coordinador Alies Muller.</i>
08:40 hs.	3. GICSV Work Plan 2021 - 2023. FF WG Deliverables validation. <i>WG Coordinator Mrs Alies Muller</i>
09:00 hs	4. GICSV Fruit Flies Questionnaire: outcome. <i>WG Coordinator Mrs Alies Muller</i>
09:15 hs	Break
09:25 hs	4. GICSV Fruit Flies Questionnaire. <i>WG Coordinador Mrs Alies Muller</i>
09:50hs	5. Other issues. <i>WG Coordinator, Mrs Alies Muller</i>
09:55 hs	6. Date for next meeting. <i>Moderator: WG Coordinator, Alies Muller</i>
10:00 hs	7. Close the meeting

*Costa Rica Time

3. GICSV Work Plan 2021 - 2023. FF WG Deliverables validation

WG Coordinator mentions that 2021 - 2023 Work Plan was shared with Group Members previously, observations weren't received. It is analyzed point by point:

3.5.1. Verify / confirm the list of delegates that make up the working group. TS mentions that all RPPOs confirmed the delegates that make up this WG.

3.5.2. Schedule WG meetings. WG agrees to hold meetings every three months, however if deemed necessary, depending on the evolution of the issues, this periodicity may change.

3.5.3. WG Coordinator and TS produce the agendas for meetings.

3.5.4. Exchange of information on events, technical documents, and others for updating GICSV website. TS reminds that this is a permanent activity and appreciate it support to receive information to be uploaded to GICSV website.

3.5.5. Analysis of questionnaire results on surveillance of FF exotic species, as well as FF programs.

3.5.6. Harmonize regional programs for FF prevention and management.

3.5.7 Identify and consider possible execution of horizontal cooperation opportunities

3.5.8. Identify and consider possible execution of training needs and opportunities by FF prevention and management programs.

3.5.9. Analyze the "IPPC Guide on Pest Free Areas" to assess whether it needs to be supplemented in any aspect. Its implementation and, if necessary, the development of plugins will be promoted.

3.5.10. Include other tasks WG proposed.

No additional observations were presented to the exposed work plan, it is adopted without modifications.

4. GICSV Fruit Flies Questionnaire: outcome.

GICSV Coordinator summarizes the background, indicating that in 2020 a questionnaire was designed on FF species situation in GICSV area, and on fruit flies' programs in the region. On November 30, 2020, Questionnaire was shared with FF WG members, with the objective the RPPOs manage the survey with the RPPOs.

WG Coordinator presents questionnaire results, which can be found in Annex I of these Minutes.

It should be noted that, of 39 NPPOs total that make up GICSV RPPOs, 24 responded to the questionnaire and 15 did not. It is necessary to bear in mind that really the total of NPPOs is 35, but there are 39 responses due to Belize, Mexico, Peru and Bolivia belong to two RPPOs.

The WG held an exchange to analyze the survey and agreed to the following:

- Eradication protocols: RPPOs will request NPPOs that have these protocols to share them with GICSV and authorize their publication on the Group's website. TS suggests having a deadline to organize the documents of the countries that agree to share the protocols to publish them.
- New deadline to answer the survey. RPPOs will invite countries that have not yet responded to the questionnaire to do so before August 27. WG considers it important that all countries respond to the survey.

5. Other issues.

No other business is presented.

6. Date for next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 8:30 am Costa Rican time (10:30 Raleigh time).

7. Acknowledgment

Working Group members and TS thanks NAPPO for the generosity of providing interpretation for the meeting and especially Ms. Nedelka Marín Martínez for the effort made in this regard.

8. Commitments

Commitments	Responsible	Deadline
To share eradication protocols with GICSV (from NPPOs that agree).	RPPOs.	Before next meeting.
To invite countries, that did not complete the survey, to do so.	RPPOs (All)	ASAP
Send to WG Coordinator, with a copy to GICSV Coordinator and GICSV TS, the questionnaires from countries that had not answered during the first round.	RPPOs (All)	August 27, 2021

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