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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
**PLANT HEALTH**

2020

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[www.fao.org/plant-health-2020](http://www.fao.org/plant-health-2020)

## Overall objective of IYPH

The overall objective of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) 2020 is to raise the awareness of the public and political decision makers at the global, regional and national levels about plant health's contribution to achieving the UN sustainable development goals, in particular:

- ending hunger
- reducing poverty
- protecting the environment
- boosting safe trade and economic development





## Background of IYPH proclamation

- 2015-04: At CPM-10 **Finland** proposed the establishment of an International Year of Plant Health.
- 2017-07: The 40th Session of the **FAO Conference** adopted the proposal by Finland.
- 2018-04: CPM-13 agreed to the **skeleton of IYPH programme events** and their associated estimated costs.
- 2018-12: The **UN General Assembly** adopted the UN Resolution A/RES/73/252, proclaiming 2020 the IYPH and calling upon FAO, in collaboration with the IPPC, to lead the implementation of the Year.





## Promotion of IYPH globally (activities)

- 2 December 2019: **IYPH launch event** in Rome
- December 2019: **IYPH launch event** in New York
- Dec. 2019 – Dec. 2020: **IYPH photo competition**
- 30 March – 3 April 2020: **CPM-15** in Rome  
(Ministerial segment/declaration on 2 April 2020)
- 5-8 October 2020: **International Conference on Plant Health** in Helsinki
- 16 October 2020: **World Food Day** focused on Plant Health (tbc)
- January 2021: **IYPH closing event** in Rome





# Promotion of IYPH globally (communications)

- **IYPH website** with access to information, resources, key facts.
  - **Communications toolkit** and **get started guide** with ideas for taking action.
  - **IYPH logo** in six languages and visual identity guidelines.
  - **IYPH brochure**, flyer, factsheet and other publications.
  - **Calendar of events** at the global, regional and national level.
  - Files for creating **gadgets** such as IYPH mugs, bags, caps, etc.
  - Ready to use **social media materials** – use the hash tag **#PlantHealth**.
  - Children's **activity book (if funded)**.
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- All resources will be available on the IYPH website: [www.fao.org/plant-health-2020](http://www.fao.org/plant-health-2020)
  - If you have questions or need materials in other languages write to [iypth@fao.org](mailto:iypth@fao.org)





## Promotion of IYPH regionally (activities)

RPPOs will work closely with NPPOs and take the lead in regional level activities such as:

- Organizing regional **conferences** in 2020.
- Organizing regional **workshops** on plant health-related themes.
- Establishing regional **capacity development programmes** on emerging pests.
- Liaising with FAO Regional Offices to organize side events at **FAO Regional Conferences** in 2020.
- Liaising with **regional institutions** in relevant fields to include plant health in their agendas.
- Example: the **Caribbean Plant Health Directors' Forum Annual Meeting in 2020** will be hosted by Antigua and Barbuda and have a strong focus on IYPH.



# Promotion of IYPH regionally (communications)

RPPOs will work closely with NPPOs and take the lead in regional level communications such as:

- Implementing **public information campaigns** – e.g. about the importance of considering risks when carrying plants and plant products across borders. <http://www.cphdforum.org/>
- Developing **regional videos and communication materials**.  
[https://www.facebook.com/cphdforum/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/cphdforum/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)
- Coordinating regional **exhibitions and initiatives**.
- Example: **CAHFSA** will design and distribute a **Calendar** featuring the **Top 10 Regional Priority Pests (Plants)**.





## Promotion of IYPH nationally (activities)

NPPOs will take the lead in promoting the IYPH.

- Organize **launch events** to raise awareness and promote plant health.
- Organize **a national plant health day**.
- Organize **scientific meetings and congresses**.
- **Planting trees** and caring for them.
- Organize **open door days and stands** in gardens, nurseries and agricultural schools
- Invest in education (create an **educational dossier** on plant health for primary and secondary schools, plant health fellowships, citizen science).
- Example: **National Plant Protection Conference and Open Day of the Departments of Agriculture in St. Kitts and Nevis.**







# International Year of Plant Health

## St. Kitts & Nevis Calendar of Events



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Date	Event (Dates are tentative*)
30-31 Jan	National Plant Pathology Diagnostics Training
25 Feb	Ministry of Agriculture's Annual Review and Planning
23-24 Apr	Open Day (Annual Agriculture Exhibition)
14 May	Plant Health Day
27 May	IPM Workshop
5 Jun	World Environment Day
26 Jun	Eat Local Day
13 – 17 Jul	Regional CPHD Forum Annual Meeting*
24-25 Aug	IPPC Regional ISPM Meeting*
7 Sep	National Tree Planting Day*
15 Sep	National Fruit and Vegetable Day*
28 Sep-2 Oct	St.Kitts & Nevis Pesticide Awareness Week*
11-17 Oct	World Food Day Week of Activities *

# 2020

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# Awareness at Ports of Entry

**Don't Pack a Pest initiative:** to educate international travellers about the risks associated with carrying in their baggage agricultural products that may harbour harmful pests and diseases that could destroy the local agricultural landscape of the partner countries of SKN and the USA.

**HELP PROTECT OUR FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**AYUDE A PROTEGER NUESTRA RESERVA AGRÍCOLA Y RECURSOS NATURALES**  
**AIDEZ-NOUS À PROTÉGER NOS RESSOURCES ALIMENTAIRES ET NATURELLES**

**When you travel...**  
**Cuando usted viaje...**  
**En voyage...**

**Declare agricultural items**  
**Declare los productos agrícolas**  
**Déclarez les produits agricoles**

**Don't pack a pest**  
**No empaque plagas**  
**N'empportez pas d'organisme nuisible**



U.S. Department of Agriculture  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
St. Kitts and Nevis Department of Agriculture

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# Promotion of IYPH by other stakeholders

## ACADEMIA

- Adopt plant health curricula and establish fellowships.
- Organize conferences on emerging plant health topics.
- Open calls and awards for advanced students in the field or best essay on the subject.
- Invite IPPC and FAO experts to give lessons, training and lectures.

## CIVIL SOCIETY

- Take concrete actions to secure plant health daily.
- Be aware of plant health risks when travelling.
- Take part in IYPH initiatives and be active online to spread the IYPH messages.
- Support development of materials for children and teenagers.

## PRIVATE SECTOR

- Use IYPH visual identity guidelines properly and actively.
- Produce and distribute IYPH gadget and comms materials.
- Integrate IYPH key messages in their communication strategies and organize activities to involve their communities.
- Promote environmental friendly products and practices in relation to the year.





## Keep us informed about your activities!

- On social media, use the hashtag **#PlantHealth**  
**#IYPH2020**
- **Let us know about your Plant Health related event:**
  - Visit the St. Kitts and Nevis IYPH calendar (<http://www.cphdforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-IYPH-Calendar-St-Kitts-Nevis.pdf>)
  - Tell us about your event at [plantquarantine@gov.kn](mailto:plantquarantine@gov.kn)





# Why is Plant Health Important?

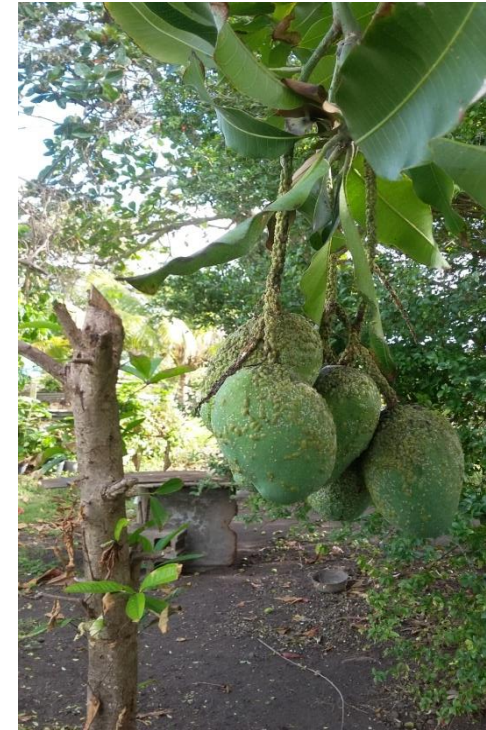
Hibiscus twig infested by Pink Hibiscus Mealybug, *Maconellicoccus hirsutus* (Green). Photograph by Dale Meyerdirk, APHIS.



Coconuts decimated by Lethal Yellowing in Dieppe bay. Photo by Bridget Gray.



Croton Scales infesting Mangoes in Christ Church, St. Kitts. Photograph by Jeanelle Kelly, DOA.



# Plant Health Challenges

- New and emerging plant health challenges including plant pests and diseases
- Impact of climate change
- Risk associated with increasing international trade
- Rapid loss of biodiversity
- New pest pathways such as e-commerce
- Important to develop more efficient harmonized national, regional and global policies, structures and mechanisms to address these challenges e.g. **Plant Protection Act**



# Pest Threats on the Horizon

☐ Giant African Snail



☐ Fusarium Wilt of Bananas and Plantains-  
Tropical Race 4



☐ Mediterranean Fruit Fly



☐ Tomato Leaf Miner





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