

## PRESENT STATUS, ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF PLANT QUARANTINE IN NEPAL

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#### Coverage

PROTECTING PLANTS

- Brief about Plant Quarantine
- Current Status and ongoing activities
- Gaps identified and resolutions to address
- Issues and Challenges
- Way forward



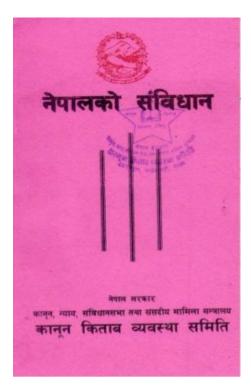
#### PLANT QUARANTINE

PROTECTING PLANTS

- Legal method of plant protection
- A non-tarrif barrier to international trade
- Functions as National Biosecurity Guard
- A Federal Function in Nepal

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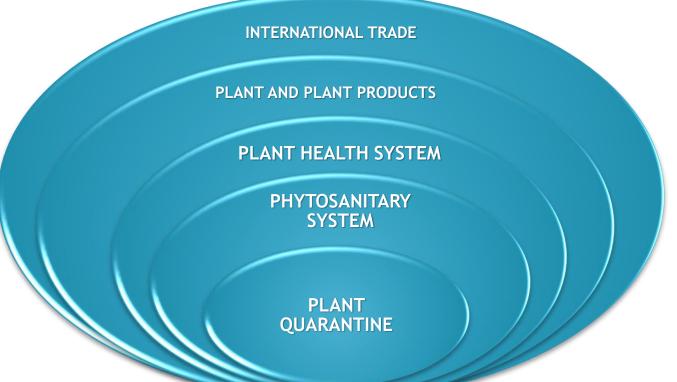




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#### FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN OF PLANT QUARANTINE





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#### Assigned Role of PQPMC



#### National Plant Protection Organization of Nepal



Sharing responsibility in plant protection today and tomorrow for sustainable development and an ecological-friendly future together.







Designated National Authority - Pesticides (DNA-P)



#### **TASKS**



- Inspection of consignment to fulfill the phytosanitary requirements
- Issuance of Phytosanitary Certificate
- Issuance of Entry Permit
- Release or Rejection order for the consignment to enter into territory of Nepal
- Post Entry Quarantine
- Phytosanitary Treatments
- Phytosanitary Audits
- Documentation
- Notification of non compliances
- Reporting to the concerned national/international authorities
- Respond to the notifications of non compliances received if any



#### Current Status

ROTECTING

- Member of World Trade
   Organization (WTO)- Responsible
   for establishing rules of trade
   between nations
- IPPC is the recognized international standard setting body for plant health under the WTO-SPS
  - Multilateral treaty for international cooperation in plant protection
  - Nearly 184 countries
  - From Albania to Zambia
  - A standard setting organization





#### INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS



- Agreement on Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary
   Measures in International Trade (SPS)
- Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission, 1965
  - Regional Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPMs)
- Member of International Plant Protection Convention, 6<sup>th</sup>
   May, 2008
  - International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

#### Scope of the phytosanitary regulation (IPPC)



IPPC covers range of plants & protects them from a range of pests

- plants: cultivated plants and wild flora
- plant pests: invertebrates, diseases and weeds
- harm: includes direct & indirect effects

Extends to items capable of harbouring or spreading pests, such as:

- storage places
- conveyances
- Includes intentional introductions of organisms, such as:
- biological control organisms
- research, industrial or other organisms



#### PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES IN NEPAL



- Phytosanitary Legislation: Plant Protection Act, 2007 (In amendment process)
- Phytosanitary Regulation: Plant Protection Rules, 2010
- Plant Quarantine Process Manual, 2067
- Internal Quarantine Directives, 2013
- National Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (NSPMs)
- Gazette Notifications
- Plant Quarantine Committee decisions
- Decisions from the MoALD
- NPPO Decisions
- Other policy decisions from the government



28 January 2014

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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#### NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: NEPAL
   If applicable, name of local government involved:
- Agency responsible: International Trade Promotion Section, Agribusiness Promotion and statistics Division, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Government of Nepal
- Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All the products under scope of Plant Quarantine of Neoal
- Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
   [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: National Standards for Phytosanitary Meaures (NSPM 2, 11, 14, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 13, 2, 34, 35 and 36) Language(s): English Number of pages: 311 (including all NSPMS)

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- 6. Description of content:
  - NSPM: 2 Framework for Pest Risk Analysis
  - NSPM: 11 Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests including analysis of ecological risk and living modified organisms
  - NSPM: 14 The use of integrated measures in a system approach for pest risk management
  - NSPM: 17 Pest Reporting
  - NSPM: 20 Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system

NOTIFIED NSPMS (28 Jan, 2014)

#### **Organizational Structure**



Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

#### Plant Quarantine and Pesticide Management Centre

Plant Quarantine Regulation and Monitoring Section

Pest Risk Analysis Section

Surveillance Section

NPPO Section

Pesticide Registration and Management Section

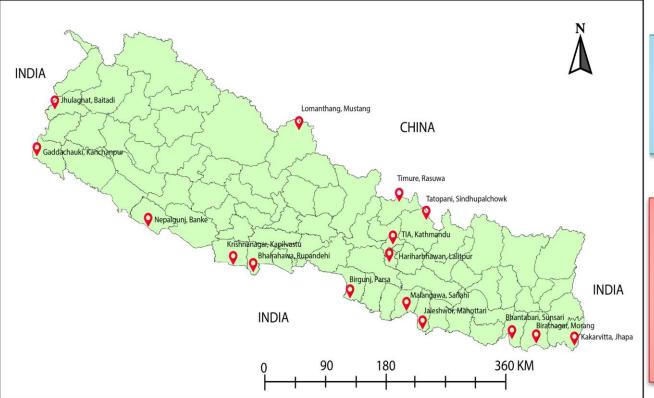
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#### PLANT QUARANTINE OFFICES





- 11 offices at Indo Nepal Border
- 3 offices at Nepal-China Border
- 1 office at TIA

#### Proposed new offices

- Dry Port Chobhar
- Lumbini International Airport
- Pokhara Regional International Airport

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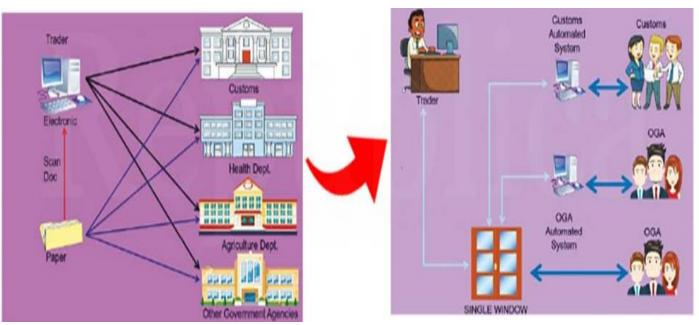
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#### Nepal National Single Window



#### Without NNSW







#### Nepal National Single Window



- Development process start 2076 Kartik
- MoU 2077 Magh
- Implementation 2077 Falgun



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#### NNSW at a Glance



#### **Key Facts**

- World Bank Funded
- Start Date Nov 2019
- 2-Year Implementation
- 5-year Support
- 40+ Stakeholders
- Launched Feb 2021
- Now 12 Live Stakeholders
- Processed 27K LPCOs
  - 14K in August Alone
- Daily Average 500+
- System Users 3.2K





#### NNSW PQPMC Modules

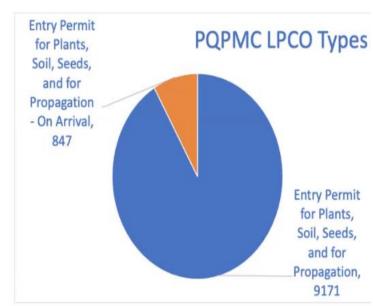


#### PQPMC has three types of LPCOs:

 907 Entry Permit for Plants, Soil, Seeds, and for Propagation

 909 Entry Permit for Plants, Soil, Seeds, and for Propagation - On Arrival

· 908 Phytosanitary Certificate



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#### High Level Process Flow



**TRADER** 

Prepares and Submits Application



**PAYMENT** 

Payment Process Initiated by system (e Payment)



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Application Processed by PQPMC



PQPMC Officials Approve or **Decline Application** 

approval by PQPMC Officials.

Subcommittee processes

Declines or recommends

application.

**PQPMC** 

Application Authorized PQPMC Chief.



**TRADER** 

Permit Issued

Notification -Trader

NNSW

Permit Filed / Archived

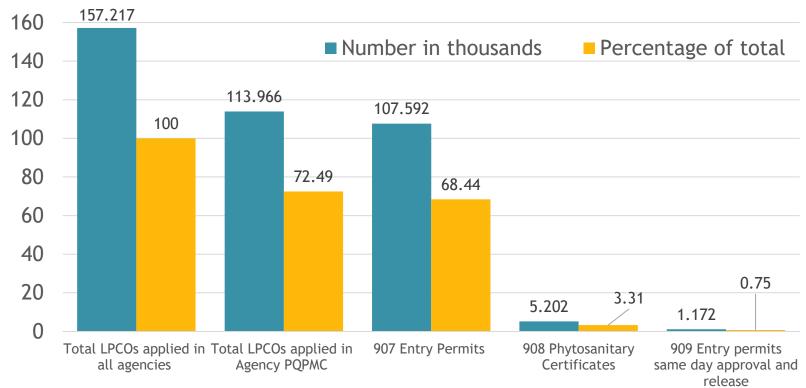




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#### PQPMC share in total LPCOs issued through NNSW



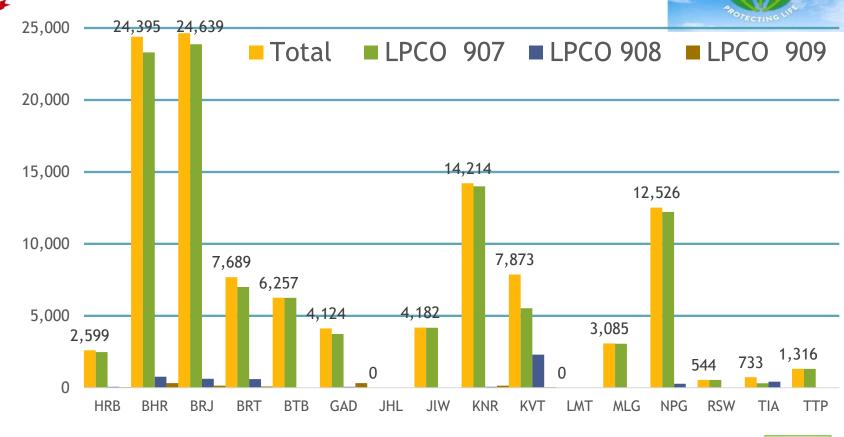


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#### LPCOs issued from different offices under PQPMC (May 2021-2022)



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#### Entry Permit issued from NNSW



Government of Nepal Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

#### Plant Quarantine and Pesticide Management Center

Entry Permit of plants or plant products

APPROVAL REFERENCE	A22049613	REQUEST REFERENCE	R22050166
APPROVAL DATE	12/04/2022	REQUEST DATE	12/04/2022
VALIDITY PERIOD	13/04/2022 - 12/07/2022	INVOICE NUMBER	BSB2201
COMPANY CODE	6099007290109NP	INVOICE DATE	31/03/2022

This entry permit is hereby issued to the following importer, pursuant to Section 8 of the Plant Protection Act, 2007 and Sub-rule (3) of Rule 5 of the Plant Protection Regulation, 2010, to import into Negal the following Plant Or Plant Products on the following terms and conditions.

Name and Address of the Importer		Name and Address	WEIHAI HAIHE IMP. & EXP. CO.,LTD. No.235 GONGSONGLING ROAD,WEIHAI, CHINA.
Purpose/ End Use	Consumption	Country of Export	China
Entry Point	Mechi Customs Office	Final Destination	KATHMANDU,NEPAL
Tolerance Rate			

#### Items

S. No.	H.S Code	Scientific Name	Commercial Description	Classification Stage of Growth		Number of Specimen		Package Marks	Amount / Quantity
1	08081000000	Malus domestica	FRESH APPLE 3558 CTNS	Fresh Fruit	China		3558	20KGS/C TNS	71160 KGM

- General Entry Conditions
- 1. The consignment of plants or plant products has to be free from soil, seeds of weeds and other infection.
- 2. Such consignment has to be accompanied by the authentic phyto-sanitary certificate

Name of Authorized Officer

Devendra Shahu

Plant Protection Officer

Place of Issue: Kakarvitta, Jhapa

Kakarvitta Quarantine Office

This is an electronically generated document. No signature or stamp is required.



Print Date: 12/05/2022

Special Entry Conditions/Additional Declaration:



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#### Nepal's access to IPPC e-phyto Solution through NNSW



Improving Safe Trade in Plant and Plant Products

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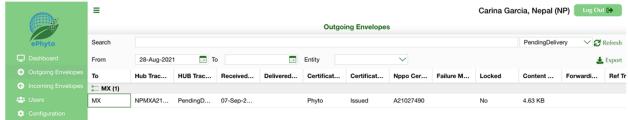
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### Nepal's E-Phyto linked to IPPC's E-Phyto hub



Declared Name and Address of Consignee	CIMMYT International KM 45 Carretera Mexico Veracruz Col. El. Batan CP 56130, Mexico
Distinguising Marks	Cimmyt
Declared Mode of Transport	Aircraft
IPPC Hub Number	NPMXA2109090701109852045





#### Countries exchanging through e-phyto hub





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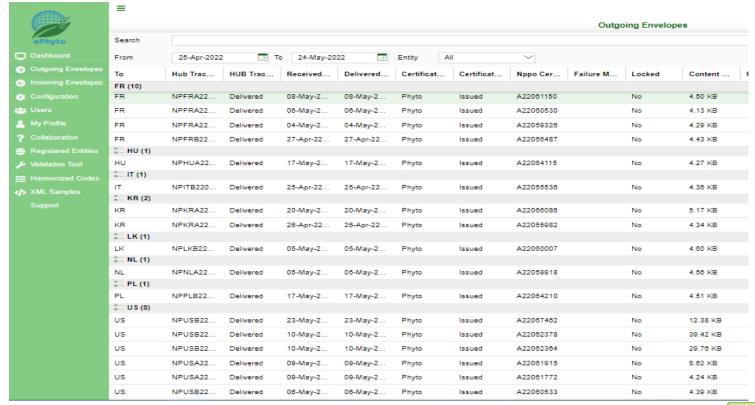
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#### Phytosanitary Certificates exchanged through e-phyto hub





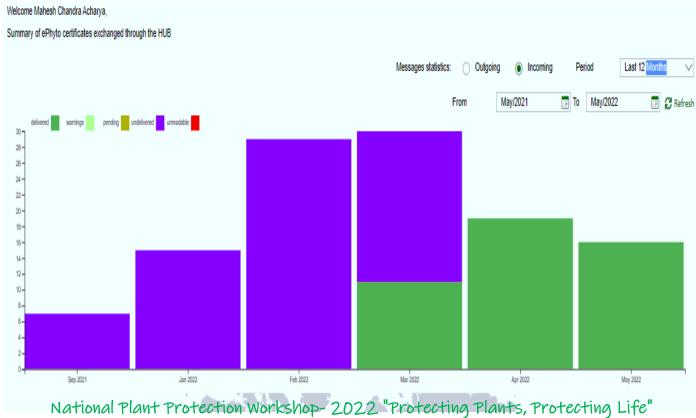
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#### Incoming Phytosanitary Certificates through IPPC e-phyto hub







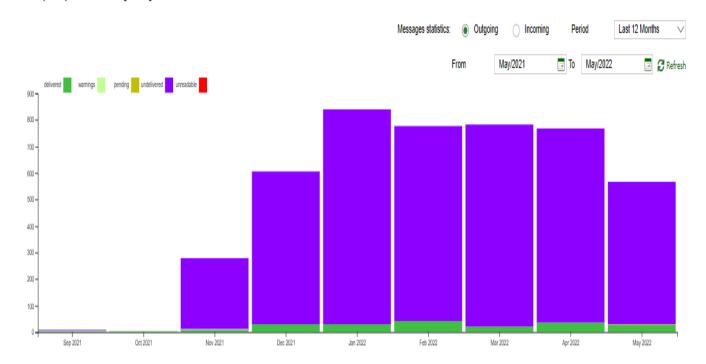
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#### Outgoing Phytosanitary Certificates through IPPC e-phyto hub



Welcome Mahesh Chandra Acharya,

Summary of ePhyto certificates exchanged through the HUB



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#### Virtual workshop on implementation of Rotterdam Convention



#### National workshop on the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention in Nepal – development of elements of a national action plan

#### Online from 30 September to 25 October 2021

**Highlights:** Nepal has expressed the interest to obtain technical assistance from the Secretariat to strengthen national capacity in the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention. The national workshop provides training and facilitation of a dialogue among the national stakeholders. Participants will review in detail the status of implementation of the Convention within the country and, for each of the obligations under the Convention, consider what is to be done, by whom and how things might be improved.

**Organizers:** The workshop will be organized by the Plant Quarantine and Pesticide Management Centre of Nepal jointly with the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat

Working Language: English

**Meeting objectives:** To build capacity at the national level for the effective implementation of the Rotterdam Convention and to facilitate a national dialogue among stakeholders as means to identify key elements of a national plan.

**Target audience:** Designated national authority of the Rotterdam Convention and other national stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Convention.

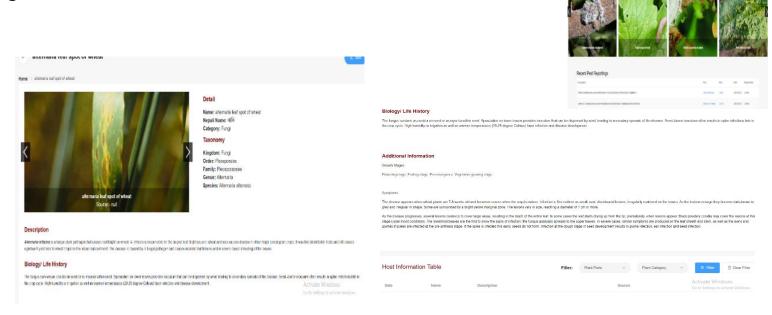
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#### National Agricultural Pest Database Software



Data entry ongoing in the National Agricultural Pest Database Software





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#### Introduction of brood of Lac insect and rearing in Nepal- Nepal Shellac Agriculture Research and Industries Pvt. Ltd, Kavre







#### Restriction on the Entry Permits of Potential GMO consignments for direct human consumption



 Potential/Declared GMO consignments allowed for entry into Nepal only for animal feed production and/or commercial processing purpose.

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	2	PQ-2	Canola	Australia	2021.08.31	
1	3	PQ-3	Soyameal	USA	2021.08.31	with non-GMO certification
-	4	PQ-4	Soyameal	USA	2021.08.31	wihout non-GMO certification
-	5	PQ-5	Sóyábeán	USA	2021.09.27	







#### Pest Survey and Surveillance

Survey of pests of 8 crops and 10 Medicinal herbs underway

Orientation Training for field surveyors



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#### Invasive weed *Mimosa diplotricha* management sensitization program at Jhapa and Morang in collaboration with CDB, TU









#### Import of High Density planting materials from aboard







#### Invasive Weed Wedelia/Singapore Daisy Management Sensitization Program at Panchkhal in collaboration with CBD, TU









#### Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation of NPPO Nepal



The PCE is a modular online software system consisting of 13 semi structured questionnaire type modules.

System Level 1: Country profile 2: National phytosanitary legislation 3: Environmental forces assessment
Organization Level 4: NPPOs mission and strategy 5: NPPOs structure and processes 6: NPPOs resources
Core Activities 7: Pest diagnostic capacity 8: NPPO pest surveillance and pest reporting capacity 9: Pest eradication capacity 10: Phytosanitary import regulatory system 11: Pest risk analysis 12: Pest free areas, places and sites, low pest prevalence areas 13: Export certification, re-export, transit



### Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation of NPPO Nepal (Face to Face Session)









#### Key Gaps Identified and resolutions to address



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	Gap	Identified resolution to address the	Time	Trade Facilitation
		gap	line	Outcome
•	Lack of personnel, infrastructure,	policies needed to support	Medium term	efficiency of trade
	equipment for field procedures and equipment and	sufficient human and financial capacities		by meeting service demands
	consumables for laboratory testing services at regional and border offices	<ul> <li>Targeted improvements under SRCTIP or other initiatives including equipment at targeted regional and border facilities including refurbishments (e.g.,</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reduced costs by aligning services with trade demand</li> </ul>
•	Lack of personnel at the Central PQPMC laboratory	fumigation facility)  • Comprehensive gap analysis of		<ul> <li>Improved quality and consistency of exports</li> </ul>
		individual sites to identify specific needs		



#### Key Gaps and resolutions to address



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	Gap	Identified resolution to	Time line	Trade Facilitation
		address the gap		Outcome
•	Financial support to quarantine services is insufficient resulting in poor services to	<ul> <li>Review of Ministerial budget allocation supporting the agency</li> </ul>	Medium term	<ul> <li>Sufficient resources providing confidence that exports meet import requirements</li> </ul>
	traders			<ul> <li>Service demand is better addressed resulting in increased efficiency in trade</li> </ul>



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#### Key Gaps and resolutions to address



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Gap	Identified resolution to address the gap	Time line	Trade Facilitation Outcome
<ul> <li>Lack of strategic plan to guide the NPPO's activities and lack of a coordinated risk analysis framework.</li> <li>Increased training of staff in risk, risk assessment and risk management approaches</li> </ul>	plan and risk analysis	Medium to long term	Increased confidence in the plant quarantine system  Fully trained competent staff providing consistent, transparent services



#### Key Gaps and resolutions to address



	Gap	Identified resolution to address the gap	Time line	Trade Facilitation Outcome
•	Lack of IT infrastructure to support tracking of operational activities	5 1	Short to medium term	<ul> <li>Risk data used to support operational activities (i.e. operational activities focused on risk)</li> </ul>

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#### Key Gaps and resolutions to address



Gap	Identified resolution to address	Time line	Trade Facilitation
	the gap		Outcome
<ul> <li>Lack of coordination within organization and between other cooperating agencies (e.g. Customs, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of policy and administrative frameworks to encourage cooperation and coordination</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reduced duplicative and redundant activities</li> <li>Reduced trade costs</li> </ul>
(e.g. customs, etc.)	Outreach to other		reduced trade costs
<ul> <li>Lack of awareness and input into policy design and implementation</li> <li>Asynchronized working hours of the concerned border agencies</li> </ul>	government agencies and implementation of a consultative frameworks for working with stakeholders		<ul> <li>Greater compliance by traders through an increased understanding of requirement</li> </ul>

#### S ISSUES





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- Name: Quarantine Office
- Border Quarantine as the first level of defense against Quarantine pests
- Official working Hours (Plant Quarantine as an Emergency Service)
- Holding of Consignment
- Clearance of Small Consignment at Nepal India Border
- Country and Commodity Specific Import Requirements
  - Quarantine Pest (QP) List: Only for few commodities (18)
  - Regulated Non QP: Not declaration
  - Post Entry Quarantine provisions for propagation materials
- Regulation of Wood Packaging Material
- Regulation of GMO consignments





- Standards for Phytosanitary Treatment
- Application of NSPMs (e.g. PEQ facility)
- Official control/domestic quarantine (e.g. Panama Wilt)
- Concerns on quantitative regulation (Quota)
- Issues of Certificates of Origin
- Technical support for Industrial Entomology Lac culture
- Management of Invasive species



#### WAY FORWARD



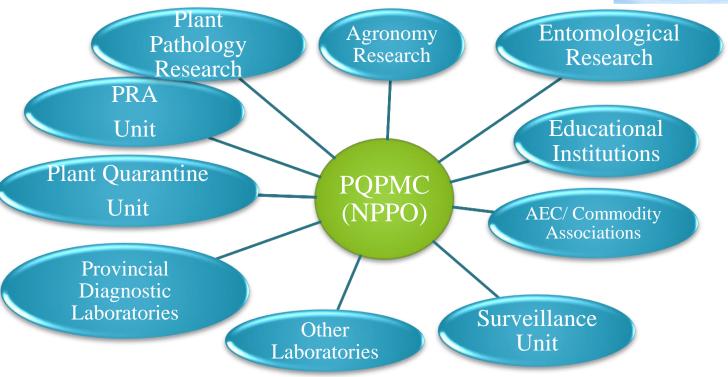
- Sensitization of Government and Private sector actors at all hierarchy about importance of plant quarantine
- Strengthen NPPO and other functionaries
- Build capacity of plant quarantine stations (Manpower, Equipments, Infrastructures)
- Make provisions of sealing system to ensure phytosanitary security by enforcing consignment sealing system
- > Strengthen official control/domestic quarantine



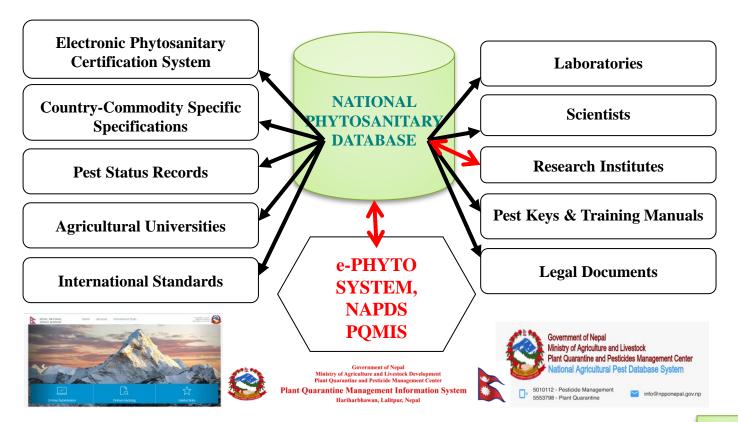
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#### STRENTHEN INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGE





#### STENTHEN NATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY DATABASE







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