

Report of the Bi-Annual Meeting
FAO Regional Vegetable IPM Programme in Asia
Lijiang, Yunnan, P.R.China
October 25-27, 2006

1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout Phase II of the *FAO Inter-Country Programme to Strengthen IPM Training and Sustain IPM Practices among Vegetable Farmers in South and Southeast Asia*, twice yearly meetings among project staff, national counterparts, and related organizations have been held in different member countries. China PR hosted this bi-annual meeting held in the old town of Lijiang in northern Yunnan province.

Similar to the past meeting, the overall objectives of this gathering were:

1. To exchange experiences regarding selected activities from each Mekong Sub-Region member country,
2. To strengthen regional networking among nationals, partner organization representatives and FAO staff involved in implementation of the FAO Regional Programme,
3. To assess needs and opportunities for continued regional IPM collaboration and possible FAO involvement in 2007 and particularly beyond the current life time of the Phase II FAO Asia Regional Vegetable IPM Programme.

The meeting was organized by the staff of China National IPM Programme, Yunnan PPS, Lijiang PPS and FAO Vegetable IPM Programme.

Official participants at the workshop were 28 persons, including two to three persons from each of the core Greater Mekong Sub-Region member countries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam), 3-4 representatives from selected regional and donor organizations, resources persons and FAO Vegetable IPM Program staff. A schedule of the meeting activities is attached in **Annex 1**, and list of participants in **Annex 2**.

2. MAIN ACTIVITIES

2.1 Opening Comments

On the first day morning, the meeting began with opening remarks by Mr. Zhong Tianrun, the national IPM coordinator for China, who complemented all participants on China's past achievements, and wished them success both in the meeting itself and in meeting future program challenges.

Following this, Mr. Jan Willem Ketelaar, the FAO Vegetable IPM Programme Team Leader/CTA expressed his welcome to the participants, and gave an overview of the main objectives of the meeting.

The programme for the whole meeting was further explained by Ms. Hu Xinmei, who was one

of the organizers of the meeting

2.2 Presentations and discussion on country specific activities

National counterparts from each member country gave a brief presentation on an interesting aspect of their ongoing program, including new activities, innovative results or challenging issues. Presentations were followed by additional comments from others, questions and discussions. General topics of these are given below:

- Yunnan Province, China (presented by Mr. Yang Puyun): A Synthesis Analysis of the Main Results of Participatory Needs & Opportunity Assessment and its implications
- Lao PDR (presented by Mr. Soukhavong Khodsimuong): Study on Soil Ecology and Off-Season Tomato Production
- Cambodia (presented by Mr. Ngin Chhay): Diversifying Funding Approaches
- Vietnam (presented by Mr. Ngo Tien Dung): IPM farmers study on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Vietnam
- Thailand (presented by Ms. Areepan Upanisakorn): GAP for food safety

After country presentations, two NGO representatives gave presentations on their programmes in respective countries. The two presentations were:

- Cambodian Center for Study and Development in Agriculture (CEDAC): presented by Mr. Prak Sereyvath, Deputy Director of CEDAC
- Biological Pesticides Project in LAO PDR: presented by Mr. Bong Munsayaphom, Coordinator of Oxfam Solidarity Belgium

2.3 Theme specific discussions

Theme specific discussions for this particular meeting focused on making an assessment of needs and opportunities for continued regional IPM collaboration during 2007 and, with possible FAO involvement, beyond 2007. Output of these discussions will provide FAO with clear vision statements and guidelines with regards to focus and priorities for such continued regional collaboration. Outputs will also be used for formulation of a possible new (or continued phase of) FAO Regional programme beyond 2007. The following key questions were proposed for discussions during internal discussions for Asian nationals:

- What are the immediate needs, challenges and opportunities for each country involved and beyond 2007?
- What things/tasks does the FAO Regional Vegetable IPM Programme Phase II: (1) Do best, and should continue to do? (2) Do better and/or more of? (3) Start doing? (4) Stop doing or not do?
- What national & regional trends with regards to agricultural development within the next 5 years can you identify that will likely have an important bearing on IPM policy development and farmer education? And, would you foresee a need for continued regional collaboration on matters pertaining to same? If so, specify these needs.
- What role could FAO possibly play with regards to facilitation of such regional collaboration? If there is to be a follow up FAO Regional Programme beyond 2007, should it be called and/or focus on vegetable IPM. If not, what otherwise?

2.4 'Food for Thought' presentations

After the theme discussion presentations, "food for thought" presentations were made for Asian nationals to think and further discuss the themes proposed. A summary of the "food for thought" presentations is attached in **Annex 3**. Topics of these presentations are given below:

- FAO Future Perspectives (Harry vd Wulp, FAO-HQ)
- Donors' Notes (Jan Ketelaar, CTA, FAO-RAP)
- Plant Protection Trends (Piao Yongfan, AGPP, FAO-RAP)
- Future Trends, Opportunities and Challenges for Vegetable Industries (Jan Ketelaar, CTA, FAO-RAP)
- Farmland Biodiversity (Marut Jatiket, Director, Thai Education Foundation)

After food for thought presentations, Asian national further discussed and adjusted each country's needs and general themes at country level and regional level. Then those discussions were presented to the whole group for plenary briefing/consultations. Detailed theme discussion results are presented in the folder on **Theme Discussion Results**.

2.5 Field Visits

In the afternoon of October 25, those who did not attend the theme discussions went to the field to interview FFS graduates near Lijiang. The FFS alumni expressed their gratitude saying that they had empowered themselves after attending FFS. They have used general IPM principles while growing their current crops and make better informed crop management decisions. Those interviews demonstrated the impact of FFS to visitors.

In the morning of October 27, a group of participants visited one FFS in Yulong County. This was a gathering of FFS graduates, reviewing what they had learnt in FFS. Farmers discussed one of the IPM principles: how to grow a healthy crop.

2.6 Wrap-up and Evaluation

At the end of the third day, the team leader gave closing remarks, wrapping up the meeting. Participants were asked to fill out a written evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the meeting, and to provide suggestions for the next gathering. A summary of the evaluation results is enclosed in **Annex 4**.

Finally, it was tentatively scheduled that the next Bi-Annual Regional Meeting will be held in HaiPhong, Vietnam during 23-25 April 2007.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Bi-annual meeting programme

Annex 2: List of participants

Annex 3: Food for thought and other questions to consider:

Annex 4: Results of evaluation

Annex 5: Theme Discussions (see ThemeDiscussions_Presentations_Reports)

ANNEX 1

Programme Vegetable IPM Programme regional bi-annual meeting Lijiang, Yunnan, P.R. China 24-29 October 2006

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 24 Oct.	AM- PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of participants
	19:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner at hotel
Wednesday 25 Oct.	08.00-12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening/Introductory notes • Country Presentations (China PR, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam & Cambodia)
	12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at hotel
	13:30-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme discussions: IPM life beyond Phase II: Needs, challenges & opportunities for continued regional collaboration and possible FAO involvement (<i>group discussions, for Asian nationals only</i>)
	18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome dinner, hosted by Chinese Government
Thursday 26 Oct.	08.00-12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme discussions: Plenary briefing/discussions • 'Food for Thought' presentations
	12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch
	13:30-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Food for Thought' presentations • Theme discussions: (<i>for Asian nationals only</i>) • Optional: IPM-related field visits for those who do not attend the theme discussions
	18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner
	20:00-21:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to Naxi music performance
Friday 27 Oct.	AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional meeting and/or free time (<i>see options below</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 1: Field visit to FFS in Lijiang ○ Option 2: Climbing Yulong mountain(cable car) ○ Option3: Black dragon pool and Mu building, shopping in the old lijiang town
	14:00-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary briefing/consultations on Theme discussions • (informal) Closing notes
	18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell dinner hosted by FAO-IPM
Saturday 28 Oct.	7:30-10:30 10:30-12:30 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Dali • Two-hour Free time in Dali • Lunch in Dali
	PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dali to Kunming by car • Dinner(mushroom pot) • Overnight at Kunming Yunchu Hotel
Sunday 29 Oct.	AM PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure of participants from Kunming

ANNEX 2.

List of participants for bi-annual regional meeting for FAO Vegetable IPM Programme

Country Rep	Name	Position/Organization
Cambodia	1. Mr. Ngim Chhay 2. Mr. Oum Engsetha 3. Mr. Prak Sereyvath	Deputy Director, National IPM Coordinator National Vegetable IPM Team Member Deputy Director, CEDAC
China	4. Mr. Zhong Tianrun 5. Mr. Yang Puyun 6. Ms. Li Ping 7. Mr. Zhou Jinyu 8. Mr. Mao Zhongshun	National IPM Coordinator, Vice-DG, NATESC Deputy Director of Pest control Division, NATESC Vegetable IPM Coordinator, NATESC Yunnan PPS Director NGO PEAC/local PAN-AP
Lao PDR	9. Mr. Sisavang Vonghachak 10. Mr. Soukhavong Khodsimumong 11. Mr. Thongsavanh Taipangnavong 12. Mr. Bong Munsayaphom	Vice Director , DoAG National IPM project Coordinator, PPC National IPM Expert Coordinator, Oxfam Solidarity Belgium
Thailand	13. Mr. Lakchai Menakanit 14. Ms. Areepan Upanisakorn 15. Mr. Marut Jatiket 16. Ms. Tattanakorn Moekchantuk	Senior Advisor/former DoAE staff Entomologist, Pest Mgnt Div, DoAE Director, Thai Education Foundation & Coordinator Field Alliance National IPM Training Expert
Vietnam	17. Mr. Ngo Tien Dung 18. Mr. Le Mau Toan 19. Ms. Le Thi Thu Huong	National IPM Coordinator, PPD, MARD Vice DG-Plant Protection Dep., MARD National IPM Expert
FAO staff/Resource person	Name	Position
Veg IPM staff	20. Mr. Jan Willem Ketelaar 21. Mr. Randy Arnst 22. Ms. Alma Linda Morales 23. Ms. Kristine Stubberud 24. Ms. Hu Xinmei 25. Ms. Nawarat Phayungkij	Team Leader Programme Dev. Officer FAO IPM consultant Associate Professional Officer FAO National programme Officer Admin Assistant
FAO(others) & resource persons	26. Mr. Trond Hofsvang 27. Mr. Harry Van der Wulp 28. Mr. Piao Yongfan	Research Director, Bioforsk (Norway) Senior Policy Officer, AGPP, Rome Plant Protection Officer, RAPG, BKK
Support staff	29. Mr. San Xunan 30. Mr. Zhang Lin 31. Ms. Wang Lili 32. Mr. Ma Guiming 33. Mr. Yang Chunzhen 34. Mr. Hu Yan 35. Mr. Wang Chaoyang 36. Ms. Yang Fujia	Pest Control division, NATESC Head of General Office, Yunnan PPS Director Lijiang PPS Vice-director, Lijiang PPS Facilitator, head of general office, Lijiang PPS Driver, Lijiang PPS Vice-director, Lijiang PPS FAO IPM driver

ANNEX 3. Food for Thought and Other Questions to Consider:

FAO Future Perspectives (Harry)	Donors' Notes (Jan)	Plant Protection Trends (Piao)	Future Trends, Opportunities and Challenges for Vegetable Industries(Jan)	Farmland Biodiversity (Marut)
<p>IPM as a means to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable agricultural production - Health - Environmental protection - Rural development <p>What can FAO do better than others?</p> <p>How can national programmes become more independent from FAO?</p> <p>Do national programmes still need FAO offices in the country and National Experts?</p>	<p>Addressing donors' interests and adjusting to/realigning programmes, e.g., shift of focus from plant protection and agriculture to environment and rural development</p>	<p>Hints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applying research results - Policy trends - Farmer training <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National priorities for agriculture and food security - Inter and intra ministerial coordination - Exchanging experiences with other organizations and programmes <p>Other ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore and introduce new concepts - Backstop the implementation of Conventions 	<p>Implications of trends like globalization, crop protection challenges, pesticide use on small holder farmers</p> <p>Think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What services are required by farmers to face the challenges - GAP - Who are the service providers - Policy development and safety networks - Regional collaboration and potential FAO facilitation role 	<p>Chain of activities --Health Impact to Impact on the Environment to Farmland Biodiversity</p> <p>Innovative project on Farmland Biodiversity included such activities as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - training schoolchildren - related community activities (collecting and identifying specimen, analyzing information, community meetings on benefits from farmlands, etc.) <p>Think about innovative/creative activities for Beyond 2007</p>
		<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to adjust strategies to changes/ plant protection trends - How to find a platform for IPM to play an active role in the expanded stage of plant protection - How to build bridges to access the platform 		

ANNEX 4: Results of Evaluation

1. Facilities (hotel, food, etc.)

Good— 16 Average—3 Needs improvement—0

- Food was too much
- Would like to have alternatives rather than only Chinese food

2. Content (topics, issues, etc.)

Good—15 Average--2 Needs improvement—2

- Did not started the activities on time
- Should be more specific, imperative and important
- Too many presentations with the same things, eg country needs

3. Organisation (process, scheduling, etc.)

Good— 15 Average--4 Needs improvement—0

- Need more time keeping

4. Field visit

Good— 15 Average— 3 Needs improvement—1

- Not so good because activities already completed
- Should go together and give the feedback to that country

5. Suggestions for next Workshop

- Try to start the day on time
- Some ice-breaking activities before afternoon session
- Spend more time for integrated group discussions about their own interests and develop action plan
- Focus more on strategy, process and methodology rather than techniques
- To have the next meeting at CAULO
- Concentrate discussion on formulation of new phase
- More details on experiences of countries
- More field visit and group discussions on specific topic, not only country need and country report

6. Other Comments and/or Suggestions

- Provide more individual time after each day before dinner so the participants can take a walk; take a breath after each day activity.
- If too many details, should extend to 4-5 days

Annex 5: Theme Discussions (see ThemeDiscussions_Presentations_Reports)