

Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission

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About Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission:

- It is an **intergovernmental organization** that promotes cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region to enhance **plant health and plant protection**.
- It was established in 1956 as a regional body approved by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- **Member Countries:** The commission consists of **25 member countries, including India**.
- **Structure of the organization:**
 - The Commission consists of representatives of all member countries and elects amongst them a **Chairperson** who serves for a **period of two years**.
 - The Director-General of the **Food and Agriculture Organization** appoints and **provides the secretariat** that coordinates, organizes and follows up the work of the Commission.
 - The Commission, according to its provisions convenes at **least once every two years** and opens for participation to all member countries.
- **Objectives:** The commission coordinates and supports plant protection activities of its Members in Asia and the Pacific, with emphasis on developing regional standards for phytosanitary measures (RSPMs) etc.

Q1) What is Plant pathology?

Plant pathology, also known as phytopathology, is a branch of agricultural science that deals with the study of diseases and disorders that affect plants. It involves the identification, understanding, and management of plant diseases caused by pathogens such as fungi, bacteria, viruses, nematodes, and other microorganisms.

Source: [Workshop on Systems Approach for Management of Fruits Flies on Mango jointly being organized by Directorate of Plant Protection and Quarantine, DA&FW, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Asia pacific Plant Protection Commission \(APPPC-FAO\) from 19-23 June at Mumbai.](#)

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