

JAIF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT TITLE:	Taxonomic capacity building to support market access for agricultural trade in the ASEAN region	
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PROJECT START AND END DATES	From: MAY 2015	To: APRIL 2017
PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT:	From: 01 MAY 2015	To: 30 OCTOBER 2015
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:	ASEAN Plant Health Cooperation Network (APHCN) - ASEANET	
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<p>OVERVIEW:</p> <p>Briefly describe: (i) the objective of the project; (ii) progress in project implementation to date; (iii) any particular issues faced and/or results achieved during this reporting period.</p> <p>(i) Overall objective: The project will develop and strengthen capacities in taxonomic knowledge to identify and manage quarantine risks associated with agricultural commodities and to accurately diagnose pests and diseases among the ASEAN Member States (AMS).</p> <p>Intermediate objective: To increase taxonomic capacity of scientists/officers from AMS in 3 groups of insect pests and diseases, i.e. in plant viruses, aphids and leaf miners of agricultural importance.</p> <p>(ii) Progress till October 2015: Two major activities have been carried out in the period from May to October; Activity 1.1. A Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Viruses held at the Institute of Plant Breeding, UPLB, Los Banos, Philippines from 17-28 August 2015 and Activity 3.1. Project Inception Meeting held in Port Dickson, Malaysia on 27th July 2015. In addition the website for this project has been created, and project brief prepared and distributed to JAIF Steering Committee members, Plant Viruses and AANZ-FTA workshop participants.</p> <p>(iii) Results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the Project Inception Meeting 2. Report of the Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Viruses 3. Project Brief (1000 copies) 4. Project Website (http://aseanet.org/JAIF1.asp) 		

PART A: PROGRESS & RESULTS

A. PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

Describe progress in implementation during this reporting period, including key outputs/outcomes, based on the approved project document.

Project Inception Meeting

The meeting was held on 27th July 2015 at the Avillion Admiral Cove Hotel, Port Dickson, Malaysia with the objectives:

- a) To establish a Steering Committee for the Project
- b) To finalize details for identified project activities
- b) To discuss and finalize the budget for each activity
- c) To discuss and confirm the selection criteria for training workshop participants

The meeting was attended by 11 participants composed of NPPO representatives of 6 (six) ASEAN member states, i.e. Malaysia (2), Indonesia (1), Philippines (2), Singapore (1), Thailand (1) and Vietnam (1) and from APHCN-ASEANET (3). The full project report is given as **Attachment 1**.

Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Viruses

This “Training Workshop on the Diagnostics of Plant Viruses” was implemented by the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) – Crop Science Cluster, College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines – Los Baños from 17-28 August 2015 and was participated by 19 (nineteen) plant pathologists from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The majority of them are attached to Plant Quarantine and Plant Protection Centres of their respective countries under the Department of Agriculture and one from Bogor Agricultural University.

The ultimate goal of the training workshop is to develop capacity building among plant virologists across the ASEAN region in addressing virus diseases in each country that may pose potential threats (emerging or invasive) in the exchange/movement of crops or planting materials. The training workshop caters to the need to equip our plant virologists who are working in universities, research institutions and plant quarantine and plant protection offices with basic knowledge on disease identification, detection and characterization using available tools (symptomatology, transmission, serology and molecular assay).

The main resource persons of the workshop were from Tokyo University of Agriculture (Prof. K. Natsuaki), Japan; Bogor Agricultural University (Prof. Sri Hendrastuti Hidayat), Indonesia and from IPB-UPLB (Dr. Marita Pinili and her team).

The full report of the Training Workshop is given as **Attachment 2**.

Project Brief

One thousand copies of the Project Brief (see **Attachment 3**) were printed and until October 2015 has been distributed to participants at the following events:

1. Project Inception Meeting (in Malaysia)
2. 29th Session of the Asia Pacific Plant Protection Commission (in Bali, Indonesia)
3. JAIF Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Viruses (UPLB, Philippines)
4. AANZFTA - Training Workshop on Whiteflies (MARDI, Malaysia)
5. AANZFTA – Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Diseases (Chiang Mai University, Thailand)

JAIF Project Website (see Attachment 4)

The website serves three main purposes: as a repository for all activities, updates, news and reports for the project; for communication, publicity and awareness where the project is publicized to stakeholders and project partners communicate and interact on the project; and knowledge exchange where the website serves as a platform for knowledge exchange and resources in taxonomy.

B. TIMEFRAME AND BUDGETING

Explain whether the project is on-track with regard to: (i) the budget; and (ii) the original timeframe. If either the expenditures and/or timeframe are off-track, please explain and describe the corrective actions being taken.

Project implementation is on track with 3 major activities, i.e. setting up Project Website, Project Inception Meeting and Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Viruses completed by October 2015 and one activity, i.e. Attachment Program is in progress. Three participants for this program have been selected and travel arrangements have been made. They are scheduled to depart for Japan on 26 October for 2 months until 25 December 2015.

Budget expenditures are also on track and without any over-spent in all activities that have been carried out so far.

C. OTHER IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

Describe any significant changes to the project design, context or partners during the reporting period, or any other issues faced, and actions that are being taken in response, if appropriate.

No significant changes to the project design, context or partners in this reporting period.

D. OTHER COMMENTS:

Please provide any other relevant information or observations on the project, e.g. on lessons learned, particular challenges or issues that may arise in the next reporting period, changes to the logframe, etc.

None.

Provide a list of key documents (e.g. mission reports, training materials, workshop reports, etc.) produced during this reporting period. Copies of the final versions of these documents should be attached to this report.

1. Report of the Project Inception Meeting
2. Report of the Training Workshop on Diagnostics of Plant Viruses
3. Project Brief
4. Report of the Activities of Component 2