The IPPC ePhyto solution and its benefits
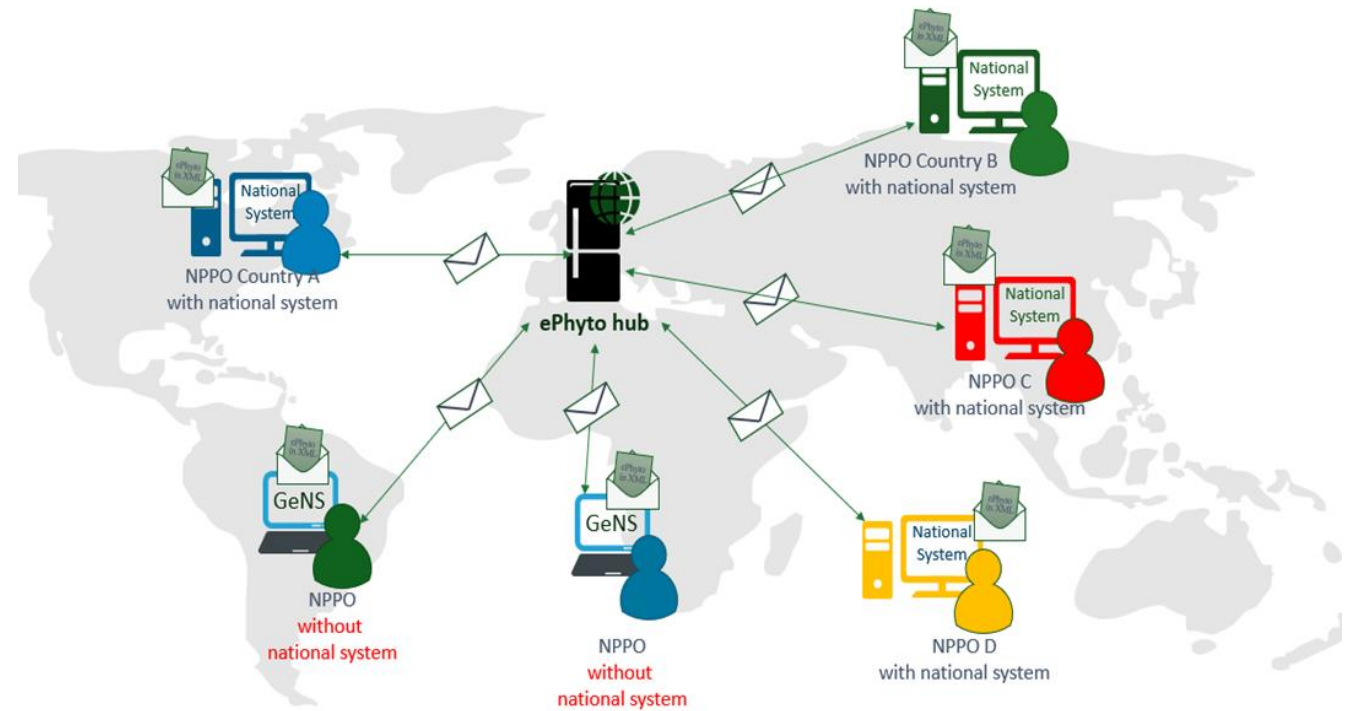
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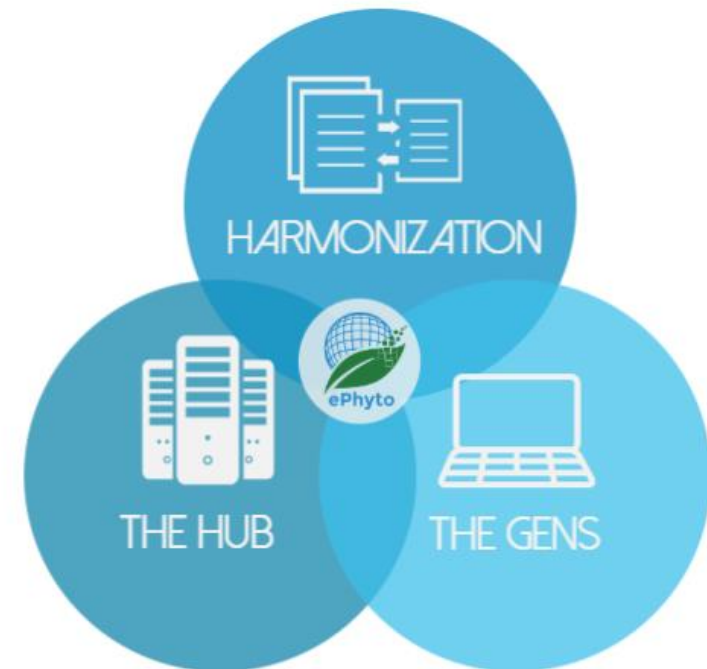
What is the ePhyto system?

- "ePhyto" is short for electronic phytosanitary certificate.

- It is a digital equivalent of a phytosanitary certificate that allows governments to confirm shipments of plants and plant products are free from pests and disease.

- ePhytos are exchanged through a centralised Hub.
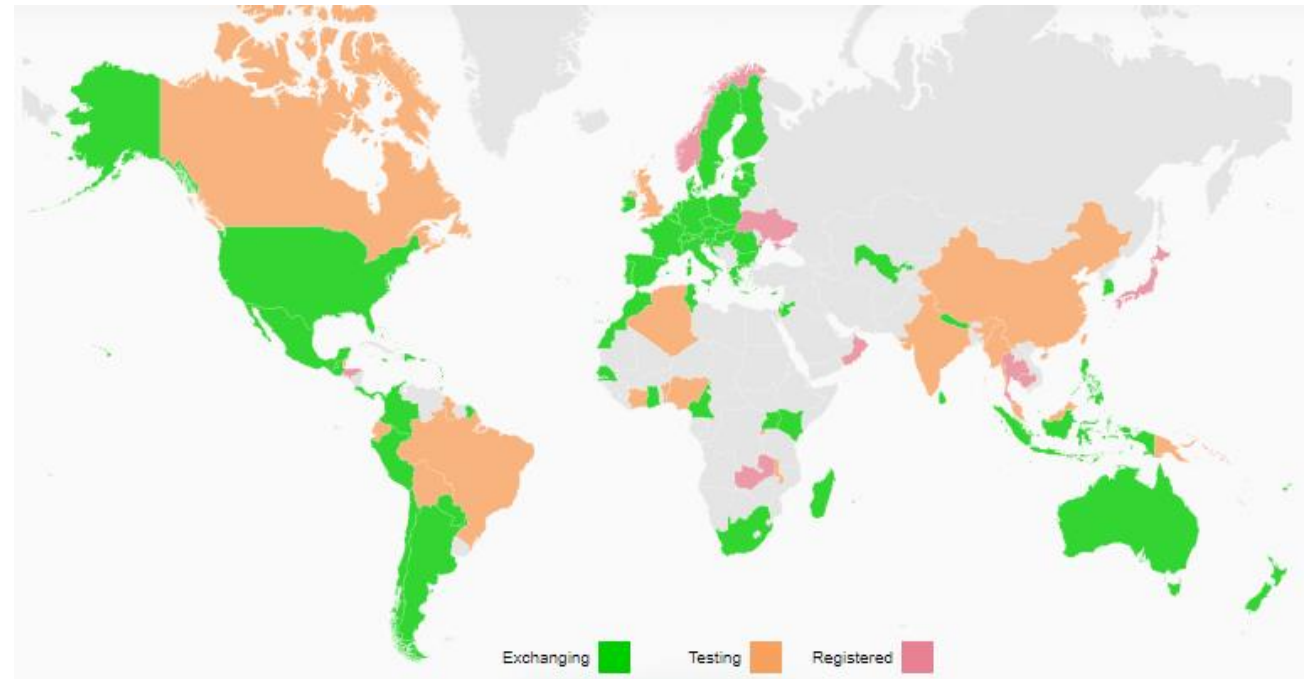
Benefits of the ePhyto system

ePhytos have a harmonized and standardized format, structure, and codes

- Improvements in security

- Reduction in trade costs

- Creates significant time efficiencies during border processing

- Global coverage with one system

- Supports developing countries to engage in efficient trade with other countries

- Supports countries to meet international obligations related to trade (ISPM 12 (Annex 1) & Articles 7.9 and 10.1 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the WTO).

Implementation of the ePhyto system

• Currently, 105 countries are registered and 62 countries are using ePhytos as business as usual.

• Case studies report:
- Average of 4 days of time saved
- Low-cost to set up
- Reduced labor costs for exporters
- No need for special security paper
- Effective use of resources at border stations
- Total reduction in fraudulent certificates
- Access costs for developing countries covered
- Facilitates the collection of reliable trade statistics

More information is available on the IPPC website at [IPPC ePhyto Solutions (ephytoexchange.org)](https://ephytoexchange.org)

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