

## Terms of Reference for National Experts

### Certification of plant propagative material

Job Title :	National Consultant in certification of plant propagative material	
Minimum number of years of relevant experience required :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advanced University Degree in plant physiology or horticulture, plant protection or related field. A PhD will be an advantage</li> <li>- Minimum 10 years' experience in plant breeding and certification</li> <li>- Working experience in certification of propagative material</li> <li>- Working experience in date palm multiplication, certification protocol, certification propagative date palm plant</li> <li>- Excellent knowledge of English is essential and working knowledge of Arabic and French is desirable</li> <li>- Good organization capability and teamwork skills are required</li> </ul>	
Expected start of assignment:	At the inception period of the project	
Duration:	50 days	
Location:	Home-based and NEPPO Office Rabat	
Report to:	Mekki Chouibani- Executive Director of NEPPO	
Description of task(s) and objectives to be achieved (per mission if applicable)		
<p>Under the general supervision of the NEPPO Secretariat and in collaboration with the Red Palm Weevil (RPW) working Group, the consultant will perform the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Production, conservation, and utilization of certified propagative material of date palms in the NENA countries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1.1 Develop a questionnaire to assess the process of multiplication of date palm offshoots, micro-propagative material and potential certification</li> <li>- 1.2 Compile and assess scoping studies, technical situational reports, guidelines and training materials on date palm offshoots nurseries, date palm certification</li> <li>- 1.3 Organize and convene virtual meetings of the Red Palm Weevil (RPW) working Group experts as necessary, including preparing the agenda, ensuring experts are contributing, preparing and posting all meeting documents on time, preparing the minutes and facilitating the gathering and coordinating of the development of related guidelines and training materials.</li> <li>- 1.4 Draft the general guidelines for the certification of plant propagation material of date palms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Purpose a harmonized certification protocol in NENA countries including the different phases of the certification program and the categories of plant propagation material. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>2.1</u> Analyze and assess the information gathered to determine which country is readiest to implement a harmonised certification protocol NENA countries.</li> <li>- <u>2.2</u> Purpose a harmonized certification protocol in NENA countries including the different phases of the certification program and the categories of plant propagation material</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <u>Outline for the various official control protocols</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3.1 Launch the survey in NENA countries.</li> <li>- 3.2 Analyze and assess the information gathered from countries</li> <li>- 3.3. According to these information, identify which country could implement a harmonised control protocol exercise</li> <li>- 3.3 Provide recommendations on how to best organize various the official control protocols.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <u>Purpose an organization of the various institutions (public and private sectors) involved in the production, conservation, and utilization of certified date palm plant propagation material</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4.1 Develop a questionnaire to assess the various institutions involving in the process of multiplication of sate palm offshoots, micro-propagative material and potential certification</li> <li>- 4.2 assess how these various institutions involving in the process of multiplication of date palm offshoots, micro-propagative material and potential certification could be well organized in the production, conservation and utilization of micro-propagative material and potential certification.</li> <li>- 4.3 develop an organisation involving the various concerned institutions of the all process of certified date palm plant propagation material</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		
Key performance		
Expected outputs	Required completion dates	
Expected Outputs associated with the tasks identified in previous section:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 a questionnaire to assess the process of multiplication of date palm offshoots, micro-propagative material and potential certification is launched</li> <li>1.2 report and minutes of the consultation with the working group are prepared</li> </ol>		

1.3 General guidelines for the certification of plant material of date palm is developed	January 2022 March 2022
2.1 countries readiest to implement a harmonized certification protocol NENA countries are determined	March 2022
2.2 a harmonized certification protocol in NENA countries including the different phases of the certification program and the categories of plant propagation material is developed	january 2022
3.1 Recommendations on how to best organize various the official control protocols are provided	January 2023
4.1 An organization of the various institutions (public and private sectors) involved in the production, conservation, and utilization of certified date palm plant propagation material is provided	
Estimated rates for budgeting purposes	
Honorarium rate	
Estimate 300 USD	