



# Stage 2: Pest Risk Assessment Probability of Introduction (entry)





# Stages of PRA

- Stage 1: Initiation
- Stage 2: Assessment of Pest Risk
  - Step 1: Pest Categorization
  - **Step 2: Assessment of the Probability of Introduction (entry & establishment) and Spread**
  - Step 3: Impacts
  - Step 4: Overall Assessment of Risk
  - Step 5: Uncertainty
- Stage 3: Pest Risk Management





# Definition of the concept of Introduction

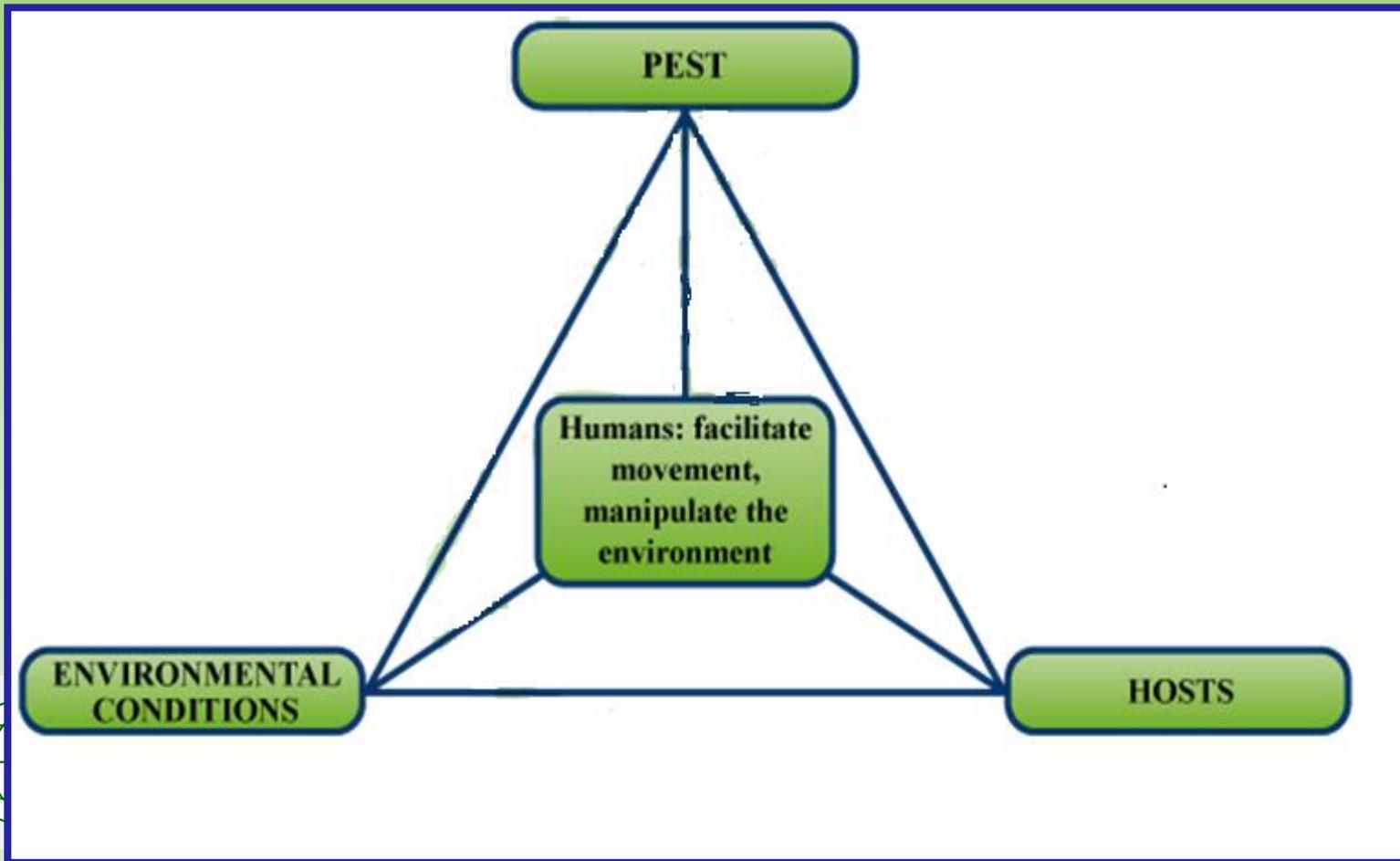
- Defined as the **entry of a pest** resulting in its **establishment**

(FAO, 190; revised FAO, 1995; IPPC. 1997)





# Pest Introduction





# Definition of Entry

- The movement of a **pest** into an **area** where it is not yet present or is present but not widely distributed and being under **official control**





# Probability of Pest Entry

- **Depends on:**
  - The **pathways** followed from the exporting country
  - The **frequency and quantity** of pests associated with the pathway





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- **Determined** by:
  - Pathways followed by the pest for entry
  - probability of pest being associated with the pathway at origin
  - Probability of pest surviving transport and storage





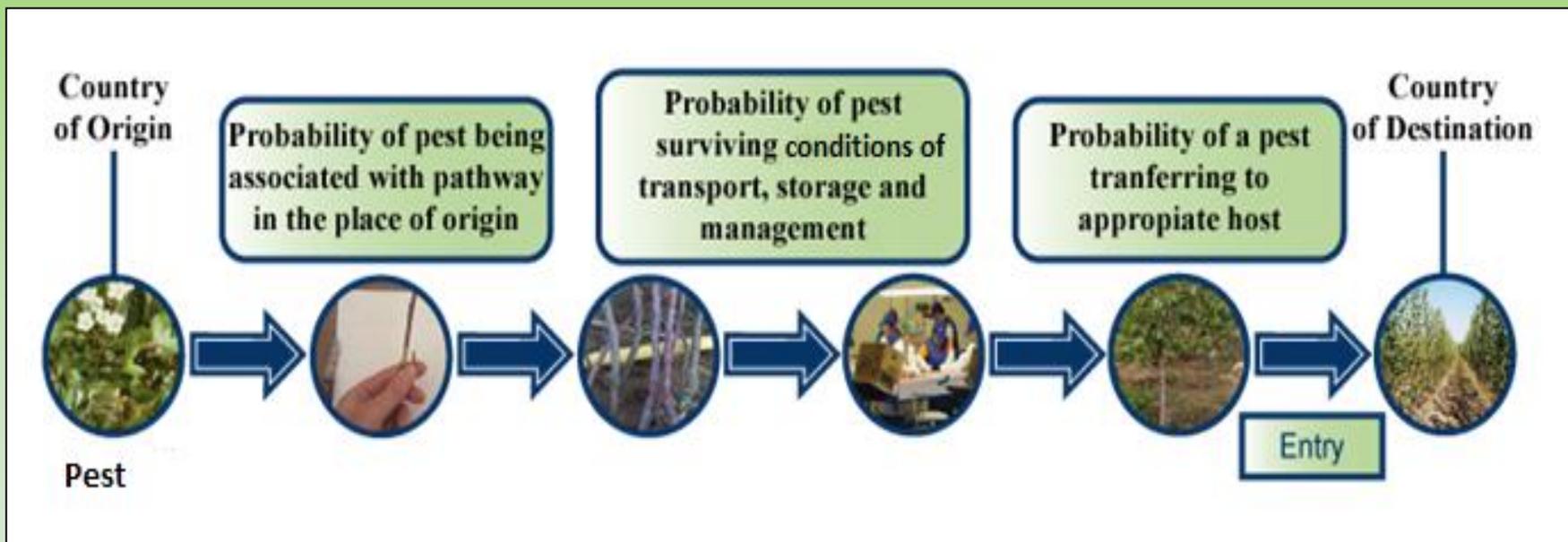
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# What is a pathway?

- A pathway allows **entry** or **spread** of a **pest**. Describe the pathway
  - use scientific names (pest / host)
  - Source (origin)
  - intended use
    - timing
    - volume
    - other details, e.g. of production





# Identification of pathways

- Consider man-made (human-assisted) pathways
  - e.g. with host plant / host commodity
  - with soil associated with imported nursery stock
  - contaminating seeds and grain (commodities)





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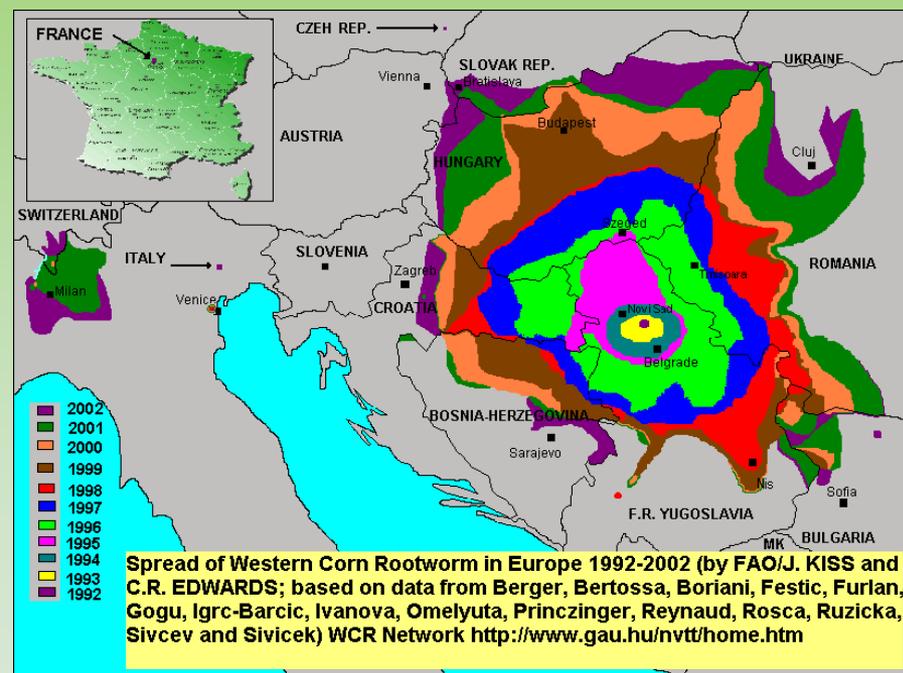
- Consider forms of transport, commodities, or associated products
  - e.g. with wood packaging (associated products)
  - in shipping containers / rail cars (transport)





# Identification of pathways

- Consider natural spread as a mechanism for entry
  - e.g. terrestrial dispersal
  - via wind or water





# Describing a pathway

- Guava (*Psidium guajava*) fresh fruit  
Venezuela to Jamaica for consumption
- Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*) from  
Holland to Jamaica for processing into  
French fries
- Grape vines (*Vitis*) from Italy to Jamaica  
for planting and fruit production





# Describing a pathway

- Fresh fruit carried by passengers on flights returning from Trinidad and Tobago.





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# Association with pathway at origin

- Probability of the pest being in/on a pathway depends on
  - Prevalence of the pest in country of origin
  - Probability of the pest surviving agriculture or commercial practices in country of origin
  - Occurrence of the pest in life stage associated with the commodity





# Association with pathway at origin

- Probability of the pest being in/on a pathway depends on
  - Volume and frequency of movement along the pathway
  - Seasonal timing
  - Pest management and phytosanitary procedures applied in country of origin





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# Survival during transport

- Probability the pest will survive during transport should consider
  - Length of time in transport
  - Robustness of life stages present during transport or storage
  - Number of individuals, spores or propagules involved
  - procedures applied to consignments during transport (e.g. cold storage)





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# Surviving existing management procedures

- Existing phytosanitary measures need consideration
  - The probability that the pest will go undetected during inspection or survive other existing phytosanitary measures should be assessed
  - Measures applied against other pests should be assessed for possible effectiveness for pest in question





# Quarantine inspections





# Pest identification





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# Transfer to suitable host

- Probability of transfer to suitable host or habitat depends upon
  - Intended use of the commodity
  - Dispersal mechanisms (including vectors)
  - Proximity of entry, transit and destination points to suitable hosts or habitats





# Summary

- Entry as part of the PRA process
- What a pathway is
- Identifying and describing pathways
- Factors influencing entry
  - Origin, transport, transfer
- Information sources

