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Position Paper

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

CropLife International member companies and associations support the aims of sustainable agriculture to produce sufficient affordable food and fibre, economically and in an environmentally and socially sensitive manner, maintaining farmers' natural resource base for future generations.

We are committed to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as defined by the FAO Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides, as an economically viable and socially acceptable approach to crop protection:-

"a pest management system that, in the context of the associated environment and the population dynamics of the pest species, utilises all suitable techniques and methods in as compatible a manner as possible and maintains the pest populations at levels below those causing economically unacceptable damage or loss",

It is the mission of the CropLife International member companies and associations to provide its customers with safe and effective technologies to protect against unacceptable adverse effects caused by weeds, diseases and pests.

We encourage the implementation of IPM by developing and selling appropriate products, techniques and services that integrate with IPM programmes.

We co-operate with relevant partners in developing and testing IPM strategies and programmes, and encourage assistance in the training of customers and their advisors.

We continue to work to arrive at the appropriate use of our products

We measure and communicate progress within our industry in the adoption of the principles and values of this declaration.