



# 12 May International Day of Plant Health

Plant health took center stage around the globe as over **40 countries** came together to observe the second International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) on 12 May 2023.


In the month leading up to the day, activities reached more than **34 million people worldwide**. Virtual webinars and plant health clinics educated communities on protecting plants from pests and diseases. Schools organized plant health outings and activities to teach children about the importance of plant health in an engaging way. Cities hosted plant health parades and rallies to raise public awareness for this critical cause.

From Australia to Zimbabwe, the plant health community found creative ways to spread the message that healthy plants mean a healthy environment, healthy communities and a healthy economy.


This year's IDPH commemoration was a resounding success, sparking a global movement to make plant health a priority in communities everywhere.

The future looks green and thriving.

**400**   
virtual participants  
followed the high-level  
event

**25.9k**   
people engaged  
with IDPH content  
from 23 April - 22 May

**100**   
in-person  
participants attended  
the high-level event

**34.1**   
million people reached  
from 23 April - 22 May

## The following 40 countries observed IDPH 2023



## OBSERVANCES AROUND THE WORLD



### Indonesia

The Agricultural Quarantine Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture organized a [city parade](#).



### Kenya

The Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) organized a [hybrid event](#) on 12 May and [various events](#) across regional offices.



### Antigua and Barbuda

The Honourable E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade, highlighted the importance of IDPH in a [video message](#).



### Philippines

The Bureau of Plant Industry hosted a [Plant Health summit](#) and a poster competition for children.



### China

The Pudong Biyun Art Museum held an art exhibition titled "[Plant Power: An Ancient Vitality](#)".



### United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Yorkshire Arboretum organized an "[Alien Bug Hunt](#)" trail for children.



### South Africa

The National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa organized a [town parade](#).



### European Union

The European Food Safety Authority of the European Union launched a [comic strip](#) to educate readers on Xylella fastidiosa.



### Fiji

The Ministry of Agriculture of Fiji and the Pacific Community organized [plant health clinics](#).



### The Bahamas

The Honourable Clay Sweeting, Minister of Agriculture, Marine Resources & Family Island Affairs shared a [video message](#) observing IDPH.



### Ireland

The Honourable Pippa Hackett, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine [joined IDPH discussions](#) in Glasnevin Botanic Gardens.



### Paraguay

The Multidisciplinary Centre of Technological Research (CEMIT) organized an online [Plant Health Fest](#).



### Saint Lucia

The National Agriculture Diagnostic Facility (NADF) of the Ministry of Agriculture held an [opening session](#) and organized a [Plant Health clinic](#).



### Dominica

The Ministry of Blue and Green Economy, Agriculture, and National Food Security organized a week of activities including an [exhibition, webinars, simulations and field exercises](#).



### Czechia

The National Plant Protection Organization of the Czech Republic organized a [photo competition](#) and a [programme of events](#) for children and young people.



### Global

The CGIAR Plant Health Initiative held a webinar on "[Strengthening plant health management capacity in the Global South](#)".

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