

Systems Approach Nursery Certification


Perspective from the industry



Primary Goals

- ▶ Prevent entry of pests and pathogens
- ▶ Mitigate pests and pathogens during production
- ▶ Prevent the shipping of pests and pathogens

Accreditation must be;

- ▶ Voluntary
 - ▶ Flexible and scalable
 - ▶ Cooperative and engage all stakeholders
 - ▶ Audit-based
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Requirements

Evaluate your facility for risks or hazards

Determine Critical Control Points for the risk

Establish best management practices

Document the practices (Facility SANC Manual)

Verify the practice has been followed (Records)

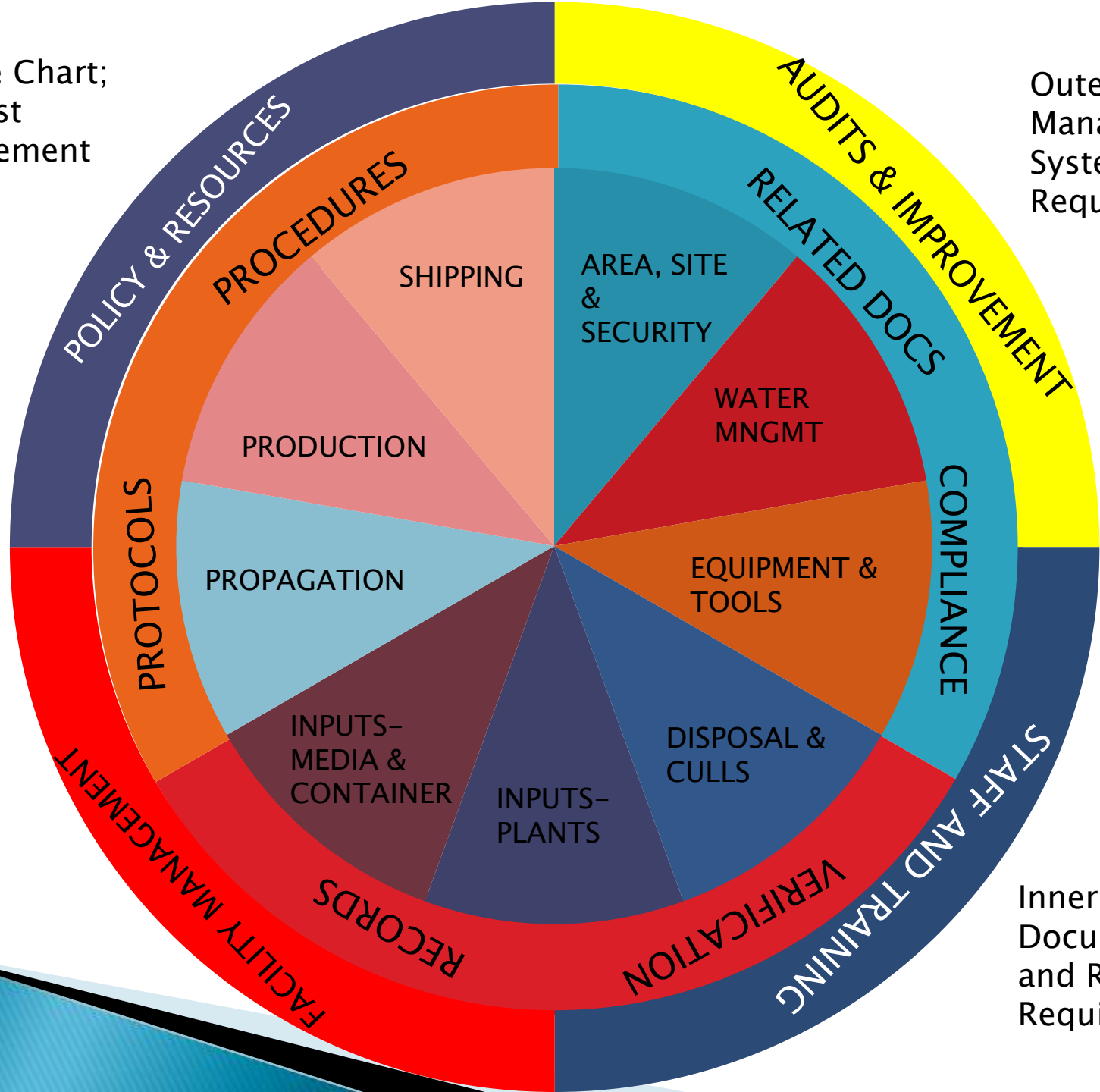
Audit and Improve the System

Certifying Authority Verifies the requirements met through

Pre-accreditation Document Review

Document and site audits

The Pie Chart;
The Pest
Management
Plan

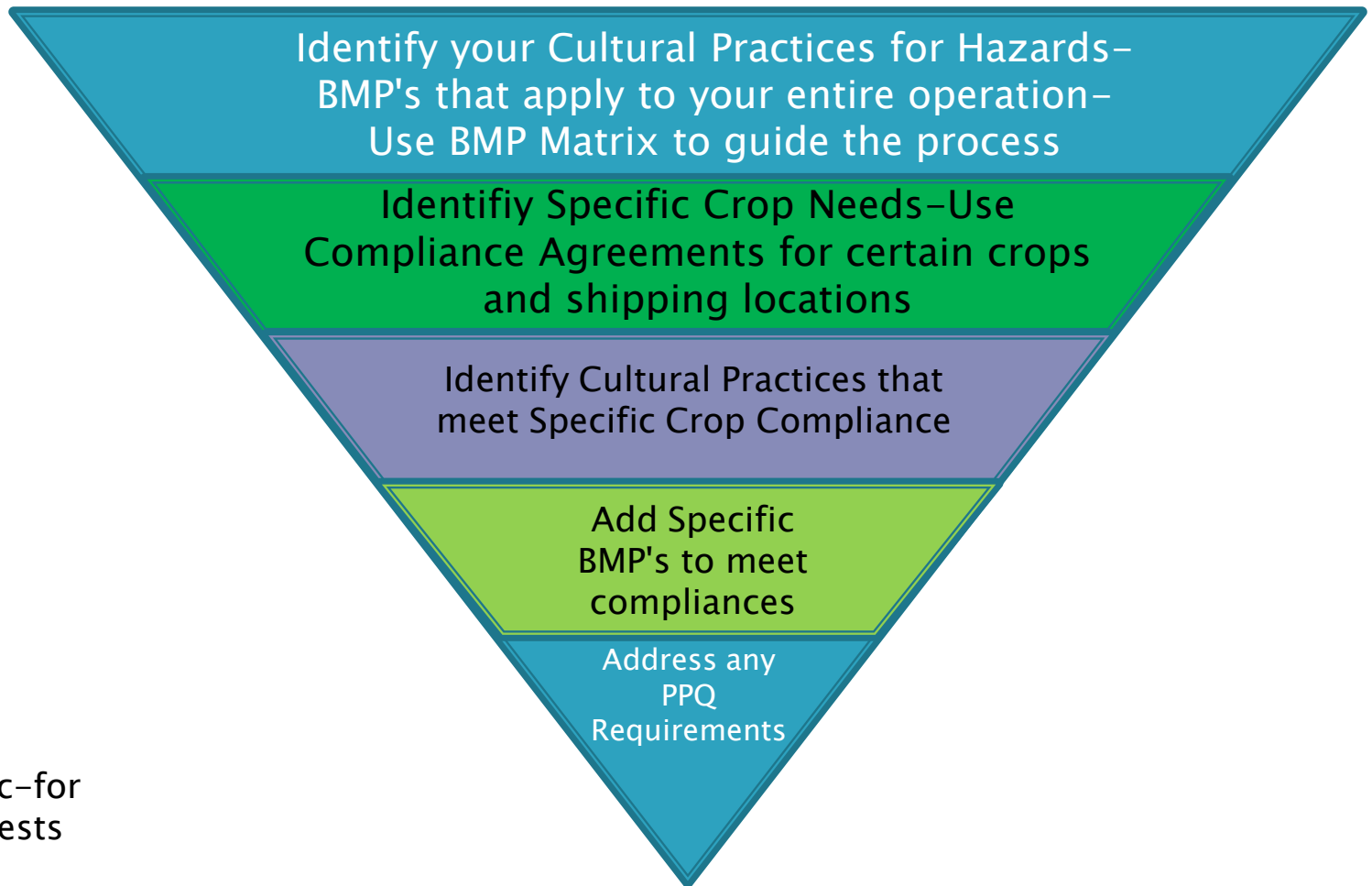


Outer Wheel:
Management
System
Requirements

Inner Wheel;
Documentation
and Records
Requirements

The Pest Management Plan

Most general—
all pests



Most specific—for
only a few pests

Collaboration on Pilot Project: SANC and AmericanHort/SAF

- **SANC Standard Harmonization**
 - **Define participant requirements**
 - Facility Requirements
 - Staff Requirements and Training
 - Pest Management Plan
 - Recordkeeping and Traceability
 - Improvement and Internal Audits
 - **Define certifying authority responsibilities**
 - Administration
 - Pre-accreditation and ongoing audits
 - Facility status
 - **Non-conformance and Corrective Action Processes**

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- **Guidance Document**

- Introductory document for use at preliminary meeting
- Overview of the SANC Program
- Steps required to be SANC

- **Risk Assessment Worksheets**

- Tools to assist SANC participants in identifying hazards, critical control points and best management practices

- **Audit Template**

- Identifies the audit questions for each standard
 - Assists with developing corrective actions
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Collaboration on the Pilot Project

- ▶ Accreditation and Templates
 - Pest Management Plan
 - Facility SANC Manual (equivalent documentation)
- ▶ Pilot Project
 - Representation on Committee
 - Nurseries and Greenhouses Visits
 - D Maddox–accreditation
 - Jerry Lee–nursery risk assessment and PMP development

Work together for a successful program!

