



CURRENT / UPCOMING SURVEILLANCE PROJECTS, WORKSHOPS OR IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

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Current/oncoming surveys

- Detection surveys are conducted on pests on the regulated pest list.
- Delimiting surveys are conducted:
 - on a case by case basis,
 - upon detection,
 - on pest of limited distribution,
 - to inform on eradication, suppression or control strategy.



Current/oncoming surveys

- Monitoring surveys ongoing
 - Giant African snail - spread
 - Papaya mealybug - presence/absence
 - Citrus Haunglongbing disease - presence/absence
 - Weevils in sweet potato – population dynamics
 - Diseases of hot pepper – pest list and IPM



Regional Training Workshop - Pest and Disease Surveillance



- ✓ Sponsored by: USDA-APHIS / OECS / IICA.
- ✓ Held in Grenada, Sept 21st – 25th 2015.
- ✓ Facilitators: Trinidad, Jamaica and USDA APHIS PPQ.
- ✓ 15 Caribbean countries participated:
 - Anguilla, Antigua, Aruba, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, , Montserrat, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent.
- ✓ Further work – production of a manual:
 - “Surveillance Principles and Procedures Manual for the Greater Caribbean Region“

Future work identified to facilitate implementation of ISPM 6

24-26 January 2012, UN House, Hastings, Barbados

- Develop a system or mechanism for sharing
 - resources - technical information, methodologies, public awareness, diagnostic support
 - expertise
 - experiences
- Develop a regional database using GIS for both pest and commodity
- Harmonize records including surveillance forms
- Establish working groups (guided by the relevant experts) to develop technical documents for various pest types, manuals, pathway analysis, standard operating procedures, etc.
- Expand guidelines for auditing/quality control
- **Facilitate capacity building through courses/training/collaboration in GIS, management, subject specialist, information management, database, public awareness**
- Provide assistance in updating/preparing and publishing pest lists and natural enemies - through TCPs from FAO and other organizations upon countries' request
- **Review surveillance practices in the Region**
 - **identify and publicize good practices**
 - **identify gaps and recommend technical needs and their acquisition**
- Develop harmonized manuals to facilitate transportation of biological materials to external laboratories for diagnostic purposes
- Solicit USDA assistance to increase participation in the CPDN (provide digital imagery equipment, etc.)

