



IC PROJECT REPORTING TEMPLATE AS PART OF THE STRATEGY AND PROCESS ON HOW THE IC REVIEWS AND ANALYSES ICD PROJECTS

Project Title: Fit for Market SPS:
Strengthening sanitary and phytosanitary systems of the ACP horticultural sector

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1. Project Profile	
Recipient Region(s)/ Countries	African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states
Donor/ Resource Partner	Donor: European Union (11 th European Development Fund) The FFM SPS is implemented under the framework of development cooperation between the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the European Union.
IC Representative (if applicable)	
IPPC Secretariat Representation (if applicable)	
RPPO Representation (if applicable)	
Collaboration / Participating Organizations	Participating organisations include: ACP competent authorities (notably NPPOs); Regional Economic Communities; private sector and producer associations.
Project Budget (detailed funds and/or in-kind)	15 million euros
Project Timing	2019-01 – 2022-12
2. Project Scope and Relevance to the IPPC and main outputs (max 200 words)	
<p>This programme, managed by COLEACP, addresses food safety, plant health, and national capacities for SPS troubleshooting in horticultural value chains in ACP countries. The specific objective is to enable smallholders, farmer groups and organisations, and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to access international and domestic horticultural markets by complying with SPS regulations and market requirements in a sustainable framework. In the international trade of plants and plant products, competent authorities and official control systems remain important areas for improvement. Capacity building is needed to ensure they operate efficiently, independently, transparently and in conformity with relevant international and regional standards.</p> <p>Implement Support Projects for competent authorities. A key aim is to enhance the capacity of competent authorities to manage and enforce SPS standards and implement official controls for the enforcement of food safety and plant health regulations. In 2021, efforts focus on: (1) helping NPPOs develop and implement mitigation measures for regulated pests in exports to the EU; (2) training NPPO staff; (3) evaluating national SPS systems using R-SAT (4) developing plant health Good Practice Guides for critical export crops; (5) facilitating stakeholder platforms for public-private engagement and dialogue; (6) reviewing national regulatory and governance frameworks and advising on any necessary reforms in priority countries; (7) supporting analytical facilities.</p>	

3. Project Supporting Materials [e.g. hyperlinks]
<p>Presentation of the Fit For Market SPS programme</p> <p>Fit For Market SPS – Summary of activities – Year I</p> <p>FIF FOR MARKET SPS – Summary of activities – Year II</p>
4. List project technical resources (i.e. guides, training materials, tools) that could be useful and used by other stakeholders
<p>Self-study courses on our e-learning platform covering six main thematic areas: plant health; food safety; environmental management; business management & development; sustainable production & trade; agricultural production & processing; social accountability & empowerment. For more details see: https://training.coleacp.org/?lang=en</p> <p>COLEACP conducts market studies on fruit and vegetables (EU and ACP countries). As an example see: Market study / Fruit and Vegetable / Sub Saharan Africa (2020) https://eservices.coleacp.org/sites/default/files/file_fields/2020/EDM/Market%20study%20of%20fruit%20and%20vegetables%20from%20sub-saharan%20Africa.pdf .</p> <p>25 country websites also provide dashboards on local and international markets https://www.coleacp.org/country-websites/</p> <p>COLEACP prepares plant health guidelines covering key crops and pests that are subject to specific EU plant health rules and special measures. These include guidelines on export to the EU of: Eggplant and Tomato, Capsicum, Citrus, and Mango. These can be found via https://eservices.coleacp.org/en/e-library</p> <p>Not all COLEACP resources are in the public domain; interested parties need to contact us for more details.</p>
5. Provide a list of project experts that could be recommended to other stakeholders and describe why
<p>COLEACP staff operates using internal expertise plus a network of 1000 experts located mainly in ACP countries specialised in plant health, food safety, environmental management, business management & development, training methodologies, sustainable production & trade, agricultural production & processing, social accountability & empowerment. Many of these experts have received technical and pedagogical training through COLEACP programmes. We can be contacted for further information.</p>
6. Describe successes and challenges that could be promoted for the benefit of other stakeholders
<p>6.1. Challenges</p> <p>Challenging international context</p> <p>The years 2019–2020 were marked by a period of considerable change. COLEACP and our main partners have adapted to Brexit; a new European Commission; major new EU policy initiatives including the Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy; the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) following the end of the post-Cotonou agreements; the emphasis on projects that are 100% compatible with the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic made a major mark on the world in 2020. At the end of March 2020, COLEACP began to develop a COVID-19 action plan to help its partners and beneficiaries adjust to the challenges of producing and trading in this new environment. FFM SPS activities were adjusted accordingly, with a rapid transfer of training and support to the evolving digital environment (see below).</p> <p>Evolving EU regulatory environment</p> <p>COLEACP activities and support actions constantly adapt in response to: the evolving EU sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) regulatory framework; EUROPHYT/TRACES interceptions; RASFF notifications and temporary reinforcement of official controls on the entry; EU audits and analyses in the fields of health and food safety; evolving EU regulatory framework for plant protection products</p> <p>6.2. Successes</p>

Evolving EU SPS regulatory framework

In year 2 of the FFM SPS programme, the following support to compile dossiers and implement additional measures to meet EU plant health requirements was provided:

Mango dossiers: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Senegal, Togo;

Capsicum dossiers: Gambia, Madagascar, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Zambia;

Aubergine dossier: Togo;

Curry leaves: Gambia, Ghana.

EUROPHYT/TRACES interceptions

An analysis was conducted of ACP export volumes by value chain and EUROPHYT/TRACES interceptions, with granular analysis of the underlying reasons for interceptions (administrative non-compliance or pest occurrences). This analysis is regularly updated and communicated.

RASFF notifications and temporary reinforcement of official controls

An analysis is conducted regularly of ACP export volumes by value chain, and Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) notifications on maximum residue limit (MRL) exceedances, with granular analysis of the active substances involved. This is complemented by monitoring of the revision process of EU Regulation 1107/2009 to assess and adapt to the loss of plant protection products (PPPs), that is affecting the viability and competitiveness of some ACP exports.

Audits and analyses in the fields of health and food

Since the launch of the FFM SPS programme, DG Health and Food Safety audit reports have been carefully analysed and used to inform the individual action plans that COLEACP has put in place with the relevant competent authorities of Kenya, Uganda, Suriname and Dominican Republic.

Other successes:

- Digitalising training courses
- COLEACP Rapid SPS Assessment Tool
- Technical itineraries and guides on crop protection/production
- Efficacy and residue testing of plant protection products (PPPs)

7. List targeted beneficiaries [i.e. regions, countries, RPPOs, NPPOs and other institutions]

ACP NPPOs including: Angola, Antigua-et-Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Rep Démocratique du Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Guinée, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda, Dominican Republic, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Suriname, Swaziland, Tchad, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe,

RPPO: CAHFSA

Regional Economic Communities: COMESA, ECOWAS, UEMOA, EAC

Private sector and Farmers Organisations: PAFO and regional members; CABA, Caribbean Export (ECTAD)

Partners include (for example): IICA ; The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI); Comité Inter-Etats des Pesticides de l'Afrique Centrale (CPAC) ; Service de vulgarisation du ministère de l'agriculture au Sénégal