



FFM SPS - STRENGTHENING SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY SYSTEMS OF THE ACP HORTICULTURAL SECTOR

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INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW OF THE FFM SPS PROGRAMME



FFM SPS programme

FIT FOR MARKET SPS: Final year of a 5-year €15 million programme funded by the European Union and the Organisation of ACP States (OACPS)

Implemented by COLEAD

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Scope

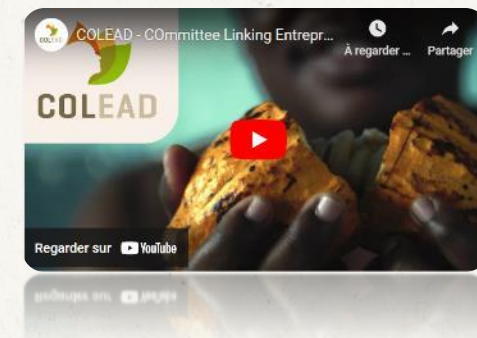
Fruit and vegetables / African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) countries (*active in > 50 countries*)

Overall objective

To reduce poverty, improve food security and food safety, and ensure sustainable and inclusive growth by **strengthening the agri-food export** sector in ACP countries

Specific objective

To enable smallholders, farmer groups and organisations, and MSMEs to **access international and domestic horticultural markets** by complying with SPS issues and market requirements, in a sustainable framework





Strengthening the Capacity of the public and private sector to Ensure Food Safety and Plant Health

Plant health-related activities in 2022 focused on:

- Conducting national **evaluations of SPS systems** using the COLEAD R-SAT methodology
- Enhancing the capacity of NPPOs **to understand and comply with EU phytosanitary import requirements** including support to develop and implement mitigation measures for regulated pests
- Providing online **trainings** for NPPO staff (mainly through our Moodle platform)
- Developing **guidelines**, e-learning, and tutor-led training materials (some in collaboration with the IPPC)
- Facilitating stakeholder platforms for **public-private engagement** and dialogue
- Reviewing national regulatory and governance frameworks



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RESOURCES

DIGITAL TRAINING

Plant health e-learning courses

- Course 1: Assessment of sanitary and phytosanitary risks
- Course 2: Communication on sanitary and phytosanitary risks
- Course 3: Organisation of official controls
- Course 4: Organisation of inspections
- Course 5: Organisation and management of a laboratory
- Course 6: Organisation of National Food Control System
- Course 7: Organisation, missions and operation of an NPPO

+ 3 new courses in 2022 developed in collaboration with IPPC:

- **Course 8***: Pest Risk Analysis
- **Course 9**: Phytosanitary Export Certification System
- **Course 10**: Phytosanitary Inspection

Tutor-led training courses

- Course 1**: Implementation of official control
- Course 2**: Phytosanitary Plant Pest surveillance as part of an integrated pest risk management system
- Course 3**: Internal audit system
- Course 4**: Pest free country
- Course 5**: Sampling and methods for detecting harmful organisms
- Course 6**: Pest risk analysis (in collaboration with CABI and based on first modules of C8*)

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Range of additional plant health resources accessible via COLEAD website:

- Guidelines on the Export of Fresh **Eggplant, Tomato, Capsicum, Citrus, Mango** to the EU (updated 2022 to incorporate latest changes to EU regulations)
- COLEAD's Rapid SPS Assessment Tool (**R-SAT**) for the diagnosis and strengthening of national sanitary and phytosanitary systems in ACP countries
 - Guide to Improving National Systems for the Preparation, Maintenance, and Official Availability of National **Regulated Pest Lists**
 - Guide to Assessing and Strengthening National Plant Pest **Surveillance** Systems
 - Guide for the Improvement of **Official Control** and Phytosanitary Certification Systems



Control specific pests



Comply with market requirements



COLEAD'S AGRINFO PROGRAMME

- A single, intuitive portal bringing together and building on existing resources;
- Information on recent and upcoming regulatory changes, focused on the needs of low- and middle- income countries
- Covering all agricultural value chains linked to the EU market with a focus on agri-food
- A contact point for partners to obtain more information or links to EU resources

A regular information service every 2 weeks, keeping you up-to-date on evolving EU policies, regulations and standards that have potential impacts on agricultural value chains linked to the EU market



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Key success factors for a project aimed at improving the national SPS system

- Target public and private sectors, and improve dialogue between them
- Tailored strategy, adapted to local context
- Participatory approach ensuring sustainability through ownership and accountability
- Flexible implementation according to absorptive capacity of stakeholders
- Collaboration and partnerships

> SPS capacity development serves as an entry point to address multiple SDGs

Thank you

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The Fit For Market SPS programme is implemented by COLEAD within the framework of Development cooperation between the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, and the European Union