



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: Strengthening sanitary and phytosanitary systems of the ACP horticultural sector
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PROJECT Code (if applicable)	

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 Fit for Market (FFM) SPS is part of the Development Cooperation between the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the European Union.
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)	EUR 15 000 000
Project Timing	2019-01 – 2023-12

2. Summary of Project (Scope, Relevance to the IPPC, Main outputs, Success and challenges)

This programme managed by COLEAD 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-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) to access international and domestic horticultural markets by complying with SPS issues and market requirements in a sustainable framework. In 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.

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 2022, efforts focused on: (1) ensuring NPPOs have up-to-date understanding of EU phytosanitary import requirement, and supporting them in the development and implementation of mitigation measures for regulated pests in exports to the EU; (2) training of NPPO staff; (3) evaluating national SPS systems using COLEAD's Rapid SPS Assessment Tool (R-SAT); (4) developing guides for the assessment of surveillance and official control systems, as well as the establishment and management of regulated pest lists; (5) facilitating stakeholder platforms for public-private engagement and dialogue; (6) reviewing national regulatory and governance frameworks in priority countries, and advising on any necessary reforms.

3. Project Supporting Materials *[e.g. hyperlinks]*

[Presentation of the Fit For Market SPS programme](#)

[Fit For Market SPS – Summary of activities – Year I](#)

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4. List project technical resources (i.e. guides, training materials, tools) that could be useful and used by other stakeholders

Self-study courses on our e-learning platform (<https://training.colead.link/>) cover the following 10 thematic areas: plant health, food safety, environmental management, business management & development, sustainable production & trade, agricultural production & processing, social accountability & empowerment.

Three new plant health e-learning courses were issued in 2022, developed in collaboration with the IPPC. The full list of COLEAD plant health e-learning courses are as follows:

- 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**
- Course 8: Pest Risk Analysis (new, developed in collaboration with the IPPC)**
- Course 9: Phytosanitary Export Certification System (new, developed in collaboration with the IPPC)**
- Course 10: Phytosanitary Inspection (new, developed in collaboration with the IPPC)**

COLEAD has a range of additional resources on plant health that are accessible via the COLEAD website (<https://resources.colead.link/en/library>). Examples are:

- Guidelines on the Export of Fresh Eggplant, Tomato, Capsicum, Citrus, Mango to the EU (updated in 2022 to incorporate latest changes to EU regulations)
- R-SAT for the diagnosis and strengthening of national sanitary and phytosanitary systems in ACP countries (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKjf1hWSThI>)
- Guide to Improving National Systems for the Preparation, Maintenance, and Official Availability of National Regulated Pest Lists in ACP Countries
- Practical Guide to Assessing and Strengthening National Plant Pest Surveillance Systems in ACP Countries
- Guide for the Improvement of Official Control and Phytosanitary Certification Systems in ACP Countries

5. Provide a list of project experts that could be recommended to other stakeholders and describe why

COLEAD staff internal expertise is augmented by our network of experts located mainly in ACP countries. These number over 1000 and in addition to plant health cover a range of other topics including: food safety, environmental management, business management & development, training methodologies, sustainable production & trade, agricultural production & processing, social accountability & empowerment.

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

NPPOs: Angola, Antigua-et-Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bénin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Congo-Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambie, Ghana, Guinée, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda, Dominican Republic, Rwanda, Sénégal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Suriname, Eswatini, Tchad, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Regional bodies: Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), East African Community (EAC)

Private sector: MSMEs in ACP countries producing and supplying fruit and vegetable for domestic, regional and international markets