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OIRSA

Facilitating safe trade and economic development in the region

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We are working in:

- **Standards harmonization/homologation.**
 - Manuals for homologated quarantine treatments.
 - Diagnostic Protocols.
 - PRA elaborations, for the homologation of import requirements.
 - Kaphra Beetle.
 - Giant African Snail.
 - Foc R4T
 - Weed seeds in imported grains in Central American.

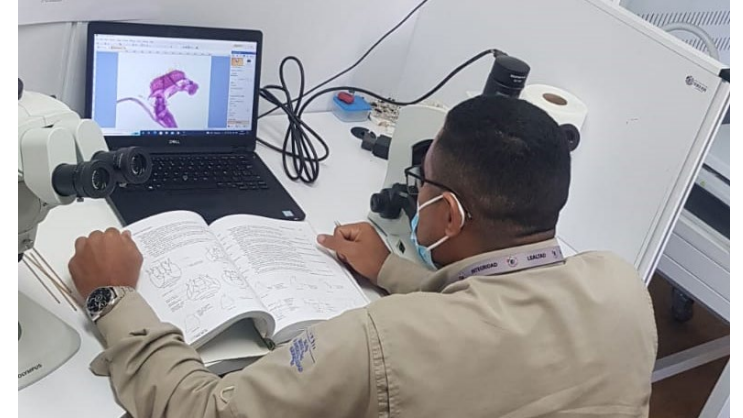


- **This is the problem:**
 - Long waiting times for a pest diagnosis
 - High costs



We are working on:

- **Strengthening of the diagnostic capacity in the borders.**
 - Technician training in specific areas such as entomology.
 - Construction of small diagnostic laboratories at borders
 - A digital diagnostic system at distance has been implemented:
 - Faster diagnosis
 - Waiting time reductions
 - Transaction costs reductions



We are working on:

- Strengthening the capacity to inspect cargo and luggage. (Dog Brigades)
- Implementing canine brigades in the region
- All OIRSA countries have canine brigades



Success Story:

“Commercial Integration between Honduras and Guatemala”

- OIRSA, facilitator of the SPS working group.
 - Definition of requirements for shipments.
 - Official Pest List.
 - Border’s Inspection Procedures.
 - Electronic certification.
 - Remote digital diagnostics.



Success Story results:

- Border integrated
- Technical teams integrated
- One-stop foreign trade office (window)
- Electronic certificate emission



Trade between Guatemala and Honduras, current reality:

Currently, trade in agricultural products between both countries flows rapidly, waiting times at borders has been reduced as well as transaction costs.

Inspections done at borders are minimum and solely based on risk.





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Thank you!!
Gracias!!

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