



Belize

Significant achievements in 2015

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) prepared a proposal for the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment and Sustainable Development as a guide for the implementation of the National Agricultural and Food Policy 2015-2025.
- The technical and administrative capacity of 16 personnel from the Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI) improved through a combined 35 training events, both local and international, of which 25% were facilitated by IICA. Also, IICA provided technical advisory services to the AMS Sugar Steering Committee of the EU-funded sugar project to improve cane productivity in the sugar industry.
- IICA lent technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment and Sustainable Development in the formulation of a strategic proposal to develop six rural Mayan communities in Southern Belize.
- IICA, through the EU 10TH EDF SPS Project, provided training to three persons and enhanced the Belize Agricultural Healthy Authority (BAHA)'s technical capacity in antimicrobial resistance and training to 14 Veterinary officials from 13 Caribbean countries, including Belize, in the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology for animal health surveillance using the Caribbean Veterinary Information System (C-VIS).
- Belize's national coordination efforts in SPS matters for the exportation of beef cattle to regional markets was strengthened by IICA through the facilitation of exchange visits of three senior Ministry officials with their Mexican Counterparts.
- IICA, through the CONACYT Mexico program provided training to two persons and enhanced the technical capacity for in-vitro propagation of the Micro propagation laboratory at the University of Belize (UB).
- Three community-based producer groups have improved their capacities in the production of small ruminants, local poultry and eggs, and back yard gardening, through organization of the producers and institutional capacity building of the groups.
- IICA improved the knowledge of more than 15 key public, private and civil society stakeholders in climate smart agriculture for innovative coordination by facilitating and coordinating three Caribbean Climate Smart Agriculture webinar forums.