



# Saint Lucia



## Significant Achievements 2023

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), recognized as the lead technical agency on mushroom cultivation, provided capacity building resources (training manual and resources, low-cost mushroom grow-room for small commercial operations, logistics for local production of critical inputs) to support the development of the small-scale commercial mushroom industry, in collaboration with local partners (The Mushroom Collective, The Embassy of the Republic of China, Taiwan, the Taiwan Technical Mission and the Ministry of Agriculture) IICA also conducted a consumer survey on mushrooms in Saint Lucia, producing a consumer survey report.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, IICA developed new methodologies and capacity building resources for farmer organizations and the characterization of family farming in Saint Lucia.
- IICA produced resources (an MSME export-readiness checklist, an export plan template for MSMEs and a self-assessment tool) to enhance MSME export capacities and facilitated capacity building and the direct engagement of more than 30 local MSMEs with regional and international buyers, through their participation in the Caribbean Virtual Agri-Food Trade Mission.
- IICA's technical cooperation, which is seeking to develop more sustainable agriculture in Saint Lucia, designed, built and tested on-farm modalities for a cocoa regenerative model that can be replicated in other cocoa-producing communities in the country. The initiative, which falls under the IICA St. Lucia country strategy, was undertaken in collaboration with the Beausoleil Sustainable Agribusiness Group (BSA), and with project funding from GEF SGP-UNDP (Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program-United Nations Development Program) and technical support from the Ministry of Agriculture.
- The Institute supported the development of the local and regional apiculture industry, by contributing to the third Annual Hewannora Honey Show, along with the OECS Commission, Iyanola Apiculture Collective, GEF SGP UNDP and the Ministry of Agriculture.