



Technical Cooperation

IICA resources projects: 4

External resources projects: 1

Suriname

Main contributions during 2013

- The Carambola Fruit Fly Project improved the technical capacity of the country's plant protection services to eradicate the pest. The main objective achieved was in supporting the control and eradication of the carambola fruit fly. This resulted in the integration of the countries into a regional effort to combat the pest and prevent it from spreading and leading to direct damage and the loss of external markets.
- Women and youth were introduced to the systematic approach in developing sustainable agriculture in rural areas, thereby strengthening the organizational and institutional capacity of their organizations.
- Training activities were conducted for 20 animal husbandry technicians, veterinarians, Ministry of Agriculture extension workers and farmers in small ruminant production systems based on the use of feed to enhance the efficiency and viability of cut-and-carry and grassing systems.
- Various crops, such as moringa, *Tithonia*, mulberry, *Leucaena* and *Gliricidia*, were introduced and nurseries developed at three resorts (Commewijne, Kwatta and Houttuin) in two districts. About 20 animal husbandry technicians, veterinarians, Ministry of Agriculture extension workers and farmers participated in a session on the subject.
- Extension services have enhanced their performance through training in irrigation systems. Twenty-eight Ministry of Agriculture extension workers from different regions were trained in the introduction of irrigation systems for field crops and greenhouses in order to mitigate the negative impact of climate change, improve water management systems in agriculture and increase productivity by eliminating seasonable variations.
- National food safety capabilities were enhanced through training in Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs) and crop control. The objective was to create awareness of standards in health and food safety systems. About 30 farmers, food handlers, agro-processors and extension workers from the districts of Marowijne, Para and Wanica received training to improve their knowledge and build capacity in food hygiene and good manufacturing practices.