



## Bahamas

### Significant achievements in 2010

- IICA held the National Small Ruminant Workshop on Good Agricultural Practices at the Gladstone Road Agricultural Research Center (GRAC). It provided 80 participants from the different Family Islands to identify priority needs such as policy support for long-term sustained financing of research and development.
- Decision makers and technicians of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources received training in the standard-setting process of the *Codex Alimentarius* as part of an IICA workshop on the importance of the WTO SPS Agreement in terms of the food trade.
- IICA identified the training needs of the Bahamas technicians in relation to the start-up of a market information system. The Institute facilitated the participation of three Bahamas Agricultural Producer Association (BAPA) and Bahamas Agricultural Industrial Corporation (BAIC) technicians in the MIOA training workshop in Jamaica as well as in the high-level MIOA regional conference.
- The Institute delivered training and guidance to 15 members of the North Abaco Fish Cooperative on value-chain development and group strengthening, as well as provided technical backstopping to project management.
- IICA conducted capacity-building workshops on the clean production of root crop seeds for nursery managers on three Family Islands.
- IICA was the catalyst for networking between vine-cuttings suppliers, school gardens and producers, and introduced the concept of integrated pest management to reduce or eliminate the severity of disease and pest problems in newly-planted crops.