



Suriname

Significant achievements in 2011

- Fifty (50) technicians and producers were trained in organic production with emphasis on production of organic chili pepper. The course was facilitated by Juan Arthur and Virgilo Mayol both from the IICA office in the Dominican Republic. Theoretical and practical sessions were conducted.
- Thirty (30) Extension technicians and producers have been trained in a three-day course in seed production. The course was organized by IICA Suriname in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV). The objective of the course was to strengthen capacity required for improving production, multiplication and distribution of good vegetable seed.
- Forty-two (42) stakeholders were sensitized in agrotourism operations at a one-day seminar conducted in the Commewijne District. The seminar was organized by IICA Suriname in collaboration with the Suriname Alliance for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Tourism (SANTOUR) as a follow up to a regional workshop “Agriculture and Tourism working together: a strong business opportunity for the Caribbean Region” held earlier in Barbados.
- One (1) low cost greenhouse was established at the premises of IICA Suriname to demonstrate production techniques under protected agriculture system and to facilitate technology transfer. Protected agriculture has been identified as a priority by the local milieu and is included as a principal area for implementation in the Suriname Country Strategy.
- Eighteen (18) persons were sensitized on raising neotropical animal species in captivity at a roundtable session organized by IICA Suriname Office in collaboration with the Anton de Kom University (AdeKUS). A presentation on the subject was made by Dr. Gary Garcia, Professor of Livestock of the West Indies and Specialist in neotropical Animal production.