



Suriname

Significant achievements in 2010

- IICA supported local entrepreneurs in sourcing planting material for ginger from Brazil; in Kwamalasemutu, farmers adopted improved cassava production and processing technology introduced by the Institute; and in Godo-olo composting techniques were introduced.
- The Institute trained twelve producers and technicians in greenhouse production and in the use of low-cost bio-digesters.
- IICA facilitated the management and control of the Carambola Fruit Fly in Suriname and in Guyana through the sharing of chemical control products and techniques between the two countries. In addition, five technicians from Suriname were trained in GAPs/SPS through an IICA seminar in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Agribusiness competitiveness in Suriname was enhanced as a result of three IICA workshops on requirements for exporting fruit and vegetables and the food chain approach. Further, IICA prepared an agricultural investment proposal after the visit of a mission from Qatar and prepared the “Handbook for the Export of Fruit and Vegetables,” which is intended to assist producers and exporters to improving the export of fruit and vegetables to regional and international markets.
- With help from IICA, the Foundation of Agricultural Women improved the marketing of vegetable products to local hotels and restaurants.
- Producers in Kwamalasemutu improved their marketing of vegetables to neighboring tourist lodges following IICA training in production techniques and agribusiness development.

- IICA supported the Ministry of Regional Development in preparing “Impact Study for the Development of Agriculture in the Interior of Suriname”. The document is being used to formulate the hinterland agricultural program.
- With the assistance of IICA, the Foundation of Agricultural Women (SAV) improved the organization of its production and marketing activities in the Commwijnne community.
- IICA sensitized the Upper Suriname Community of Kninipaati to the concept of permaculture for the management of natural resources in the community.
- With the assistance of IICA, one community nursery was established for producing fruit and vegetable seedlings for the Kninipaati and neighboring communities.
- Food security in vulnerable communities has been enhanced as a result of actions taken by IICA: i) in the Upper Suriname River Basin Community of Kayapaati, egg production increased under the U.S. Peace Corps/IICA Chicken Coop Project; ii) the Kwamalasemutu community continued to produce and market vegetables to the community and neighboring tourist lodge; iii) the Marowijne River Basin community of Godo-olo continues to utilize technology introduced by IICA to improve their vegetable production and iv) in Kninipaati, a food availability assessment for the community was conducted by U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, technicians and community members.