



Suriname

Significant achievements in 2015

- Ecotourism was enhanced in four indigenous communities (Powakka, Pierre Kondre, Redi Doti, and Cassipora) resulting in a 400 percent increase in tourism in some of the communities. This was done through the training of 54 indigenous persons in business, tour guiding and hospitality; and in the provision of infrastructure including a museum, community center, camping facilities, boat docking station, three trails and First. The project, which was funded by UKAid through the CARTFund Program of the Caribbean Development Bank, was implemented and completed by IICA to the satisfaction of the funding agencies.
- IICA developed four Community Based Enterprise Centers in Para Districts (Powakka, Kleine Powakka, Cassipora and Redi Doti) through Community-Based Enterprise training (CBET) and the provision of computers, printers and furniture. These community-based enterprises will allow the communities to network with other communities and producers in different parts of Suriname.
- IICA supported the establishment of four rural women cooperatives (Wi Uma Fu Sranan in Brokopondo, Tranga wroko Uma fu Marwina and Wokoo Makendi Ovia olo in Marowijne District, and Stichting Bunu libi de Konde Grantatai in the District of Sipaliwini) among the Maroon communities in the interior of Suriname. A total of 84 women are direct members of these cooperatives. This initiative was aimed at supporting the inclusion of excluded groups in productive agriculture. IICA provided training and resources for the legalization and registration processes. The partner in the project was the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV).
- In response to a ministerial request to IICA to support diversification in agriculture in four areas, namely, development of the onion, pineapple and bovine industries, as well as tissue culture, four persons from Suriname participated in an educational tour to the Dominican Republic. As a result of this, the government of Suriname is organizing workshops and training in onion production.
- IICA trained 60 members of staff from the Ministry of Agriculture, as well as 35 fruit and orchard growers in a train-the-trainer compost production program that will support the development of the organic agriculture production industry. The participants are training farmers in different regions of the country, and



those farmers are now applying the knowledge garnered in the production of their own organic fertilizers.

- IICA supported the development of infrastructure for tissue culture and plant propagation for the Ministry of Agriculture. IICA, along with UNDP, has provided the Ministry of Agriculture with infrastructure including an autoclave, greenhouse, plant nursery and irrigation system, through the biofuel project funded by UNDP and implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources of Suriname.
- Approximately 32 people from Suriname and 26 from Guyana participated in horizontal collaboration programs jointly organized by the IICA delegations in both countries. IICA supported joint programming of workshops on Water Management, as well as a Risk Identification, Communication and Mitigation

workshop. Participants were equipped to develop strategies for adapting to the effects of global warming. Additionally, joint workshops were held in Tapacuma in Guyana, and Brokopondo and Ovia-Olo in Suriname for indigenous women producer groups, focusing on project development and exchange of best practices in agricultural production.

- In Suriname, IICA is working to develop a process for the reclamation of soils degraded by bauxite mining activities, and to repurpose them in the production of biofuels. This project, which was funded by UNDP, has been recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Office of the Cabinet of the President. Information was shared through workshops and regional webinars with other CARICOM countries with similar soil degradation challenges.

