

## Significant achievements in 2014



### Saint Kitts and Nevis

- Farmers and agro-processors are operating as entrepreneurs and are keeping records to track the progress of their businesses and to identify weaknesses with respect to inventory, finances (including balance sheets and income statements) and production. In addition, a number of local agro-processing products are now sold in supermarkets and hotels, and events are held to promote them.
- Farmers, students and extension officers have adopted new technology in shade house production and, as a result, productivity has increased, with an improvement in quality and consistency of produce as well as improved land and water efficiency. Additionally, there has been a decrease in the use of chemicals and increased control over insect and diseases. The production capacity of 75 women, youth and students has been enhanced as a result of training workshops in shade house technology.
- The capacities of 17 farmers and nine agro-processors have been enhanced through two training workshops to facilitate intra-regional trade in agricultural products. In addition, regulatory mechanisms have been strengthened through the formation of a National Agricultural Health and Food Safety Committee, which met on three occasions and was able to establish a protocol for importing and distributing germplasm.
- A business that adds value to the tourism industry has been developed and has created eight jobs for youth in the New River Community. The agri-tourism enterprise is now completely fenced, has twenty pens constructed for different species of rare birds and animals, and 25 signs with information about animals and birds. Over 270 visitors were welcomed over the period under review.
- The 2011-2015 Medium-term Strategy, which IICA assisted the Ministry of Agriculture in developing, is being successfully implemented. Also, the Institute has provided further assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture in monitoring and evaluation of the strategy.