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ACHIEVEMENTS OF GREATER CARIBBEAN SAFEGUARDING INITIATIVE AND THE WAY FORWARD

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Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative Mission

To strengthen the safeguarding system in the Greater Caribbean Region (GCR) by establishing partnerships with countries in the GCR to prevent, detect, and control existing and emerging plant pest threats.

Partnerships

- USDA APHIS
  - International Services
  - Offshore Pest Information Program
  - Center for Plant Health Science and Technology
  - Emergency and Domestic Programs
Partnerships

- Caribbean Plant Health Director Forum
  - Technical Working Groups

- Central America
  - OIRSA (Regional Plant Protection Organization)

Partnerships

- International Organizations
  - CARICOM: Caribbean Community and Common Market
  - CARDI: Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute
  - FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
  - IICA: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
Partnerships

- International Organizations Cont'
  - CAB: CAB International
  - IDB: Inter-American Development Bank
  - CISWG: Caribbean Invasive Species Working Group

- Universities:
  - UF: University of Florida
  - FAMU: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
  - UWI: University of West Indies

Strengthening

- UWI Regional Plant Quarantine Training

- Increased Communication
  - Video conferencing
  - Website

- Outreach Initiatives
Strengthening

- Funding
  - Farm Bill Projects
  - Strengthen Offshore Safeguarding Efforts in the Greater Caribbean Region
  - Real Time Internet Invasive Pest Identification Training
  - Allocated Program Funding

Prevention

- GCSI Pest List
  - 52 pests of priority
- Notification of Non-Compliance among National Plant Protection Organizations
- Safeguarding Project
  - UWI Grad Student
Detection

- Caribbean Pest Diagnostic Network
  - Addition of 5 countries
- Pest Surveys and Workshops
  - Red Palm Weevil
  - Cotton Seed Bug
  - Fruit Flies
  - *Tuta absoluta* & *Anastrepha grandis*
  - Lepidoptera

The Way Forward

- Break Work up into Feasible Projects
- Harmonization and Updating of Legislation
- Continued Regional Collaboration
  - Communication and information sharing
  - Regional projects versus country-by-country
  - Minimize duplication
The Way Forward

- Involve the public and industry
  - Actively conduct outreach and engage the private sector

Thank You

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