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PERSPECTIVE OF IICA ON KEY SHORTCOMINGS IN SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW CAN THEY BE REMEDIED?

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Key Shortcomings

- Outdated Legislation
  - Not Harmonized
  - Does not adequately cover IAS

- Inadequate national and regional animal and plant health systems
  - Trained staff
  - Support system (diagnostic, surveillance, risk assessment)

Key Shortcomings

- Lack of transparency
- Financial constraints
- Engaging the private sector and the general public
- Coordination of efforts (nationally and regionally)
### IICA’s Mandate

| Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) has a specific mandate to work with agriculture in a specific geographic area. | The actions of the Institute are carried out within the framework of the realities facing agriculture in the hemisphere. |

### IICA’s Mission

To promote agricultural and rural development through technical cooperation, managing specialized knowledge in order to provide support and strengthen public policies in the member countries.
IICA’s Response

Actively support the various regional initiatives on Invasive Alien Species

- CISWG
- Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative
- UNEP/CABI: Mitigating the Threats of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean

Provide direct assistance to member countries at the national and regional levels

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