

**PEST SURVEY PROGRAMMES**

Communication from Zambia

The following communication, received on 14 October 2009, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Zambia.

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The brief reports by the Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Service (PQPS) in the Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZABI) are intended to keep the Committee abreast of the status in Zambia of matters presented in previous reports (G/SPS/GEN/836 and G/SPS/GEN/941).

**1. Training of farmers on SPS matters**

1. A workshop sponsored by the Southern African Confederation of Agriculture Unions (SACAU) was conducted in collaboration with the Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU). The objective of the workshop was to enlighten Zambian farmers on SPS matters and their importance.

**2. Fruit Fly awareness**

2. The Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI) has embarked on a training programme for provincial trainers in the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MACO). Through the trained trainers, a fundamental national strategy is being developed to roll out trapping, monitoring and information exchange activities with the agriculture staff in the districts. So far, training has been conducted in three provinces.

**3. American Foulbrood survey (AFB)**

3. A survey was done, samples collected and laboratory results are still being awaited.

4. MACO is working in collaboration with the Zambian Honey Council in ensuring that quality honey is produced.

**4. Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) survey**

5. A PCN survey is conducted yearly on all farms growing potato seed imported from South Africa. Indications are that the PCN is not present in Zambia.

**5. Banana Bunchy-Top Virus survey**

6. The survey is underway in all major banana growing areas. The pest has been identified in the Southern and the Copperbelt areas. PQPS is working with the private sector in an effort to control the pest.

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