

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY STATUS

Communication from Madagascar

The following communication, received on 23 October 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

1. Fruit fly surveillance

1. The Plant Directorate conducts surveillance activities in connection with fruit fly species in the framework of a technical cooperation project financed by the International Atomic Energy Agency:

- Survey, detection using a *Bactrocera invadens* trapping network. The species has not yet been reported in Madagascar, but the risk is considerable, since it is already present in the Comoros and in Africa. Traps have been set up in the airports with international flights and in the ports.
- Surveillance of the population of endemic species of *Ceratitis* in the lychee and citrus fruit-producing areas, and of *Dacus d'emmerezi* in cucurbits-producing areas, using different control methods.
- Control of host plants for *Ceratitis capitata* in the lychee-producing areas.

2. Status of the A/H1N1 virus

2. Reports on human cases of infection were transmitted by the Ministry of Health to the WHO. No animal cases have been reported. The Ministries of Livestock, Health, National Education, and the Environment are cooperating closely on preventive measures.

3. Preconditions for the resumption of honey exports to Europe

3. Since the suspension of exports to Europe was lifted, the Ministry of Livestock introduced a surveillance plan for the sector, including: surveillance of bee diseases; monitoring of hives; and revision of the relevant legislation.
