

METROPOL / Project MAPSUD



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Rationale

Over the past few years, the Asian economic crisis and the climatic changes brought by El Nino have underlined the importance of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers (CGPRT) in the urban food supply and in the resilience of rural areas. Governments capability to design policy that could maintain a sustainable development has been also challenged. In this context, the METROPOL/MAPSUD project aims at improving national capacities in analysing and designing development policies for CGPRT crops in the Asian-Pacific area.



Objectives

- Build a regional network to broadcast a new concept of management of the development policies for CGPRT crops.
- Adapt tools and methodological approaches that allow to test and apply this concept within the framework of public intervention.
- Train network members on the tools and methods to support policy design, and provide support in implementing case studies in particular on the role of the CGPRT crops in urban food supply.

Methodologies

The project starts with the identification of the organisations involved in socio-economic and policy research and development of CGPRT crops, their activities and their needs. Then, it will design a training offer on tools and methods aimed at representing the problems related to rural development, and at involving the stakeholders in the decision making process. Namely, it will use the tools and methods developed by the Ecopol team, such as the Mata model of economic simulation of agricultural policy, the CADIAC participatory method of commodity chain analysis, the PACT institutional analysis method, the PRACTYP actor identification method and the prospective analysis method.

Human resources and partnership

- One expatriate scientist based in the CGPRT centre, Bogor, Indonesia (agricultural economist), and one expatriate scientist based in the VASI, Hanoi, Vietnam (agro-economist).
- National teams of scientists in Asia-Pacific countries.
- A support from the CIRAD ECOPOL program scientists and experts outside CIRAD.

Duration of the project

3 years (January 2001-December 2003).

Funding

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Research highlights

- Set up a network for exchanging and sharing information on the economics and development policy of CGPRT crops and their use in the ESCAP area.
- Assess the capacity, constraints and needs for socio-economic and policy research activities for CGPRT crops and their use, including a program setting the priority in training and research activities.
- Provide support for case studies focusing on development policies for the urban supply of CGPRT products, especially in Vietnam (Hanoi-Haiphong/HoChiMinh) and Indonesia (Jakarta-Bandung-Bogor).
- Publications, in collaboration with the national teams, of the results concerning the tools, methods and case studies.

Training and capacity building

- Prospective analysis training of the National Centre for Horticulture research, Indonesia, 2001.
- Training on the tools and methods developed for the socio-economic and policy analysis for students, scientists of the ESCAP countries and all the actors involved in urban food supply and CGPRT crops.



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