

Summary of Activities and Accomplishments, Mexico

1. Capacity building				
<i>a) Technical assistance provided by experts to Mexico</i>				
Expert	Dates	Purpose		
None				
<i>b) Training courses conducted in Mexico</i>				
Schedule	Course/Training Activities	Venue/Host	No. Trainees/Countries	Funding Agency
6 – 8 November, 2003	Training Course on Technical Writing, Seminar Presentation, Public Awareness and Proposal preparation	Centro de Investigacion Cientifica de Yucatan (CICY), Merida, Mexico	19/7	CFC
<i>c) Local researchers trained</i>				
Name	Dates, Country	Training Course		
Ramon Castillo Gonzalez	14 – 25 July 1997, Jamaica	Regional STANTECH Trainers' Course for LAC		
Carlos Salin Orepeza	27 – 31 Oct 1997, Philippines	Embryo Culture Workshop/Training		
Patricia Colunga	15 – 24 April 2002, France	Workshop on Coconut Genetic Resources Management Using Microsatellite Kit and Dedicated Statistical Software		
Daniel Zizumbo	Ditto	Ditto		
Rosa Escobedo	06- 08 November, 2003, Mexico	Training Course on Technical Writing, Seminar Presentation, Public Awareness and Proposal preparation		

Armando Escamilla	Ditto	Ditto
Manuel Martínez	Ditto	Ditto
Aileen O'Connor	Ditto	Ditto
Andrés* Quijano	Ditto	Ditto
Caroline Burgeff	Ditto	Ditto
Cecilia Rodríguez	Ditto	Ditto
Felipe Sánchez	Ditto	Ditto
Sergio Peraza	Ditto	Ditto
Roberto Dzid Echeverria	Ditto	Ditto
Javier E. Cantón	Ditto	Ditto
Ramon Castillo	Ditto	Ditto
Ramon Castillo	25 – 27 November 2004, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Statistical Design and Germplasm x Environment Interaction Analysis Training Course
Ramon Castillo	12 – 14 June, 2006, Bogor, Indonesia	Training Course on Technical Writing, Seminar Presentation, Public Awareness and Proposal Preparation
Ramon Castillo	15 – 17 June, 2006, Bogor, Indonesia	Training Course on Socioeconomics and Participatory Approaches to Reduce Poverty in Coconut Growing Communities
Ramon Castillo	2-3 July 2007, Hainan, China	Training course on Markets and Market Development for the project on Overcoming Poverty in Coconut Growing Communities
<i>d) BIOVERSITY-COGENT meetings/workshops held in Mexico</i>		
Date	Activity	Location

21 - 23 November 1996	Fifth COGENT Steering Committee meeting	Merida, Mexico
14-17 March 2000	2 nd International Coconut Embryo Culture Workshop	Merida, Mexico
9 - 12 November 2003,	12th COGENT Steering Committee Meeting	Merida, Mexico
13 – 17 November 2003	4th CFC funded Project Annual Meeting	Merida, Mexico

2. BIOVERSITY-COGENT projects in Mexico

Project Title	Host Institute	Budget/ Funding Agency (US\$)	Budget/ National Funding (US\$)
a) Multilocation hybrid/variety trial (1998)	INIFAP	4,500/CFC	8,333
b) Multilocation hybrid/variety trial (2000)	Ditto	11,533/CFC	8,333
c) Multilocation hybrid/variety trial (2001)	Ditto	10,550/CFC	8,334
d) Establishing a framework and selecting project sites for a nationwide deployment of coconut-based poverty reduction interventions in coconut growing communities using COGENT's 3-pronged strategy in Mexico	Ditto	2,000/DFID	1,000
e) Improvement of <i>in vitro</i> techniques for collecting and exchange of coconut germplasm	CICY	5,000/DFID	5,000
f) Multi-locational trials to identify suitable coconut hybrids and varieties for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean	INIFAP	8,250/CFC	8,333
g) Molecular marker-based characterization of conserved coconut germplasm in national genebank and selected farmers' varieties in BIOVERSITY/COGENT poverty reduction project sites in Mexico	CICY	2,000/DFID	1,000

h) Multi-locational trials to identify suitable coconut hybrids and varieties for Africa, Latin America (2004)	INIFAP	13,500/CFC	8,333
i) Overcoming Poverty in Coconut-Growing Communities: Coconut Genetic Resources for Sustainable Livelihoods in Mexico (2005)	Ditto	7,160/IFAD	6,500
j) Overcoming Poverty in Coconut-Growing Communities: Coconut Genetic Resources for Sustainable Livelihoods in Mexico (2006)	Ditto	9,710/IFAD	2,500
k) Overcoming Poverty in Coconut-Growing Communities: Coconut Genetic Resources for Sustainable Livelihoods in Mexico (2007)	Ditto	3,130/IFAD	1,500
TOTAL		77,333	59,166

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