

## **MTF/MOZ/089/STF (STDF 230): Status Report from the IPPC Secretariat**

### **1. Background**

In response to a request from the Government of Mozambique for assistance to establish lethal yellowing free areas of coconuts in the south of the country, the STDF approved the project MTF/MOZ/089/STF (STDF 230) at its meeting in October 2008. The implementation of the project was delayed because of concerns regarding the adequacy of provisions for implementation and supervision. These concerns were eventually taken care of, with FAO Mozambique charged with responsibility to manage the implementation of the project with technical supervision and support from the IPPC Secretariat.

### **2. Inception Mission**

The IPPC Phytosanitary Capacity building Officer (J. Jones) went to Mozambique for the period 27 September to 03 October to conduct an inception mission towards the implementation of MTF/MOZ/089/STF (STDF 230). The specific objectives were to:

- meet with partners named in the project to discuss aspects of implementation and role definition
- establish a project management team
- establish a pest surveillance management team
- identify consultants to the project and finalize their terms of reference
- initiate recruitment procedure for the first joint mission
- identify and discuss activities for immediate action.

The following were among the outcomes of the mission:

1. Representatives from the Eduardo Mondlane University (EMU), the Ministry of Agriculture (planning), the Plant Protection Department, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and FAO met to discuss various aspects regarding implementation of the project. Issues of specific concern were discussed with respective partners. Possible synergies between this project and the project being implemented by the MCC were discussed.

The MCC suggested several areas of common concern including diagnostic support, the identification and role of vectors in disease spread. The reporting officer also discussed/explored flexibility in both projects to deal with the possibility of LYD being found south of the Zambezia river.

2. Determination of the composition of the Project Management Committee (PMC)

The following persons were nominated for appointment on the PMC.

Ms. Serafina Mangana (Plant Protection Dept.)

Mr. Marcos Come (Plant Protection Dept.)

Dr. Ana Mongane (Pathologist, EMU)

Dr. Luisa Santos (Professor, EMU),

Mr. Marcos Freire, Mr. Josef Podivitr (MCC),

MADAL (representative not yet named)

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2. Determination of the composition of the Pest Surveillance Management Team

The following persons were identified as members of the pest surveillance management team:

Dr Luisa Santos (Consultant Entomologist) Team Leader  
Dr Ana Mongane (Consultant Pathologist)  
Ms Serafina Mangana (National phytosanitary consultant)  
Dr. Nigel Harrison International Consultant – Virologist (subject to availability)  
Dr Ana Massinga (GIS/GPS expert)  
Soil Scientist (to be decided)

3. Finalization of terms of reference for consultants and initiation of recruitment

Terms of reference were finalized for the international consultant based on the specific identified gaps and needs of the project. The GIS/GPS expert was identified and terms of reference also developed. The recruitment procedure has already been initiated for all consultants with a joint mission anticipated to begin 17<sup>th</sup> November.

4. Implementation plan

A draft implementation plan is being developed by the Surveillance Management Team for discussion with the international consultant and other partners of the Project Management Committee. This draft is anticipated to be available by October 15<sup>th</sup>. In that regard, the team requested that the international consultant travel to Mozambique during the next mission to assist in developing protocols for surveillance for LYD and contribute to the integrity and organization of the national surveillance programme.

A review of the capacity of biotec centre of the EMU for providing diagnostic support to the project will be undertaken as an immediate activity to ensure that its capacity is adequate or is strengthened. A preliminary review of its capacity was underway and should be available by 15<sup>th</sup> October. A list of equipment to be purchased is anticipated by end of October.

**Meeting with the Director of Agriculture**

The Director expressed his gratitude to the STDF for funding the project and to the IPPC for its technical supervisory inputs to implementation. He stressed the importance of the project to Mozambique and promised his ministry's full cooperation and support for successful implementation of the project.

**Recommendation**

Based on this summary inception mission report, the STDF is requested to transfer the necessary funds for the implementation of the projects activities.