



CASE STUDY 2:

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Objective:

To use the BCH to determine what genetically modified crops have been approved by trading partners.

References:

BCH Module 4: Finding information from the BCH Central Portal

Scenario:

You are responsible for organizing risk assessments in St Lucia. Your government has recently ratified the Protocol, but not yet approved the release of any LMOs. You have been tasked to find out the unique IDs of any GM crops that may enter your territory via imports from your trading partners in order to determine if you need to conduct any additional risk assessments.

You are currently importing wheat, barley and cotton from several countries in the Latin American region as well as the US and Canada. A large variety of goods are traded with other islands in the Caribbean region.

Extra work: If time permits, you may wish to carry out additional work:

To prepare for future scenarios, create a list of other GM crops your trading partners have approved that could enter your territory should you start importing them.



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TRAINER NOTES

Training Objective:

Users to search the BCH to determine what GM crops have been approved for use as food, feed or processing that may impact on their territory.

Requirements:

Access to the BCH

Notes:

- Some users might follow different paths to retrieve the same information. So long as their chosen method retrieves a comprehensive list of organisms, the method is unimportant.
- If users come up with different lists of organisms, you could initiate a discussion on why there are differences and what impacts this might have on the way to conduct future searches.
- Some of the potentially relevant records have been provided as an attached PDF summary, rather than registered as distinct records. You may wish to initiate a discussion on how this impacts users of the BCH who are looking for relevant information.
- Additional tasks are provided for users who finish the exercise quickly, which expand the exercise to cover future scenarios.
- Answers may have changed from the date of preparation and trainers may wish to carry out the exercise beforehand to update the expected results.