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Fruit fly Programmes in Latin America – Pedro Rendón/Walther Enkerlin



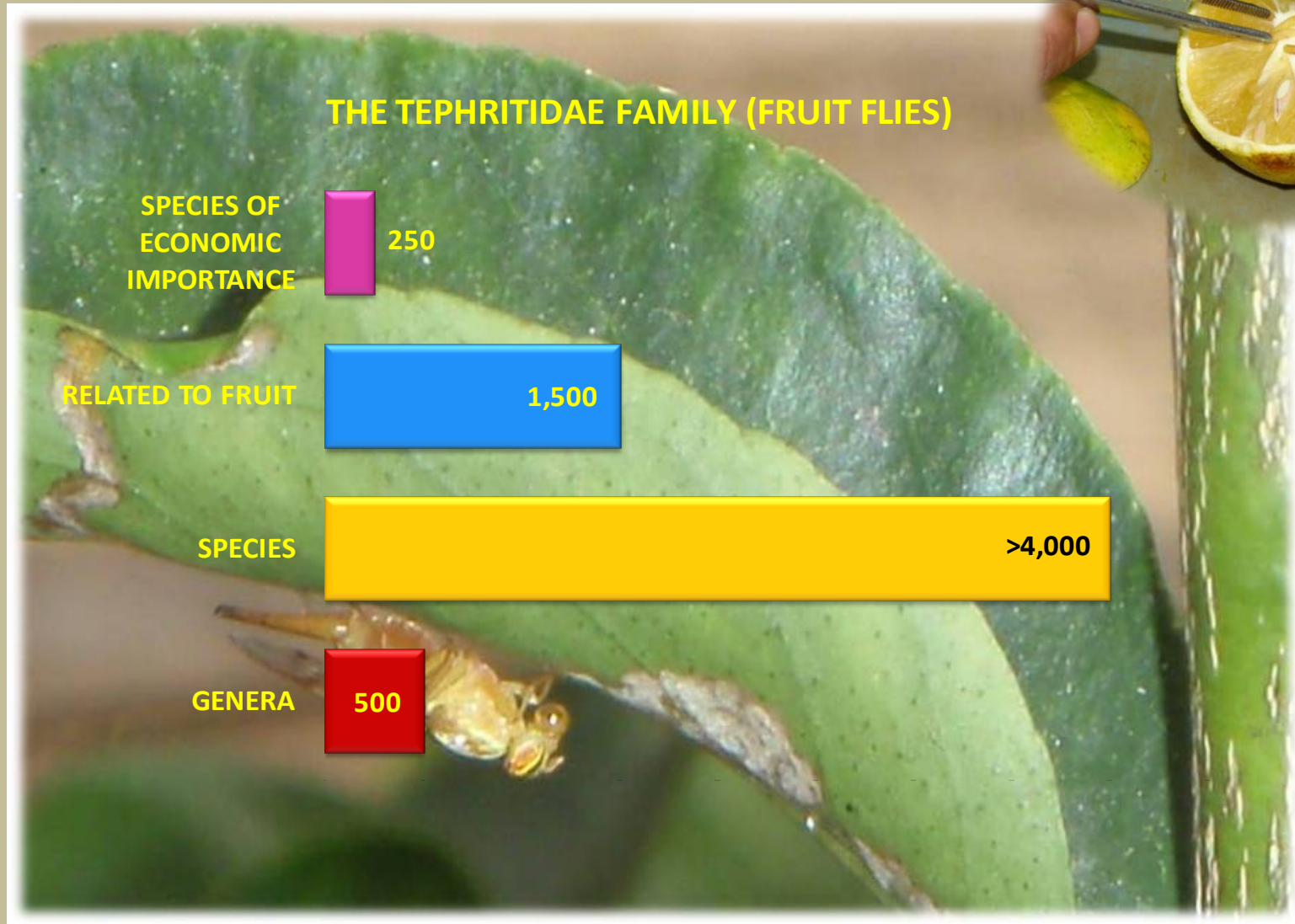
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FOUR SECTIONS:

- **FRUIT FLY PESTS, WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION, MOVEMENT, INTRODUCTIONS AND THEIR ECONOMIC IMPACT,**
- **LAC – NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD SECURITY & FOOD SAFETY**
- **BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF FRUIT FLY PROGRAMS IN THE LAC REGION**
- **MEMBER STATES IN LATIN AMERICA BENEFIT FROM IAEA AND FAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION.**



FRUIT FLIES AND THEIR ECONOMIC IMPACT WORLDWIDE



FRUIT FLY PESTS OF THE WORLD (1)

Fruit flies are among the world's most important pests of fruits and vegetables.

Mating

The female fruit fly is attracted to a specific host fruit odor and mates with a male fly. The male fly is attracted to the female fly by the odor of the female fly. The female fly is attracted to the male fly by the odor of the male fly.

Oviposition

The female fly inserts her eggs into the fruit. The eggs are deposited in the fruit. The female fly is attracted to the fruit by the odor of the fruit. The female fly is attracted to the fruit by the odor of the fruit.

Oviposition Damage

Damage occurs when the female fly deposits her eggs in the fruit. This also allows the entry of secondary microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi that cause rotting.

Life Cycle

The life cycle can be completed in 3-5 weeks in warm conditions for some species. Tropical species can have many generations each year whereas temperate species tend to have a single generation each year.

Larval Damage

Larval feeding and tunnelling damages the fruit and is associated with secondary rotting from microorganisms.

Anastrepha distans (Distans) Fruit fly	Anastrepha fraterculus (Fraterculus) Fruit fly	Anastrepha ludens (Ludens) Fruit fly	Anastrepha obliqua (Obliqua) Fruit fly	Anastrepha serpentina (Serpentina) Fruit fly	Anastrepha striata (Striata) Fruit fly	Anastrepha suspensa (Suspensa) Fruit fly	Bactrocera anthracina (Anthracina) Fruit fly

Bactrocera carambolae (Carambolae) Fruit fly	Bactrocera caudata (Caudata) Fruit fly	Bactrocera coreana (Coreana) Fruit fly	Bactrocera cucullata (Cucullata) Fruit fly	Bactrocera cucullata (Cucullata) Fruit fly	Bactrocera curvipennis (Curvipennis) Fruit fly	Bactrocera decipiens (Decipiens) Fruit fly	Bactrocera depressa (Depressa) Fruit fly

Bactrocera dorsalis (Dorsalis) Fruit fly	Bactrocera fasciata (Fasciata) Fruit fly	Bactrocera fraterculus (Fraterculus) Fruit fly	Bactrocera jansoni (Jansoni) Fruit fly	Bactrocera latitarsis (Latitarsis) Fruit fly	Bactrocera kiki (Kiki) Fruit fly	Bactrocera latitarsis (Latitarsis) Fruit fly	Bactrocera melanotus (Melanotus) Fruit fly

FRUIT FLY PESTS OF THE WORLD (2)

Fruit flies attack a wide range of crops and affect the trade of these commodities between regions.

Bactrocera minax (Minax) Fruit fly	Bactrocera minax (Minax) Fruit fly	Bactrocera anthracina (Anthracina) Fruit fly	Bactrocera asiatica (Asiatica) Fruit fly	Bactrocera alba (Alba) Fruit fly	Bactrocera papaya (Papaya) Fruit fly	Bactrocera papaya (Papaya) Fruit fly	Bactrocera papaya (Papaya) Fruit fly

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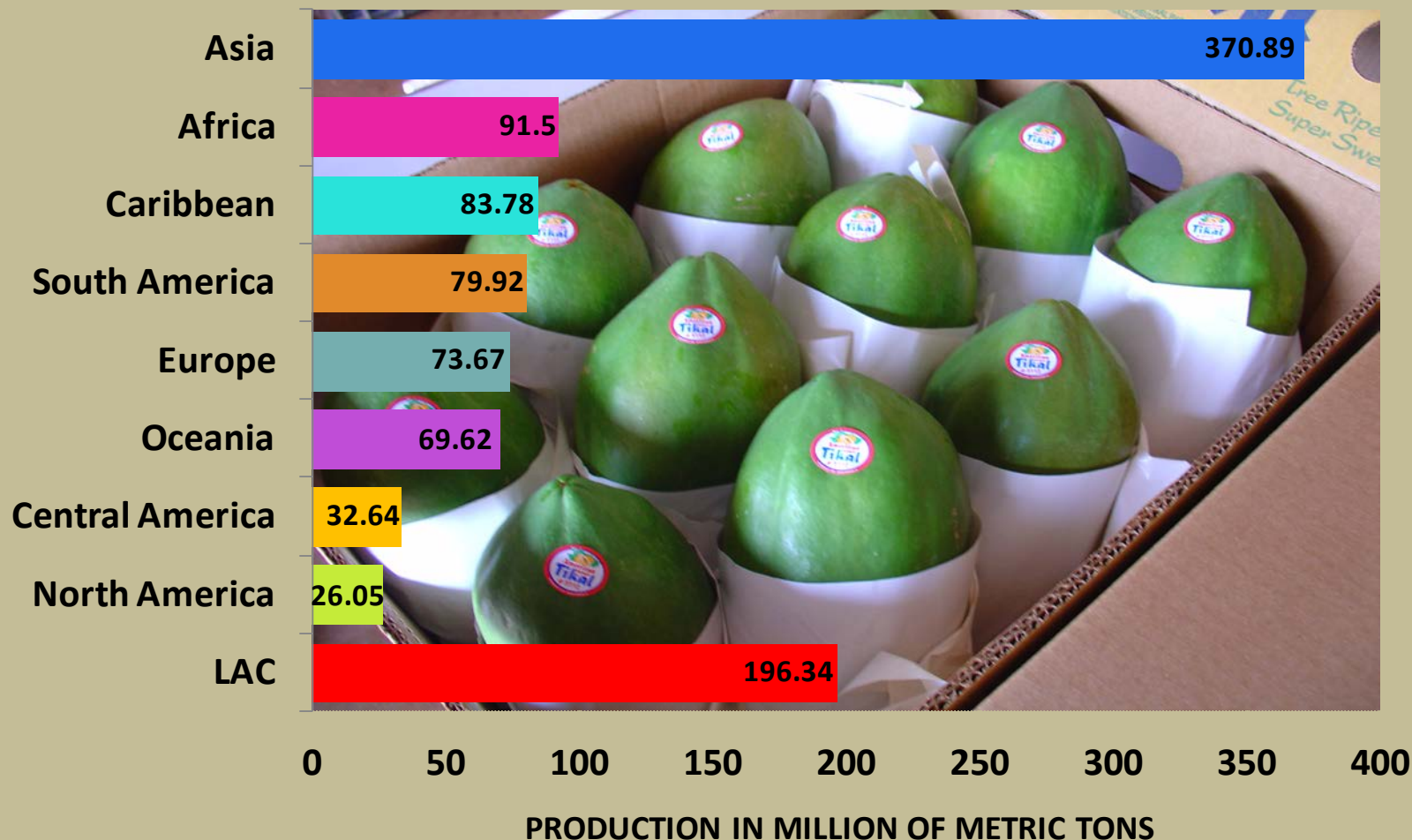
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FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PEST MOVEMENT & ESTABLISHMENT – 3T's

GLOBAL TRADE AND TRANSPORT: Fruit trade will increase in the coming years

GLOBAL FRUIT PRODUCTION BY REGION 2014 (IN MILLION OF METRIC TONS)^{*,**}



FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PEST MOVEMENT & ESTABLISHMENT

CLIMATE CHANGE: New areas will become susceptible to invasive species

HUMAN MOVEMENT/TRAVEL The dependence of the rate of introduction of invasive species on the growth of trade and **travel is widely recognized.**



FRUIT FLY INTRODUCTIONS IN THE AMERICAS

Olive Fruit Fly
California, 1998

Caribbean Fruit Fly
Florida, 1965

Mediterranean fruit Fly
DR, 2015

Carambola Fruit Fly
Surinam, 1975

Mediterranean Fruit Fly
Brazil, 1901; CR, 1955, Peru, 1956
CHILE, 1963, GT, 1975

Anastrepha genus is native to Latin America and the Caribbean with seven economically important species and *Toxotrypana*, the papaya Fruit Fly.





Ceratitis capitata

“medfly” is one of the most important threats worldwide to fresh fruits is capable of infesting from 250 to 400 hosts (2) .

Estimated to cause US\$242 million/year in economic losses in Brazil alone (4).

Establishment in Guatemala, Mexico and the USA would cause direct damage of no less than US \$20 billion/year (1,3)

CONCLUSIONS

- Frequent FF invasions could occur due to **increased risks from globalization** (trade/transportation and human movement).
- Latin – America is **at risk of introductions of non-native FF species**.
- There are **trade regulations that hamper exports** if fruit flies of quarantine importance are present in the countries.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strengthen surveillance networks to **early detect fruit fly entries** and prevent establishment.
- **Develop an emergency plan to eradicate** all possible FF introductions to avoid potential establishment and the enforcement of quarantine regulations.





LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN – NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Agricultural diversification
- Increased fruit and vegetable production and exports
- Job creation
- Concern for low pesticide residues to protect human health and the environment.



LATIN-AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC)



➤ **LAC** surface area ca. **19.2 million Km²** .

> **640 million inhabitants**.

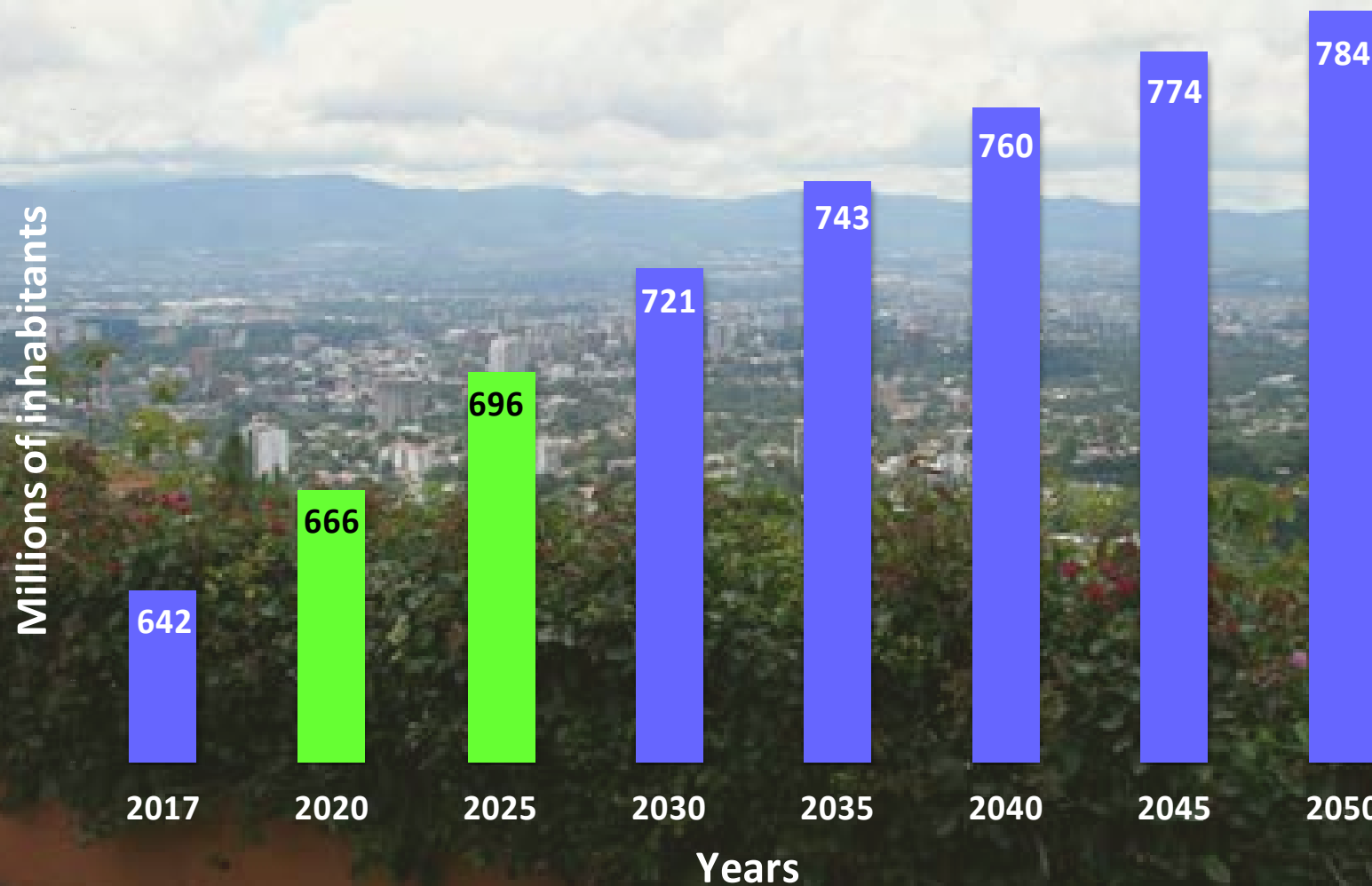
➤ **Good climatic conditions** for fruits and vegetables for local/export markets.

➤ **LAC is net exporter of agricultural commodities** to the world, **ca. 16% of global food and agriculture exports** between 2012 and 2014.

➤ Always maintained a strong **comparative advantage** in agricultural production. (8)

➤ **Production/investments** are threatened by the presence of **native or non-native fruit fly (FF)** species.

Projected Human Population Increase in Latin-America (2017 - 2050)*



LAC – NEEDS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Due to the trend in **human population growth**.

The need to **contribute to end hunger, achieve food security** and improve nutrition, key steps to sustainable development (UN, 2016).

The 'triple burden' of malnutrition which consists of:

under nutrition

micronutrient deficiencies

overweight and obesity

➤ there is a need for the **reduction of non-communicable diseases** (FAO,2017, 1)

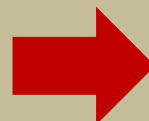
Increasing access to healthy diets through social protection and income generation strategies

Subsidies for fresh fruits and vegetables that **reduce prices**

Could **increase fruit and vegetable consumption**.

LAC - OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPORTS

The customers are changing preferences



Food for
health

Production for intra and
interregional markets

- All of the items above warrant increased production of

Fruit and vegetable
products

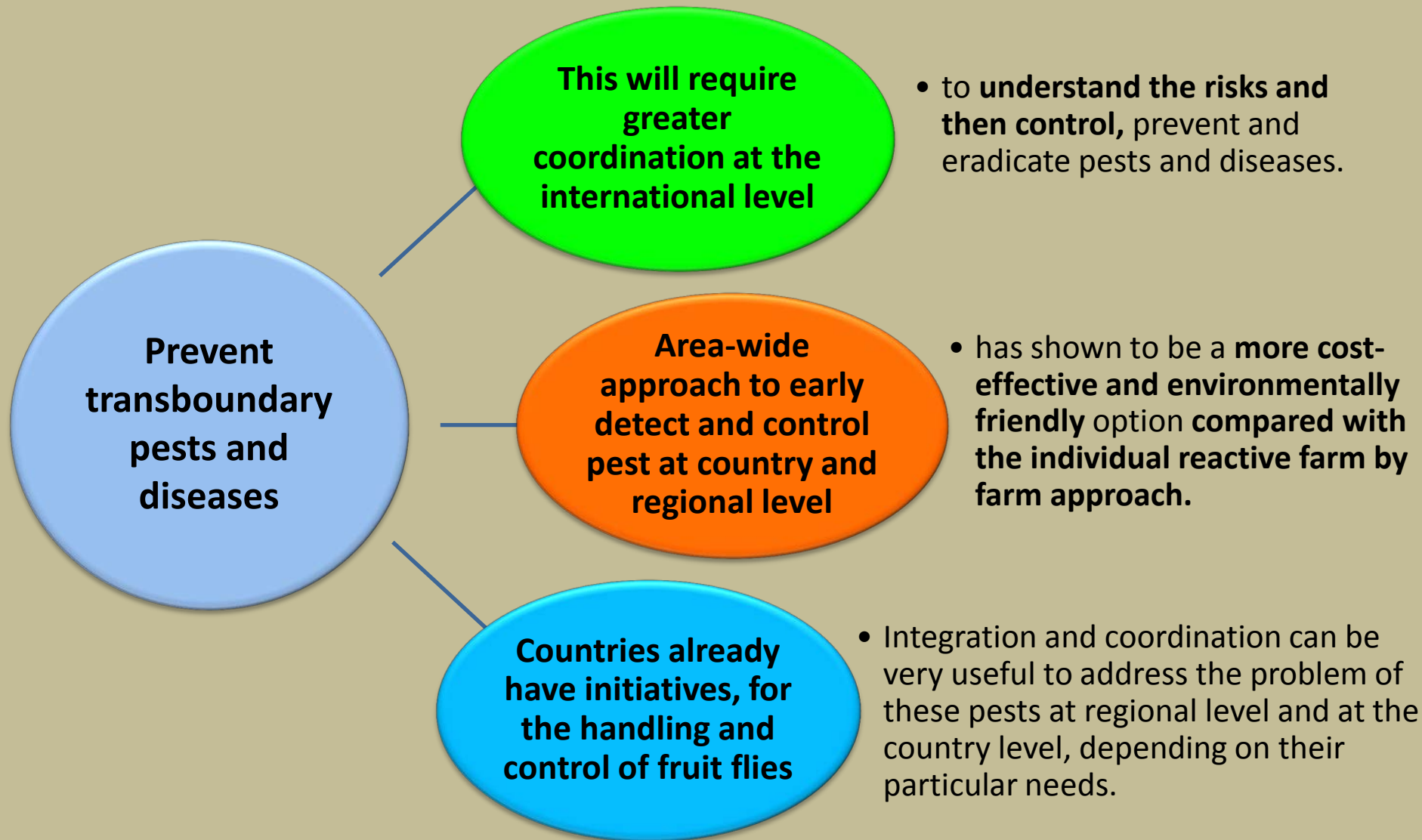
Food safety is also a
key concern

- **Unsafe food remains a major cause of disease and death (WHO, 2015)**

- Increased need for safe non-residual pest control tactics which have

INCLUDE THE USE OF
THE STERILE INSECT
TECHNIQUE (SIT)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE*



STATUS OF FRUIT FLY PROGRAMS IN THE LAC REGION



AREA-WIDE APPROACH FOR FRUIT FLY CONTROL

TRAPPING – Large number of traps to monitor pest presence

MAPPING – GPS & GIS of the region

CONTROL ACTIVITIES/GAP – GPS & GIS of Control activities

STERILE INSECT RELEASES TO ACHIEVE CONTROL, ERADICATION Or as preventative releases.

AREA-WIDE FRUIT FLY TRAPPING

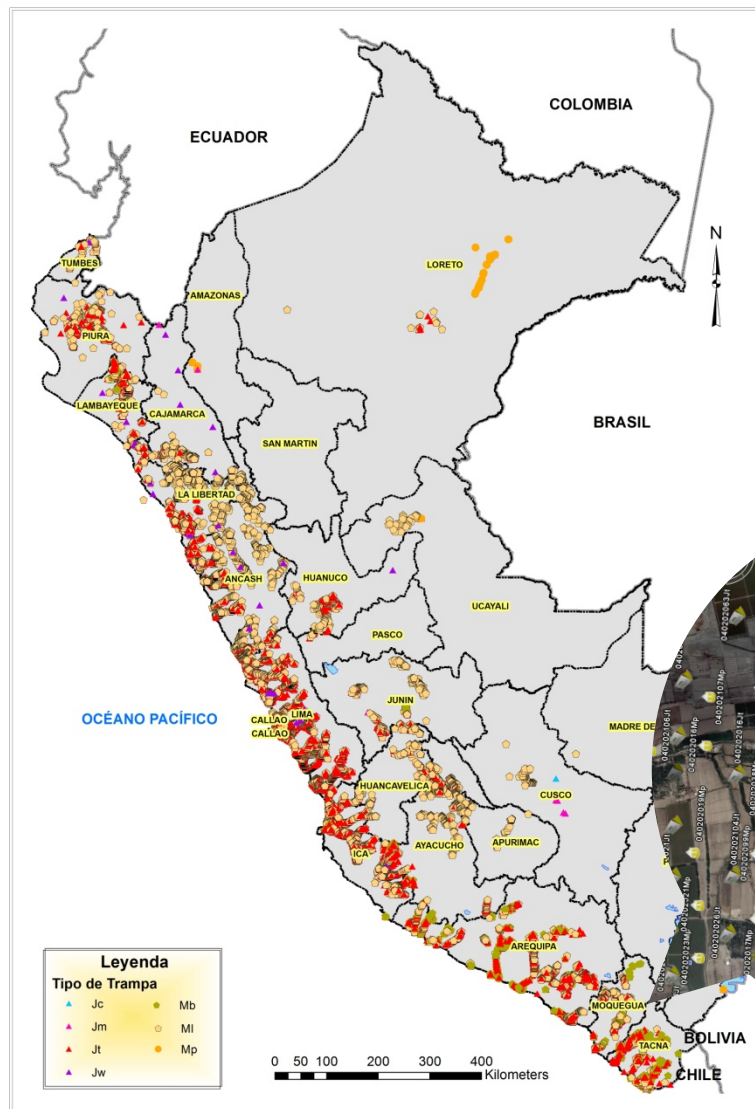
ARGENTINA: Distribución espacial de trampas



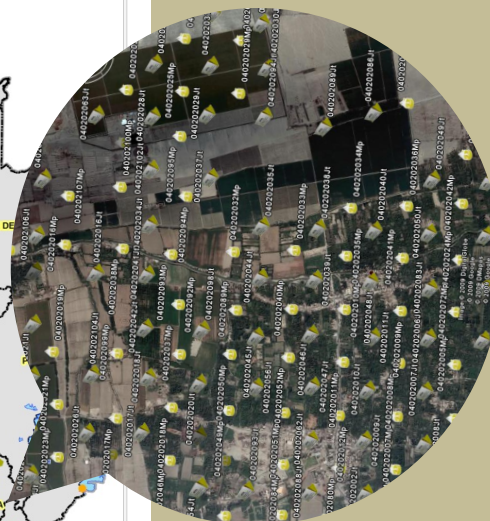
Densidad { 1 trampas/km² en áreas rurales
2 a 6 trampas/km² en áreas urbanas

PERU:

Sistema Nacional de Vigilancia



**TRAPS IN
OPERATION
36, 000**

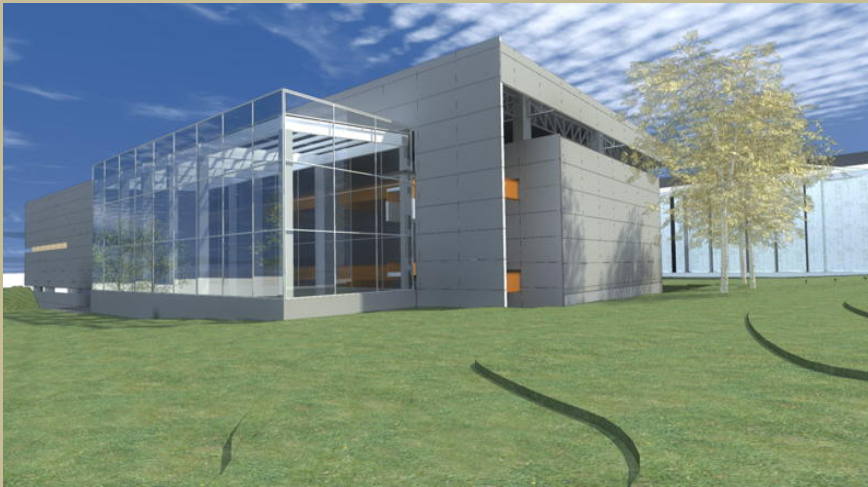


AREA-WIDE FUIT FLY CONTROL – SPRAYS USING AN ORGANIC PRODUCT



PRODUCTION OF STERILE FRUIT FLIES IN LATIN AMERICA: REARING FACILITY AT LA MOLINA, LIMA, PERU.





**SENASICA, NEW METAPA, MEXICO
PRODUCTION FACILITY**



MENDOZA, ARGENTINA FACILITY



EL PINO, GUATEMALA



ARICA, CHILE

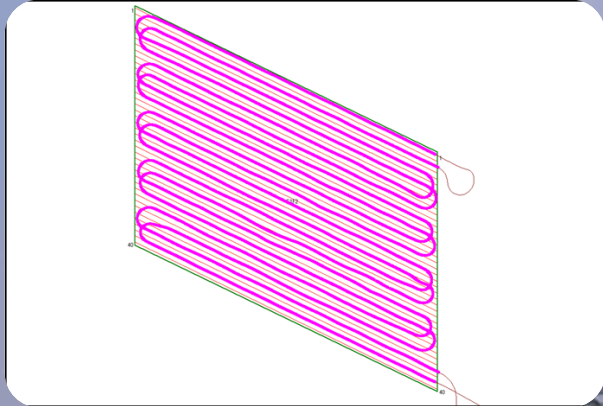
PRODUCTION OF STERILE FRUIT FLIES IN LATIN AMERICA.

MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Wied)	
REARING FACILITY	PRODUCTION (million SI/Week)
ARICA, CHILE	22
EL PINO, GUATEMALA*	1,200
LA MOLINA, PERU	40-60
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA	300
METAPA, MEXICO In brackets potential production with the new plant.	500 (1,000)
MEXICAN FRUIT FLY - <i>Anastrepha ludens</i> AND OTHER SPECIES	
REARING FACILITY	PRODUCTION
MOSCAFRUT, MEXICO, <i>Anastrepha ludens</i>	60 M (standard strain); 86 M TBP7 (GSS)
MOSCAFRUT, MEXICO, <i>A. obliqua</i>	62

* El Pino Mass Rearing Facility, has produced and shipped sterile males of the Temperature Sensitive Lethal (TSL strain) to EEUU, Argentina, Israel, Honduras, Dominican Republic and could provide this service to other FF programs.

EMERGENCE AND RELEASE CENTER FOR ANASTREPHA SPECIES AT GUERRERO, MEXICO
INVESTMENT MADE BY MANGO PRODUCERS OF THE REGION.





COST – BENEFIT OF AREA WIDE CONTROL ACTIONS IN FRUIT FLY PROGRAMS

COUNTRY	COST:BENEFIT RATIO (U.S.\$) FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT:RETURN
CHILE	1:1,000
TRI-NATIONAL MOSCAMED PROGRAM	1:128
PRP PROGRAM, LA, CALIFORNIA	1:87
CAMPAÑA NACIONAL MF	1:24



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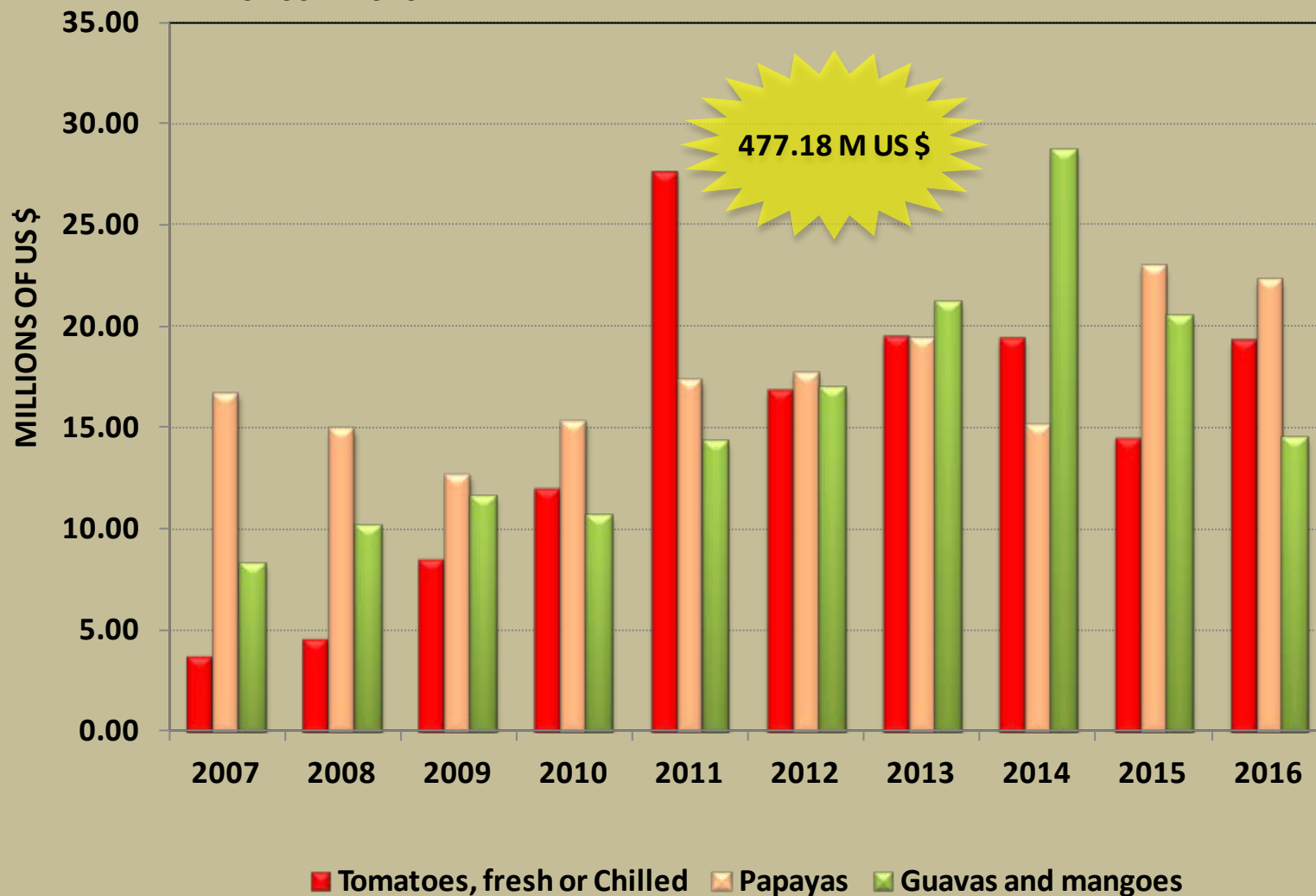


OBJECTIVES

1. **Increase** fresh fruit and vegetable **exports**.
2. **Extend pilot** areas **into commercial** areas of Pest Free and Low Pest Prevalence.
3. **Capacity building** in taxonomy, control & management of *A. grandis* in Panama and the wider C.A and Caribbean region
4. **Improve cooperation** among regional and international partners (USDA, OIRSA, IICA)
5. **Trained technicians** and professionals that are capable of managing IPM programs.



TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXPORTS (IN MILLIONS OF US \$) OF SELECTED PRODUCTS FROM CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE US MARKET. YEARS 2007 - 2016.



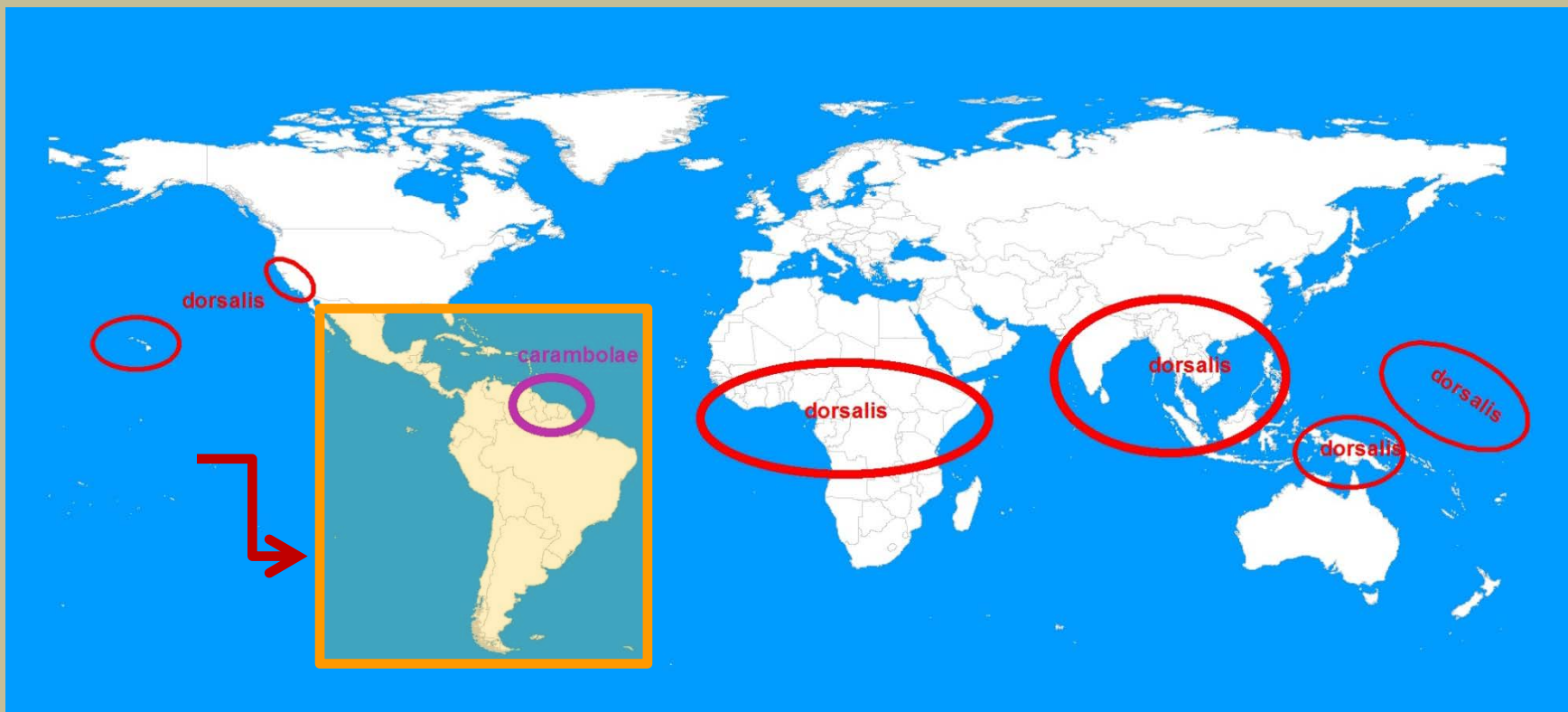
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FRUIT FLIES DO NOT STOP AT THE BORDER.



OBJECTIVES

1. **Strengthen, expand and harmonize surveillance systems for fruit flies of economic/quarantine interest including those not present in the continent.**
2. **Use new technologies to improve detection and program control activities, including the use of SIT as a component of the integrated management of fruit flies.**
3. **Establishment and declaration of free and low prevalence areas with the purpose of stimulating the development of the fruit and vegetable industry for export purposes.**



Africa: *Bactrocera dorsalis* and *Ceratitis cosyra* are a major obstacle to mango production.

Major Latin American mango producers*: Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Perú.

* In alphabetic order

<http://www.pbcrc.com.au/news/2014/pbcrc/media-release-what%E2%80%99s-name-everything-if-you%E2%80%99re-fruit-fly>



REGIONAL COOPERATION - COORDINATION MEETINGS - TRAINING

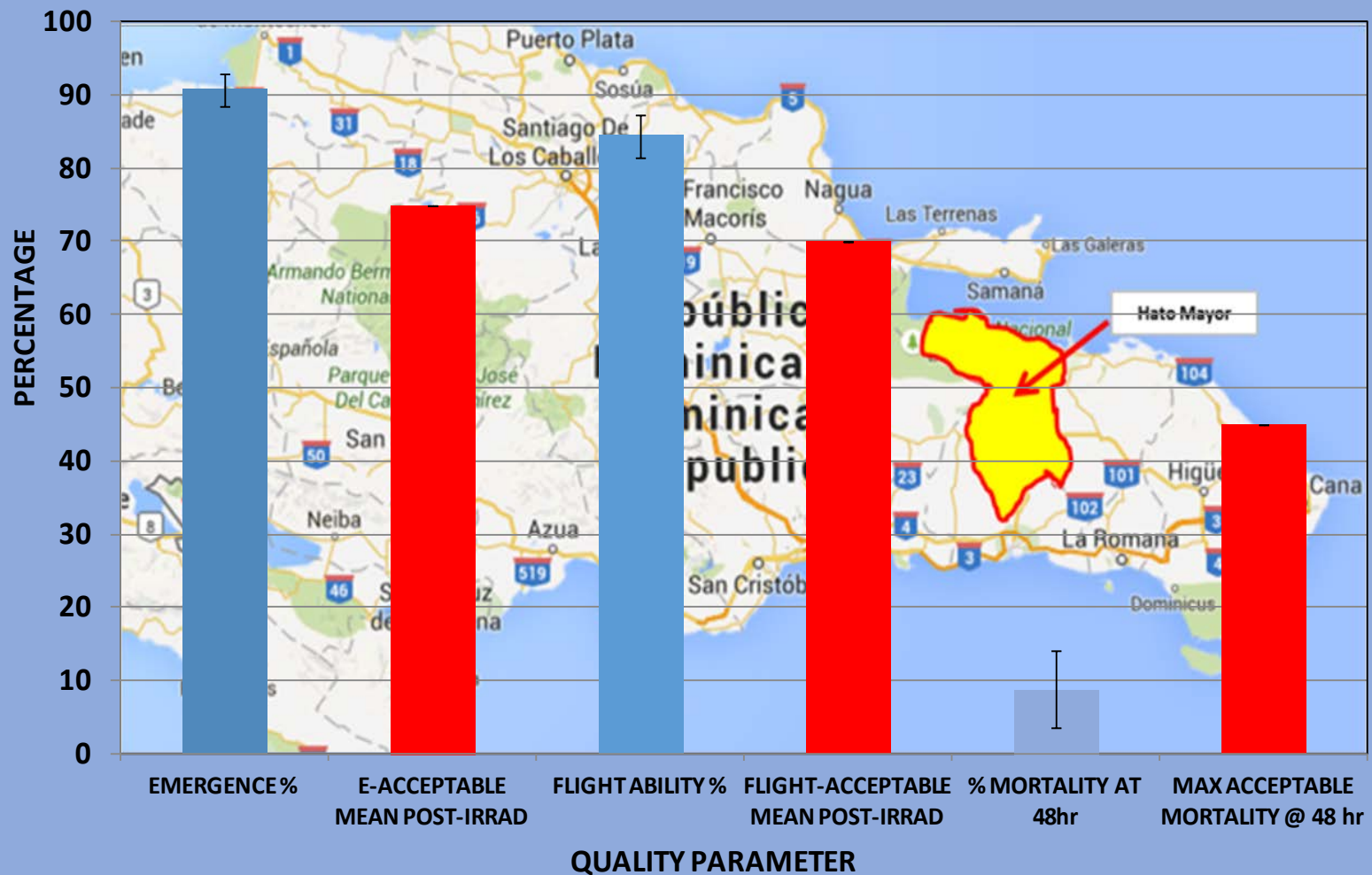


A large group of approximately 40 people, including men and women of various ages, are posing for a group photograph. They are arranged in several rows, with some individuals kneeling or sitting in the front. The group is standing in front of a two-story red building with a brown tiled roof and decorative white trim along the eaves. The building has a covered porch area on the right side. The ground is paved, and there is some greenery visible on the left side of the frame. The overall atmosphere is professional and organized.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION - PROVISION OF STERILE FLIES FOR ERADICATION PROGRAM

QUALITY CONTROL PARAMETERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE VALUES OF PUPAE SHIPMENTS OF STERILE MALES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY FROM EL PINO MASS REARING FACILITY , GUATEMALA TO THE EMERGENCY ERADICATION PROGRAM OPERATING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. SHIPMENTS DURING 2016.



EXPORTS



FOOD SECURITY



The contributions and leading role of the IAEA and FAO through area-wide SIT technology are relevant to the food security and sustainable development goals of the countries in the region.



THANK YOU!

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