

Bahamas

IAEA Member State since January 2014

Selected achievements

2023: The Bahamas acquires specialized equipment to test and analyse contaminants in locally produced and consumed food, thereby enhancing food safety.

National priorities

- Alignment with National Development Plan Vision 2040

Main areas of IAEA support

- Building laboratory capacity to test contaminants in animal and related products, including fish
- Capacity-building to test or monitor residues and contaminants in food

Project successes

Food safety

The IAEA is providing the Bahamas with support to strengthen its capacity to monitor food.

Assistance is focused on building laboratory capacity for testing and monitoring the presence of contaminants in food, including fish, crops, processed foods and feeds, with the goal of protecting consumers and enhancing trade to ensure a secure food supply.

The country's Food Technology and Safety Laboratory has received specialized equipment, including a radio receptor assay to facilitate the detection of a wide variety of food hazards, confirmatory analytical equipment, and a mass spectrometer to support testing for toxic metals.



The IAEA has provided the Bahamas with equipment and assistance to enhance food safety in the country and to support export certification. (Photo: A. Richardson/Food Safety and Technology Laboratory, Department of Marine Resources, Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources)

A partnership with a private company has also facilitated the establishment of a laboratory information management system at the Laboratories, which will improve the capacities of the country's food safety control system.

This support is helping to improve laboratory performance. It also supports the Bahamas' ongoing efforts to accede to the World Trade Organization. In addition, IAEA assistance will help the country to meet the export certification requirements for fishery products and will improve the safety of food consumed and produced in the country, thereby contributing to the overall health of the population.

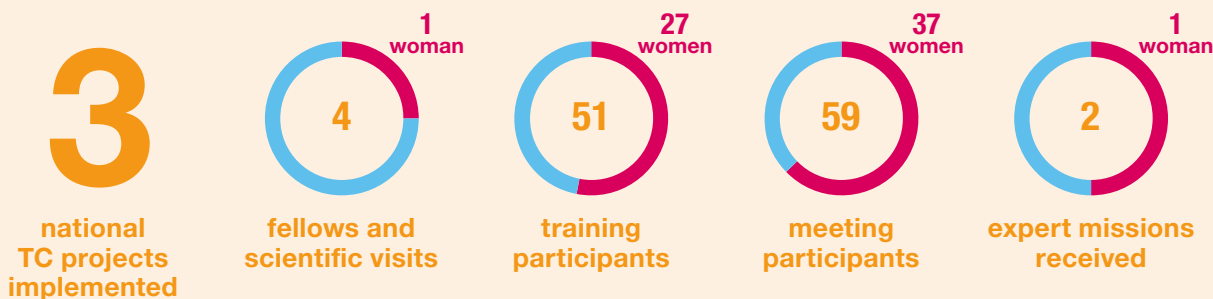
Participation in the major initiatives

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IAEA support received in the 21st century



Contributions to South-South and triangular cooperation

