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SECTORIAL SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE (SSAG) FOR THE

PASSION FRUIT SECTOR IN KENYA



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WHAT IS EDES?

EDES is a European Union-African-Caribbean and Pacific (EU-ACP) funded programme to support poverty reduction through economic empowerment within a global framework. It is funded under EDF9 for the period 2010-2014.

Launched in 2010, EDES is a cooperation programme managed by COLEACP (Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee) in collaboration with a consortium of European organisations specialising in food safety. The programme is implemented at the request of the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) Group of States, and funded by European Union (€29.5 million/4 years) in order to support ACP exports sustainably.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF EDES?

To secure the flow of food products of animal and plant origin towards the EU or between ACP regions and internationally. EDES aims at strengthening the sanitary and phytosanitary systems of ACP countries.

HOW IS EDES WORKING?

EDES focuses on promoting interactions between public authorities at the national level and food business operators in both plant and animal production sectors. Special attention is given to the specific needs of vulnerable groups (small scale producers, farmers and fishermen) so as to contribute to the goals of poverty reduction while at the same time enhancing access to safe food.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME?

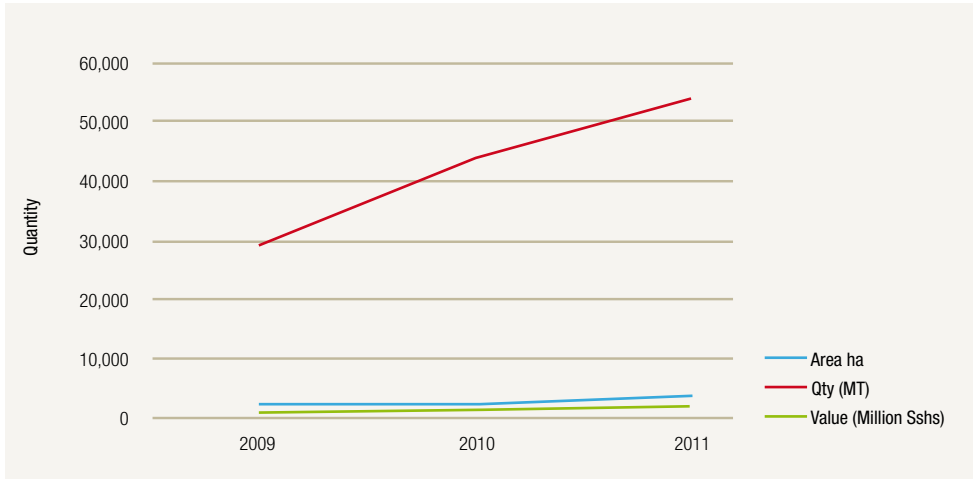
The programme intervenes in both raw and processed food products. It promotes the setting up of a national risk assessment framework as a basis of the establishment of an efficient sanitary and phytosanitary control system. Public and private sector operators will have the capacity and resources to assess that all food sectors from production to consumption are safe.

WHY PASSION FRUIT?

Passion fruit is an important fruit crop in Kenya. In 2011, passion fruit contributed about USD27 million accounting for 1.1 % of the domestic value of Kenya's horticultural produce and 3.1% value of the fruit sub-sector.

Passion fruit has not reached its fullest potential due to production as well as export challenges.





WHAT IS A SELF-ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (SAS)?

Self-Assessment is a set of measures based on risks assessment that an operator must implement to ensure that at each stage of the value chain; production, harvesting, transport, processing, packaging, and distribution, the products meet regulatory food safety, quality requirements as well as traceability.

ADVANTAGES OF A SELF-ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The system fosters the participation of all actors. It allows the validation of the sanitary control plans implemented by Food Business Operators (FBOs) of the sector in respect with the requirements of targeted markets. Self Assessment reduces inspection costs, provides transparency and increases confidence for certification. It also strengthens the public-private partnership: the Sector proposes, the Authority validates, the Operator applies voluntarily.

INTERVENING IN THE PASSION FRUIT SECTOR

To develop a Sectorial Self-Assessment Guide (SSAG) covering agronomic, crop protection, hygiene, safety and quality management for FBO including fresh fruit growers and exporters as well as the growers and processors of fruit juice.

BENEFICIARIES OF THE GUIDE

Growers, Consumers, Local Retailers, Exporters, Processors, Regulators, Private Sector Service Providers and other partners in the Horticultural Sector.

WORKING TOGETHER

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