

Trip Report

Date of Trip: January 24 – February 03

Location: Cotonou, Benin

Purpose: Planning Meeting to Launch Project in Benin

Travelers: Cirad team

Thibaud Martin (Co-PI, entomologist)
 Laurent Parrot (economist)
 Serge Simon (agronomist) was associated to that mission



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Description of Activity	Analysis of Activity	Action Taken
<p>Various planning meetings held at INRAB</p> <p>Meeting # Monday 01/24 Present: Françoise Assogba Komlan, Armel Mensah, Sognigbe N'Dakinou, Thibaud Martin, Laurent Parrot, Serge Simon, Faustin Vidogbena, Anselme Adegbidi</p> <p>Meeting # Tuesday 01/25 Present: Françoise Assogba Komlan, Armel Mensah, Sognigbe N'Dakinou, Thibaud Martin, Laurent Parrot, Serge Simon, Faustin Vidogbena, Anselme Adegbidi, Mathieu Ngouajio, Damien Ahouangassi,</p>	<p>Participation of the entire Benin team plus Dr Mathieu Ngouajio from MSU</p> <p>Meeting with Michel M. Dayamba (Deputy Program Officer USAID-Benin)</p> <p>Meeting with Gabriel Degbeffand (Director NGO Apretectra) and NGO team</p> <p>Meeting with David Arodokoun and Delphin Koudandé (INRAB Head Office)</p> <p>Meetings with local and international partners (, Cerpa, Cecpa, CRM-MC, IITA, CTB, Cirad, Ird)</p> <p>Presentations by Ngouajio, Martin and other team</p>	<p>Clarification of the role and responsibilities of team members (see detailed report)</p> <p>Crop pest combination developed</p> <p>Crops of interest determined: Cabbage, tomato and <i>Solanum macrocarpum</i> (indigenous vegetable)</p> <p>Project website discussed but not yet completed</p> <p>Project publication discussed</p> <p>Armel Mensah & Sognigbe N'Danikou, joined the team and will be working on INRAB activities.</p> <p>Faustin Vidogbena joined the team and will be working on</p>

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<p>Paulin Koudjinou</p> <p>Meeting # Wednesday 01/26 Present: Françoise Assogba Komlan, Armel Mensah, Sognigbe N'Dakinou, Thibaud Martin, Laurent Parrot, Serge Simon, Faustin Vidogbena, Mathieu Ngouajio, Damien Ahouangassi, Paulin Koudjinou, Joel Azagba, Thairatou Aminou, Victoire Ahle, Madeleine Lafia Ogou, Lucie Zohoun Togbe, Herve Ayanou, Stanislas Dekoun, Bonaventure Akouman</p> <p>Meeting # Thursday 01/27 Present: Françoise Assogba Komlan, Armel Mensah, Sognigbe N'Dakinou, Thibaud Martin, Laurent Parrot, Serge Simon, Faustin Vidogbenan, Mathieu Ngouajio, Damien Ahouangassi, Paulin Koudjinou, Philippe Menozzi, Manuele Tamo, Patrick Levaux</p> <p>Planning meetings held at NGO APRETECTRA, Come</p> <p>Meeting # Friday 01/28 Present: Françoise Assogba Komlan, Armel Mensah,</p>	<p>members</p> <p>One on one meeting with team members</p> <p>Meeting F. Komlan & L. Parrot with Pr Amoussouga (...)</p> <p>Meeting T. Martin with Vincent Corbel (IRD-CREC)</p> <p>Meeting T. Martin with Claude Ahouangninou and Benjamin Fayomi (UAC-ISBA)</p> <p>Meeting F. Assogba, T. Martin & S. Simon with Eric Malezieux (Team leader Cirad- Hortsys) & Apollinaire Mensah (Director CRA- Agonkanmey)</p> <p>Meeting T. Martin & S. Simon with E. Malezieux & Mathilde Heurtaux (French Embassy)</p>	<p>FSA/UAC activities. Paulin Koudjinou joined the team and will be working on NGO activities.</p> <p>Contract between Cirad and INRAB for Serge Simon working with Benin team discussed.</p> <p>INRAB attributed an office to S. Simon in Agonkanmey station</p> <p>Station site determined: Agonkanmey Farmer field sites for 2011 determined: Ouidha, Grand Popo, Come, Houeyiho, Seme Podji</p> <p>Farmer field trial begin in 2011 with on-station and on- farm trials</p> <p>Protocol for field tests developed</p> <p>Quantity of nets per type determined and request sent to A to Z for net supply</p> <p>Time line of activities developed and circulated to the team.</p> <p>Microclimate monitoring equipment identified and provided to the Benin Team</p> <p>Irrigating system for on- station trails identified and</p>
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<p>Sognigbe N’Dakinou, Thibaud Martin, Laurent Parrot, Serge Simon, Faustin Vidogbena, Mathieu Ngouajio, Damien Ahouangassi, Paulin Koudjinou, Gabriel Degbeffand and all NGO team</p> <p>Multiple one on one meetings between Martin and Ngouajio and other team members</p> <p>Visiting on-farm trials with net covering cabbages (INRAB- Aprectra) and discussing with farmers around Come and Grand-Popo</p>		<p>need information for supply</p>
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Cirad: Agricultural Research for Development ; INRAB: Institut National de Recherche Agricole du Benin
FSA : Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques du Bénin ; UAC : Université d’Abomey Calavi
Cerca : Centres régionaux pour la promotion agricole ; Cecpa : Centres Communaux de Promotion de l’Agriculture
ISBA : Institut des Sciences Biomédicales Appliquées ; IITA : International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
CTB : Coopération Technique Belge ; IRD : Institut de Recherche pour le Développement

Please attach any materials you might have generated from this trip (i.e. photos, agendas, blueprints, factsheets, posters, etc.).

Photos Thibaud MARTIN



The Benin team with Cirad team & Mathieu Ngouajio in meeting at INRAB



Meeting at INRAB with local partners



Meeting at Come in NGO APRETECTRA office



Discussion with a big grower (15 ha) testing nets for protecting cabbages



A field test with a farmer in Grand Popo