

## Antigua & Barbuda Trademark Project: Information Sharing Session (Virtual)

Recommendations of the Pineapple Rehabilitation Programme Committee

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### Challenges



Access to equipment for land preparation.



Lack of access to water.



Absence of readily available inputs for crop production.



Reported nutrient deficiency of soil.



Absence of a technical package to promote and guide Good Agricultural Practices.



Lack of a production guide.



Concerns raised in relation to current production strategy and processes.



Inability to retain funds generated for reinversion into the Station production plan.

## Pineapple Rehabilitation Programme Committee within the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs

- An ad-hoc technical Committee (Pineapple Rehabilitation Programme Committee) to develop programmes and make recommendations for the rehabilitation of the pineapple industry in Antigua and Barbuda.
- Develop and make recommendations towards the development of the business plans, policies, procedures and budgets for the rehabilitation of the quantity and quality of pineapple (particularly the Antigua Black Pineapple),
- The PRPC will also monitor the operating and financial performance of the Cades Bay Agricultural Station and make recommendations on prioritizing and allocating investment and resources and the development of human resources.
- Make available information, reports and other documents to enable informed decisions on pineapple production.

#### **Composition of the Executive Committee**

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs

The Director of Agriculture

The Director of the Department of Analytical Services

The Senior Research
Officer

Station Manager for the Cades Bay Agricultural Station

The Chair

Such other Members as are appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs and/or Chair and ratified by Members.

# Matters dealt with by the Pineapple Rehabilitation Programme Committee

#### Develop

- An interim technical package for the cultivation and management of pineapple.
- A comprehensive production guide for the cultivation and management of pineapple

#### Contribute

 Towards a comprehensive investment or economic plan for the cultivation and management of pineapple..

#### Act

- An advisory body for the Cades Bay Agricultural Station through recommendations on human resources related issues.
- As a repository for pineapple related data.

#### Recommend and facilitate

• Sampling, testing and analysis as required and providing corrective recommendations to the Cades Bay Agricultural Station.

#### Provide

- Recommendations in the optimization and allocation of the Cades Bay Agricultural Station resources and succession planning.
- Recommendations for the integrity of management information and financial reporting systems.

#### Coordinate

• With stakeholders to facilitate the advancements of the Pineapple Rehabilitation Programme as deemed necessary.

### Supporting agencies

IICA: Technical support, capacity building, possible funding source.

CARDI: Technical support, capacity building, possible hardening facility for tissue cultured plants.

FAO: Technical support, capacity building, possible funding source.

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