



INTEGRE SUPPORTS ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

THE INTEGRE PROJECT INCLUDES A MAJOR COMPONENT ON PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE. RUN BY THE NEW CALEDONIA CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE ITS TWIN OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

➤ **Improve organic farming practices and innovate** via a research-action programme in New Caledonia, French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna;

➤ **Improve regional cooperation** build capacities in the territories and share the results achieved throughout the Pacific with the support of the POET-Com network.

THE RESEARCH-ACTION PROGRAMME WAS DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH FARMERS AND FOCUSSES ON THREE MAJOR ORGANIC FARMING ISSUES, I.E.



SOIL FERTILITY

composting and co-composting system tests, soil fertilisation trials, testing movable hen houses, etc.



DISEASE AND PEST CONTROL

organic pesticide tests, promoting traditional practices, identifying market products that can be used for organic farming, etc.



AVAILABILITY OF WELL-ADAPTED AND HEALTHY ORGANIC SEEDS AND SEEDLINGS

creating an organic yam conservatory, setting up a system to produce and distribute organic seeds, testing and selecting market seeds that are adapted to local conditions, etc.

➤ ORGANIC FARMING IN THE PACIFIC



“Pacific organics – the key contributor to sustaining our cultures and improving farmer livelihoods, communities, people’s health and the environment in the Pacific”: *Pacific Regional Organic Strategic Plan.*

The Pacific Organic Standard exists since 2008 and is fine-tuned to the social, cultural, environmental and agricultural conditions in

Pacific island countries and territories (PITC). As such, it has been recognised by all the PICTs and complies with existing international standards.

It is managed by **POETCom (Pacific Organic Agriculture and Ethical Trade Community)**, a not-for-profit organisation hosted by SPC that brings together organic agriculture stakeholders from 14 Pacific countries.

Pacific organic products can receive the “Bio Pasifika” label.

Several PICTs have opted for a certification system known as a participatory guarantee system (PGS).

It allows small-hold farmers access to certification and develops social, technical and cultural exchanges between all those involved in the sector.

In New Caledonia, the association BioCaledonia issues such certification, while in French Polynesia, it is BioFetia.



ACTIONS



CREATE A NETWORK OF PILOT ORGANIC FARMS IN FRENCH POLYNESIA, NEW CALEDONIA AND WALLIS AND FUTUNA: GROUNDS FOR EXPERIMENTATION, DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

IN NEW CALEDONIA

based on the certified organic operations at Do Neva Agricultural High School and those of several farmers in Houaïlou.

Partners :

Do Neva High School, BioCaledonia, Houaïlou municipal authorities with the technical support of New Caledonia's Chamber of Agriculture, Agency for Economic Development (ADECAL) and Agricultural Science Institute (IAC).

IN FRENCH POLYNESIA

based on Opunohu Agricultural High School and with farmers from the BioFetia network.

Partners :

BioFetia, Rural Development Department (SDR), Opunohu Agricultural High School, Vocational Training and Agricultural Promotion Centre (CPFFPA).

ON WALLIS

based on the Wallis and Futuna Agricultural/Vocational High School and with volunteer farmers.

Partners :

Wallis and Futuna's Agricultural/Vocational High School, Territorial Environmental Department, Agriculture Department and Chamber of Commerce, Industry Trades and Agriculture (CCIMA).



ORGANISING MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FARMERS AND TECHNICAL STAFF AT THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS IN ORDER TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW-HOW

Regional workshops:

Held on a yearly basis, they are designed to allow exchanges on practices and to train stakeholders in organic farming techniques. They target farmers and technicians in project territories and, more broadly, in the Pacific.

The first workshop was held in November 2015 in New Caledonia and was attended by more than 80 farmers, technicians and researchers from all parts of the Pacific. Recommendations were made on how to further develop organic agriculture in the Pacific.



PRODUCING FACTSHEETS

Technical and commercial guidelines that meet organic farming requirements and can be shared through the POET-Com network.



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FOR THIS FOUR-YEAR (2014-2018) PROJECT, THE EUROPEAN UNION, VIA THE INTEGRE PROJECT, IS PROVIDING FUNDING SUPPORT OF SOME:

XPF 20 MILLION

per territory to develop pilot organic farm networks.

XPF 30 MILLIONS

to organise regional exchanges and to build on and share its outcomes.



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