



## Innovative Regional Project for Fruit Flies Control System in West Africa, SyRIMAO

*.. For a better quality and profitability of the fruits of our orchards*



SyRIMAO project continues its cruising phase in the third quarter of 2022!

SyRIMAO continues to implement the PTBA 2022 with the same commitment. Although still being finalised/consolidated, some results can already be announced after the second quarter activities, including

- The implementation of two low environmental impact control technologies with multi-local biological efficacy has been successfully completed and the results are very promising,
- The adoption of an obligatory flat-rate financial contribution (CFO) by the Inter-professions of Burkina Faso and Mali to be operationalised during the next mango season after validation by the authorities, in order to have financial resources to ensure surveillance and control,
- Effective coverage of the 36 agro-ecological mango production zones by the monitoring system for tracking fruit fly infestation and issuing alerts when necessary.

Despite its promising results, the quarter also highlighted important phytosanitary challenges in some countries resulting in significant interceptions of exported mangoes. The region's fresh mango exports hit a high record this year with 200,285 tonnes of mangoes exported to Europe compared to 93,388 tonnes exported in 2021, but with a significant increase in interceptions (95 interceptions versus 42 in 2021). This is a serious challenge that is being analysed in the countries concerned and will be the subject of a brainstorming session co-facilitated with COLEACP during the upcoming regional review and programming workshop in Abidjan in November 2022.

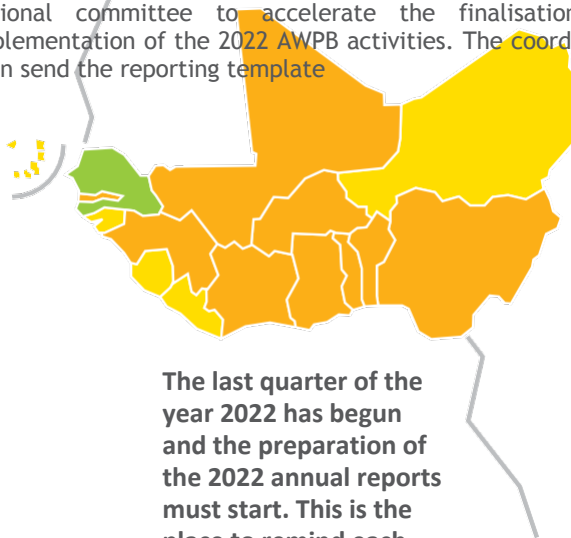
Nata TRAORE, Regional Coordinator of SyRIMAO

## SyRIMAO NEWS

The 2022 regional review and 2023 programming workshop will be held in Côte d'Ivoire from 7 to 11 November 2022. In the run-up to this important workshop, it is time to take stock at the level of each national committee and to define priorities for the mango season and the 2023 AWPB. This workshop is an opportunity to discuss the causes of interceptions recorded by mango exporting countries during the season and a reflection session between inter-professions on the assessment and prospects of the West African Regional Mango Alliance (WARMA)

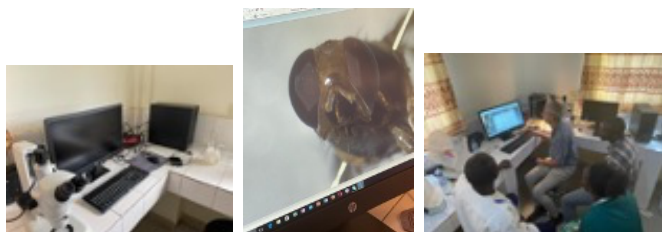
The audits of National Committee and RAAF expenditures will start soon. The audit firm has been recruited and a schedule for the auditors' visits will soon be agreed and shared with all the countries concerned.

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The CNS-FL has a digital and physical platform for the collection of specimens of all species present in West Africa and related regions. This collection is the first in West Africa. With the support of SyRIMAO and in collaboration with the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Belgium (RMCA), the CNS-FL now has a technical platform (computer, software, digital collection, physical collections, adapted binoculars) to identify all the specimens from the West African sub-region. A core group of 3 technicians has been trained to use these tools. A procedural manual indicating the process and equipment necessary for the shipment of specimens by the different countries is drafted and made available. This tool further supports the sovereignty of the sub-region in monitoring its territory in terms of diversity for rapid action in case of invasion of new species. The CNS-FL is continuing its march towards regional excellence by resolutely playing its role of regional coordination of research on fruit flies



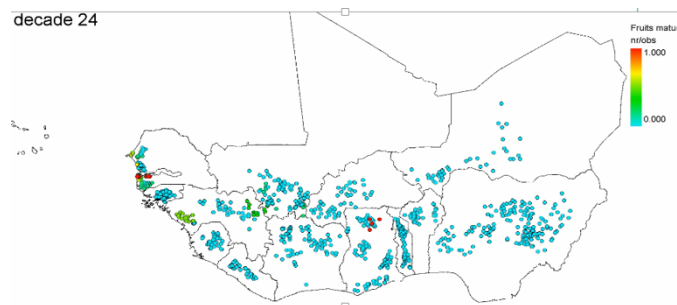
Each NC is invited to facilitate a series of discussions during the national annual review and programming workshops to determine the predisposing factors and the real causes of the recurrent increase in interceptions with a view to proposing solutions with a timetable for their implementation. The results of these national analyses and the proposed solutions will serve as a basis for discussion at the 2022 annual review and 2023 programming workshop. This framework of discussions will be an opportunity to learn from the good practices of the countries and a framework of common commitment to improve the quality of our phytosanitary inspection system and thus reduce the losses suffered by our economic operators at the gates of Europe.

## Surveillance Watch Alert

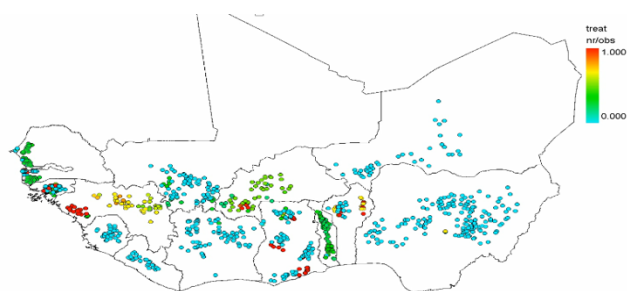
The SyRIMAO surveillance and alert system network has been updated with the relocation of the regional system to businesses and is in place in the 14 countries that have joined the project in the 15 ECOWAS member states. Its implementation was subject to (i) the availability of monitoring equipment and (ii) the structuring of national committees including a strong private sector in order to ensure its sustainability. Mango exporting countries have seen 50% of the monitored areas relocated to orchards in connection with their export companies.

As of 1 October 2022, in areas where the system is in place and functioning, the situation of the mango development stages is as shown on the map below:

Red dots indicate locations or orchards with mature mangoes, green dots indicate sites with small fruits and blue dots indicate orchards with dormant mangoes.



Our analysis of the infestation rate is illustrated by the map below



## Support for the national public-private coordination structures

*How can we significantly and sustainably reduce interceptions of our mangoes at the gates of Europe?*

*The implementation and strict observation of inspection procedures remains a major challenge!*

The 2022 mango export season was marked by its early cessation in all countries due to a rapid outbreak of fruit flies caused by early rains which forced the Plant Protection Directorate to stop the mango export season early.

The mango export season was, however, by far the most productive in terms of the volume of mangoes exported, with more than 200,000 tonnes of mangoes exported compared to 91,388 tonnes exported in 2021. But this overall increase was also accompanied by a significant increase in mango interceptions to 95 interceptions from 42 interceptions in 2021.

For the time being, the countries concerned are taking stock of the mango campaign by organising special sessions to analyse the causes of its interception and the measures to be taken.

While the explosion of fruit flies due to the early arrival of the rains may explain the risk of fly bites and therefore the increased risk of interception, it cannot be the main cause. Ghana, which broke the export record with nearly 124,638 tonnes of mangoes exported, recorded only two (02) interceptions. The primary causes of the increase in interceptions are also to be found in our safety nets, which are the inspection procedures and their

participation of the Coordination in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ghana Mango Week whose theme was: Ghana' Green Gold. "Beyond Value Addition-Market Diversification and Market Development Supported by the Government of Ghana, USAID, European Union, UNIDO, FEEDFITURE and WACOMP Ghana.

This week was a great opportunity for SyRIMAO to share with all participants from Ghana with various backgrounds, the achievements of the PLMF, and its contribution to the mango sector both in Ghana and in West Africa.



Presentation of the coordinator

During the quarter, support for national committees that have reached the threshold of 70% of expenses continued in the process of preparing their request for a second instalment.

Finally, the process of recruiting an audit firm to audit the National Committees and the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food was completed. The results of the selection of the audit firm and the communication agency selected are submitted to AFD for a No Objection Notice. The first audits will start in November and will concern all NCs that have applied for the second tranche and will henceforth be annual.

# News from the neighbour

*The structuring of the mango sector in Benin, towards the establishment of an interprofessional organisation of the mango sector.*

As part of the support for the structuring of the mango sector, the Beninese NC facilitated a workshop with all the representatives of the inter-professional families on the role and responsibilities of each actor. This workshop was an opportunity to agree on the roadmap for the establishment of the different professional families as well as the inter-profession.

Dr Augustin KINDOZAND  
SyRIMAO-Benin Project Manager



Participants picture

*What approach should be taken to set up an autonomous financing mechanism for the mango sector in Senegal?  
The CN of Senegal leads multi-actor consultations in place!*

The National Fruit Fly Management Committee (CN) brought together a panel of mango industry stakeholders to stimulate debate with a view to proposing a concerted approach aimed at redirecting the industry towards self-financing. In this approach, the needs of the mango sector were estimated in terms of means of control, monitoring, control and export inspection, capacity building and Applied Research (ARD), for an amount quantified annually at THREE BILLION EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND (3 864 000 000). For this purpose, it is agreed that a levy of fifteen (15) FCFA per kilogram of mangoes sold, including 5 FCFA to be borne by the producers and 10 FCFA by the exporters.



Meetings of restitution were organized in the three mango

Meetings were organized in the three mango production areas of the country to sensitize members of producer organizations and exporters on the recommendations of the focus group. Eleven (11) feedback meetings were held in the different zones, followed by 27 other internal meetings and 5 radio programs conducted by the producers themselves, within the producers themselves, as part of their advanced strategy. On the other hand, the sensitization of mango exporters did not meet with unanimous approval, and discussions are continuing between single exporting companies and companies that produce and export twice, in order to reach a consensus

Dr Elhaj Omar Dieng Project Manager CN Senegal



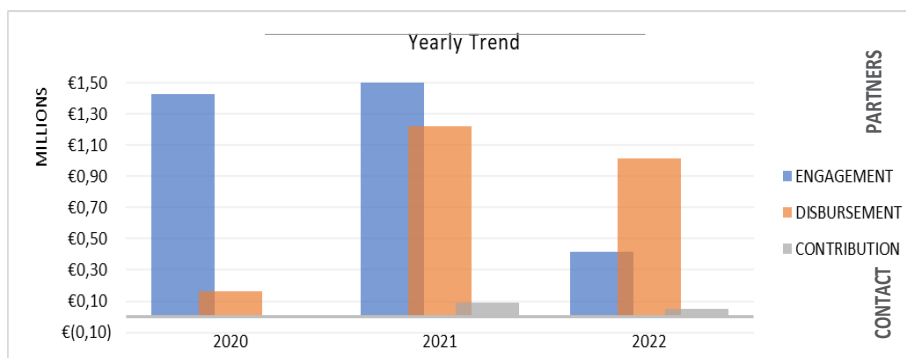
A view of participants

## EURO

Financial report  
(in million €)

In the first half of 2022:

- **50.14%** of the grant budget is committed (€5.7M)
- **24.49%** of the committed amount is disbursed (€2.4M)



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