



Report of Working Group 01 activities

Name of the Working Group	WG code	Number of members (Feb. 2012)
Sustainable Production Systems and Environmental Impact	WG01	171
WG coordinators' email	Main languages used for internal communications	
WBFcoordWG01@dggroups.org	English, Spanish and French	
In short		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABLE BANANA PRODUCTION AND TRADE</u> Sustainable banana production and trade...<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is conducted with respect for the environment, avoids harmful environmental impacts and conserves natural resources;• is conducted with respect for labour and other human rights, provides decent work and working conditions and sustains constructive relationships with local communities and wider society;• is economically viable and productive, provides employees and farmers with an adequate income, and generates fair returns for all actors in the production and supply chain.○ <u>OBJECTIVES & SCOPE</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- To contribute to a better understanding of the main issues related to sustainable banana production- To develop a road map towards improving sustainability in banana production.- To build consensus on key issues and solutions.- Differentiation for regions and scale of production can be taken into account if considered necessary.- Scope: The production and export process up till FOB-level○ <u>EXPECTED OUTPUTS</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- To agree on a comprehensive definition of sustainable banana production;- To identify the most important sustainability issues in banana production;- To compile and exchange information and knowledge about sustainability and related issues in banana production systems;- To list and discuss potential solutions, and come up with a priority list of most promising options to tackle sustainability issues in banana production;- To initiate and facilitate actions taken towards achieving identified options for solutions to sustainability issues in banana production systems;- To set up pilot projects around at least one of these identified options.- Exchange relevant information with other WGs of the WBF and externally.- Also agreed in 2011: Formation of a WG on Pesticides (Social and Environmental Impact)○ <u>MAIN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN 2010-2011 AND RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3 meetings in Europe, 1 meeting in Ecuador- Draft Definition of Sustainable Banana production- Evaluation of priority sustainability issues- Proposal of Library of Best Practices; offer of Bioversity to host the library on the Promusa web site- Review of existing carbon footprint studies, with regard to method and results, to be conducted by CIRAD- Study of best practice in carbon emissions reductions, to be supported by Swedish funding- Pesticide-Agrichemical project discussed with input from Colsiba○ <u>ONGOING/FUTURE ACTIVITIES (2012-13)</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Definition of sustainable banana production and trade: Review and ongoing improvements (in Guayaquil)- Library of best sustainability practices: Implementation 2012, expansion 2013- Carbon footprint and life cycle analyses: Review of studies 2012; best practices in carbon capture and emissions reductions: 2012-13- Pesticide project: Definition of project protocol and technical support; applications for funding		



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- **FUNDING**
French and Swedish funding approved, agreements to be finalized
- **COORDINATION GROUP**
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