

# CAPE VERDE - Agricultural Census 2004 - Explanatory Notes

## Historical outline

The first Census of Agriculture in Cape Verde was undertaken in 1963. The second was carried out in 1978, while the third was conducted in 1988. Consequently, the 2004 General Census of Agriculture (RGA) to which data here presented refer, is the fourth ever conducted in the country.

## Organization

At the central level, the Ministry of Environment Agriculture and Fisheries (MAAP), was responsible for the organization of the RGA. The MAAP executed the census through its Studies and Planning Office (GEP) which was the office responsible for the generation of Special Statistics (OPES) in collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics (INE). INE is the responsible office for technical co-ordination of official statistical operations in the context of the National Statistical System (SEN). The peripheral organizational structure of the RGA consisted of census offices at regional level called "Célula Regional do Recenseamento General de Agricultura". Technical and financial assistance for the census was provided by:

- the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the preparatory phase of the census lasting from 1999 to 2001,
- the Government of Sweden through the Swedish Bureau of Statistics in the central phase of the census, and
- the Government of Italy, through the National Statistical Office (ISTAT) during the phase after the census to develop a Permanent Statistical System in the country.

About 298 supervisors, controllers and enumerators carried out the field work for the census.

## Enumeration period

Data were collected during the period 3 May to 31 July 2004.

## Reference period

For the majority of census items the reference period was the agricultural year 2003/04, i.e. from 1 May 2003 to 30 April 2004. For census items like number of livestock, holding characteristics and farm population the reference time was the day of the enumerator's visit.

## Definition

- **Agricultural holding** was the statistical unit of the census – managed either by an agricultural household or a non-household entity. Non-household holdings are those managed by cooperatives, collectives, government holdings and private corporations.
- **Agricultural Holder** was defined as the person who has the moral and financial responsibility of carrying out the agricultural operations and takes the major decisions regarding use of sources.

## Coverage

The General Census of Agriculture 2004 was designed to cover both rural and urban areas all over Cape Verde Islands.

## Frame

In order to build the census frame, maps of census cartography were provided by the National Statistics Institute (INE). A list of households prepared for the Population and Housing General Census conducted in 2000 was also used to prepare the RGA frame.

## Method

Complete enumeration of all holdings was carried out. Data were collected by enumerators through direct interview.

## Data source

Recenseamento Geral da Agricultura 2004, Resultados Definitivos. Ministério do Ambiente, Agricultura e Pescas. República de Cabo Verde.

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