



WEBINAR

# Sustainable Cricket Farming

## Best Practices for farmers and inspectors

Co-organized by FAO 's Regional Office, Bangkok and FAO's Forest Products & Statistics Team, Rome

14.00 to 15.15 hours, ICT (Bangkok)  
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## Background

The FAO publications Six-legged livestock: edible insect farming, collection and marketing in Thailand and Edible insects: future prospects for food and feed caused international media sensations in 2013 for advancing the proposition that edible insects could contribute to meeting the food, nutrition and feed needs of a growing world population. Considering the issues related to inadequate guidance on food safety and hygiene from government agencies and the critical need for a guidance tool on best practices for farmers and farm inspectors, FAO and Khon Kaen University (Thailand) developed the "Guidance on sustainable cricket farming: A practical manual for farmers and inspectors. This publication provides a framework for government agencies to monitor cricket production processes and ensure food safety and hygiene. It helps new cricket farmers in their business and offers current farmers practical management support. This webinar comprises the launch of this publication and discussions on how it can benefit sustainable cricket farming.

## Programme

**14:00** Introduction (Moderator: Illias Animon)

**14:05** Opening Remarks: Sven Walter, Team Leader, FAO, Rome

**14:15** Guidance on sustainable cricket farming: why and what  
Yupa Hanboonsong, Entomologist, Khon Kaen University &  
Patrick Durst, Former Senior Forestry Officer, FAO, Bangkok

**14:35** How can the manual promote sustainable cricket farming  
**Discussants:** Katinka DeBalogh, Senior Animal Production Health Officer, FAO, Bangkok, Shiroma Sathyapala, Forestry Officer, FAO, Rome, Mr. Worapong Wilairat, Policy and Plan Analyst, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards, Thailand; Ms. Lallalit (Kim) Sukontarattanasook, Veterinarian and Founder, NL Cricket Farm

### Plenary discussion and clarifications

**15:10** Closing remarks: Thomas Hofer, Senior Forestry Officer

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