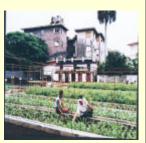
Introduction

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RUAF

- · International Partnership Programme.
- Programme funding by IDRC (Canada) and DGIS (the Netherlands)
- Co-funding for specific activities by GTZ, DSE, SIDA, ACIAR, CGIAR, FAO, CTA, IWMI CORDAID, MISERIOR, OXFAM-NL,, a/o
- 1999-2004



RUAF Objectives

- · To create awareness regarding the potentials and risks of urban agriculture
- To improve access of local stakeholders to information (research data, project experiences, policy evaluations)
- To facilitate identification and analysis of critical issues regarding urban agriculture
- To support local capacity development and networking



Objectives (cont.)

- ? To facilitate the integration of urban agriculture in the policies and action plans of national and local stakeholders
- ? To **secure embedding** of functions of RUAF in the regular programmes of regional and international organisations in order to ensure continuity



Project organisation

- Context: SGUA-action plan 1996
- Project coordination: ETC, Netherlands
- · Regional partners:
 - Latin America and the Caribbean: UMP-LAC, Quito
 Francophone West Africa: IAGU, Dakar
 Anglophone West Africa: IMWI-Ghana, Accra
 East and Southern Africa: MDP, Harare
 S-E-Asia: IWMI-India, Hyderabad
 Middle East and Northern Africa: CEDARE, Cairo
 China: IGSNRR, Beijing
 Liaison North America: TUAN, Washington
 Liaison Europe: ETC, Leusden



Activities

- RUAF Website www.ruaf.org Urban Agriculture Magazine Electronic Conferences International Workshops Bibliographic database and Annotated bibliography Contacts and expertise database Publication "Growing Cities, Growing Food" (5
- languages) Regional Needs Analysis
- Video on Urban Agriculture (4 languages) CD-Rom with bibliography and other RUAF
- materials
 Development of Training Materials (also for
- Internet)
 Assistance to policy development and action
- planning



RUAF: E-Conferences and international workshops

- 1999 International workshop "Urban agriculture on the policy agenda" in Havana, Cuba with DSE, CTA, GTZ and Sida
- 2000 Electronic Conference with FAO on "UPA, Food Security and Health" $\,$
- 2001 International workshop in Nairobi and Electronic E-conference with CGIAR-SIUPA, CTA and ACIAR on "Appropriate Methodologies for Urban Agriculture"
- 2002 Regional workshop in Ouagadougou with CREPA and CTA on "Use of Wastewater in Urban Agriculture"; E-conference with IWMI on the same issue
- · Planned: E-conference with UN-Habitat on "Access to

UA-Magazine

In 5 language versions; 5000 subscribers

- Thematic issues (3 per year):
 # 1 Maiden issue: urban agriculture
 # 2 Urban livestock
 # 3 Health aspects of urban agriculture
 # 4 Integration of agriculture in urban planning
 # 5 Appropriate Methodologies for urban agriculture
 research, planning, implementation and evaluation
 # 6 Transition to ecological farming
 # 7 The economics of urban agriculture
 # 8 Use of wastewater in urban agriculture

- Planned: # 9 Financing urban agriculture # 10 Micro-technologies for urban agriculture # 11 Access to land and water



Urban Aquaculture

- · RUAF wants to give the topic more attention
- · Critical issues:
- link with urban poverty alleviation and enhancing urban food security
- recycling of wastewater and organic wastes
- management of public health and environmental risks
- micro-enterprise development for processing and marketing



Role of RUAF in PAPUSSA

Planned:

- · Aquaculture discussion platform and Papussa homepage on the RUAF website
- Production of CD-rom with materials produced by the Papussa-partners

Proposed (if funds allow):

- an UA-Magazine on Aquaculture
- an Email-conference on Aquaculture
- · a Policy brief on aquaculture

