Establishing Priorities for SPS Capacity Building in Mozambique Using a Multi – Criteria Decision – Making Framework

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MOZAMBIQUE MAP
Context

- Previous sector assessment (plants, animals and fisheries in 2011)
- No cross-cutting SPS assessment or prioritization
- SPS Coordination Committee just getting started
SPS - COORDINATION

- Ministry of Agriculture (Plants protection and animal health)
- Ministry of Health (Food Safety)
- Ministry of Fisheries (Fish Inspection)
- Focal point of WTO: Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Focal Point of SPS: Plants protection Department
Process of applying MCDA in Mozambique

- First application of framework lead by outside consultants
- Information dossier prepared
- Stakeholder workshop (one day)
- Collection of data for information sheets
- Analysis and ranking
- Report drafted and circulated
Experiences

- Government institutions and university participated
- No private sector participation
- The MCDA was important for us
  - Provided a new tool to discuss and prioritize SPS capacity needs
  - Brought together different SPS groups (food safety, codex, animal health, fisheries, plant health)
Experiences

- But it was new
- Still need to discuss and see how to re-use this approach
- National SPS Committee (now being formalized) could be the way to re-use this framework in future
Outcomes in Mozambique

- The USAID consultants designed Mozambique fruit fly surveillance project based on ranking and submitted to USAID.
- The project was approved for funding but it is still under discussion between USAID and Ministry of Agriculture.
Recommendations

- For more active involvement of public and private sector, better explain the advantages and disadvantages of the process.
- Sensitize stakeholders better about framework before it is applied
- Greater role for National institution to coordinate the stakeholders workshop:
  - Mobilization of national stakeholders
  - Invitations to the private sector
Suggestion for other countries

- The MCDA process can be good to analyse to prioritize SPS funding, and the outcomes are evident, according to the Mozambique experience.
- We recommend other countries to apply, although there is a need to involve effectively the national institutions in other to gain more participants and to be more transparent.
THANK YOU