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Center for Tropical Agriculture

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1. Geographic Information Now On-line

- The Latin American and Caribbean Population Database.
These digital maps are based on population totals from the region's
18,300+ administrative units.
<http://gisweb.ciat.cgiar.org/population/index.htm>

- The Mitch Atlas details the agriculture, natural resources, and
socioeconomics of Honduras. Originally available on compact
disk, this information was consolidated as part of CIAT's support
of relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch in 1998.
http://gisweb.ciat.cgiar.org/cross_scale/atlas-mitch.htm

- Rural Sustainability Indicators for Central America is an aid for
improving policy and decision making on sustainable land and
environmental management in the region.
http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/indicators/indicators_cd_ca.htm

These maps can be directly imported into standard geographic
information systems software.

2. Publication on Cassava in Animal Feed Now On-line

This work, published in 1990 in Spanish, offers basic information
and recommendations for using roots and other parts of the
cassava plant as fresh products, flour, ensilage, and granules
("pellets") in feed for cattle, swine, and poultry.
http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/yuca/libro_yuca_alimentacion_animal.htm

3. New Publications on Seed Systems in Stress (revised version)

The two new publications that offer valuable guidance to anyone
involved in emergency seed relief are now available in a revised
version:

(1) Addressing Seed Security in Disaster Response: Linking Relief with Development, co-edited by CIAT with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and CARE Norway, presents the findings of original research in the form of detailed case studies from seven African countries; (2) Towards Effective and Sustainable Seed Relief Activities, published by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), reports the results of a workshop organized jointly by FAO and CIAT in 2004. The event underscored key principles--e.g., the importance of farmer choice about crops and varieties--for improving the effectiveness of seed relief efforts by the UN and other agencies.

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