

PART 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

This report gives an account of the sample survey carried out by a team of post graduate students at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture during the 1959-1960 session.

The survey was planned and supervised, and the data analysed by a team consisting of: R.A. Bohun, T.G. Marks, J.P. Martel, J. Roche and W.R. Stent. Meetings were held under the chairmanship of Dr. A.L. Jolly. The field work was carried out by the team, together with other post graduate students at the College during the Christmas vacation, the precise dates being 21st - 23rd December, 1959 and 6th January, 1960.

Responsibility for various aspects of the survey was not laid down as strictly as in similar surveys of previous years, but the work devolved mainly as follows: the planning and supervision of the statistics (the writer), the questionnaire (Marks and Stent), the planning of the field work of enumeration (Marks and Martel), the preliminary report (Roche).

This report whilst being an attempt at a balanced description and discussion of the survey will deal in most detail with its statistical aspects.