

SECTION I.

A. INTRODUCTION.

1. GENERAL.

The Food Crop Survey to be discussed in this report was undertaken by a team of eight postgraduate students of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, as an exercise in statistical sampling, and as part-fulfilment of the regulations governing the Diploma in Tropical Agriculture of the College. As will be more fully explained later in the report, the chosen survey area was divided into seven sub-areas, one member of the team being responsible for the supervision and organisation of the work relating to one sub-area. The eighth member of the team (Meredith) was responsible for the organisation of the office work, and also for the statistical part of the survey, though for certain aspects of both of these, Meredith enlisted the writer's help. Consequently, this report will consist of a moderately detailed account of the statistics and office aspects of the survey, plus a more detailed account of the survey and its execution in respect of the sub-area for which the writer was responsible.

Reference should be made to the reports of Law, Watson and Waterworth for a detailed account of the preliminary field work, while their reports, and those of the other team members - Currie, Hill, and Mawly - should be consulted for details of the survey of the other sub-areas. For a comprehensive account of the statistics involved in this survey, reference should be made to Meredith's report.