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LAUNCH OF THE KARI BIOSAFETY GREENHOUSE

The biosafety insect-proof greenhouse extension unit was launched on 2 December at the Kenya Agriculture Research Institute (KARI) Biotechnology Centre, Nairobi.

The biosafety greenhouse extension unit was opened by the Chairman, KARI Board of Management, Dr Jamleck J.M. Mutugi (PhD,SS).

The construction of the greenhouse began in August 2006 and was completed in June 2008 at a cost of about 3.2 million Kenya shillings. The basic structure of the greenhouse is identical to the four existing greenhouse units, but has modifications necessary for isolation when working with insects.

The greenhouse extension that is being launched has been funded by the Danish government through BiosafeTrain project. BiosafeTrain is an Enhancement of Research Capacity (ENRECA) project, funded by DANIDA and aims to build capacity (human resource and infrastructure) in coping with challenges of introducing genetically modified crops to East Africa. The project also aims at developing a research structure that will address biosafety concerns locally, including environmental impact assessment of genetically modified organisms and testing and revising suggested standard procedures used in this area.

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