Urban Agriculture, Producer Organizations, and Land Tenure:
A Study of Two Market Gardens in Cotonou, Benin.
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‘Market-oriented’ Urban Producer Organization (UPOs):
• (Source of Food Security)
• Source of Employment
• High Value Produce (HVP) – Irrigated Exotic Vegetables, Year-round Production
Comparison of Two Market Gardens:

- Both areas of land owned by ASECNA
- Informal agreements only
- Different site characteristics

Source: Google Earth
History of Displacement at Cocotiers:

Current Site of CMC
(approx. 4 hectares)

Former site of CMC
1981 to 2006 (including current site)
(approx. 5 hectares)

Original Site of CMC
Evicted 1981
(approx. 8 hectares)

Source: Google Earth
Implications of Perceived Land Security:

- Investments by farmers (e.g. irrigation systems)
Implications of Perceived Land Security:

- NGO Institutional Support

Projet de Gestion des Dechets Solides Menages (PGDSM)
Houeyiho Composting Facility
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Conclusions:

- Importance of land security reality and perception
- Contributing factors to perception of land security
- Broader implications of a practical land tenure system