



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources**

Mr Kent Nnadozie
Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 1
00153 ROME, ITALY

Subject: Notification regarding the contribution of Australia to the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing

Dear Mr Nnadozie

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources wishes to notify you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* and maintained in Australia are available in the Multilateral System.

1. The collections held by the Australian Grains Genebank, located in Horsham, Victoria. For information on the composition of the collection and user procedures to order samples are please contact Dr Sally Norton at sally.norton@ecodev.vic.gov.au
2. The collections held by the Australian Pastures Genebank, located in Adelaide, South Australia. Detailed data on the composition of the collection and user procedures to order samples are readily available at <http://apg.pir.sa.gov.au/gringlobal/search.aspx>.

Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the Treaty. In due course, the material will be also registered in the Global Information System of the Treaty.

Yours sincerely

Anna Willock
Assistant Secretary
Agricultural Policy Division
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources