

# Tunisia



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## Project title

Promotion of the recognition of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)

**Overall objective:** Develop and implement a national strategy for the conservation and sustainable management of agro-biodiversity of GIAHS in the historical Gafsa oasis in Tunisia.

**Crops addressed:** Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*), pepper (*Capsicum*), eggplant (*Solanum*), maize (*Zea*), parsley, carrot (*Daucus*)

## Main activities

- Development and incorporation of an integrated PGRFA management strategy in the Gafsa oasis
- Revitalization of agricultural practices and local institutions responsible for the maintenance of the diversity in the oasis
- Training and capacity building of local and national actors in the sustainable management of Gafsa's agro-biodiversity

## Implementing institution

Association for the Safeguard of Médina of Gafsa

## Related website

[www.giahs.org](http://www.giahs.org)



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**THE HISTORIC GAFSA OASIS IS A BIODIVERSITY** laboratory that has been included by FAO in the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS) that currently consists of six world pilot sites. This particularly oasis is also the focal point of this BSF project. Throughout the world, generations of farmers have created, shaped and maintained unique agricultural systems and landscapes that have sustainably supported human livelihoods for centuries, but are currently subject to deterioration and erosion. Several workshops have been organized for local and national administration offices, research institutions, NGOs and farmers to ensure the sustainable management and conservation of the historic site of the GAFSA oasis, including, in particular, PGRFA. This is an important entry point for the development of legal, technical and practical measures for the promotion of the dynamic conservation of the Oasis at local and national levels. It is envisaged that the enabling environment created through this project will facilitate the adoption by national level authorities of these measures as a framework for action in the forthcoming months.

***The BSF projects activities of the Association for Safeguarding the Gasfa Medina are geared towards the development of a national strategy for the conservation and sustainable management of agro-biodiversity of the GIAHS in Tunisia.***



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