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The Secretary
International Treaty On Plant
Genetic Resources for Food
And Agriculture
Viale Delle Terme
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INCLUSION OF MALAWI'S COLLECTION IN THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM

The Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is hereby notified that Malawi as a Contracting Party is pleased to include 1419 accessions in the multilateral system of the Treaty. The collection is held by Malawi Plant Genetic Resources Centre at Chitedze Research Station except for Banana collection which is at Bvumbwe Research Station. The samples belong to 17 genera all of them in Annex 1 of the treaty.

It is our hope that terms and conditions under standard Material Transfer Agreement of the Treaty will apply and inclusion of the material will not lead to abuse, but will facilitate access and contribution to global agricultural development

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred P. Mtukuso'.

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GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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ITPGRFA ANNEX 1: CROPS HELD AT MALAWI PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES CENTRE

Crop	Genus	No. of Accession	Nature of Collection	Conservation Method	No. of Accession Characterized
Sorghum	<i>Sorghum</i>	297	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	164
Cow peas	<i>Vigna</i>	71	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	60
Finger Millet	<i>Eleusine</i>	145	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	123
Maize	<i>Zea Mays</i>	80	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Beans	<i>Phaseolus Vulgalis</i>	101	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Pearl Millet	<i>Pennisentum</i>	40	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	31
Rice	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	43	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
	<i>Oryza barthii</i>	20	Wild relative		
	<i>Oryza punctata</i>	3	Wild relative		
	<i>Oryza Longistaminata</i>	7	Wild relative		
Pigeon pea	<i>Cajanus</i>	70	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus</i>	97	Recycled improved varieties	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Cassava	<i>Manihot</i>	197	Landraces	Field gene bank (living collections)	
Yams	<i>Dioscorea</i>	9	Landraces	Field gene bank (living collections)	
Bambara	<i>Vigna</i>	30	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	27
Green grams	<i>Vigna</i>	11	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Lima beans	<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>	9	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Chick pea	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	1	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Egg plant	<i>Solanum macrocapon</i>	1	Landraces	Deep freezer (-20°C)	
Cocoa yams	<i>Colocasia</i>	79	Landraces	Field gene bank (living collections)	
Bananas	<i>MussaMusa</i>	108	Landraces	Field gene bank (living collections)	