

Digital Sequence Information (DSI) in Namibia

The Governing Body invited Contracting Parties, other governments, relevant stakeholders and individuals with relevant expertise on the matter to provide information to the Governing Body, including on:

- terminology used in this area;
- actors involved with DSI on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA);
- the types and extent of uses of DSI on PGRFA, such as: characterization; breeding and genetic improvement; conservation; identification of PGRFA;
- the relevance of DSI on PGRFA for food security and nutrition.

In response to the above mention request, Namibia currently does have legal framework in place to regulate DSI on PGRFA. The use of DSI in Namibia is limited to basic research by the government ministries, organisations and agencies (OMAs), academic and other research institutions focusing on characterization and identification of PGRFA for baseline information in the country.