NOTIFICATION

Expert survey to define a strategic list of Crop Wild Relatives in situ descriptors globally

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat is pleased to announce the opening of an expert survey to define a minimal list of strategic passport descriptors for the exchange of information on Crop Wild Relatives (CWR) conserved in situ.

This activity belongs to the ‘Development of a globally agreed list of descriptors for in situ CWR documentation’ project developed under the Programme of Work of the Global Information System (GLIS) of the International Treaty. The aim of this project is to develop an international language for CWR in situ data to enable countries to compile and exchange data held by different national and international organizations, advanced research institutes and other bodies known to possess relevant data.

This project supports the implementation of the provisions of the International Treaty: Article 5 (‘promote in situ conservation of CWR and wild plants for food production, including in protected areas’); Article 6 (Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources); and the Programme of Work on Article 17.

The descriptors proposed in the survey, are the result of research and consolidated work on CWR developed by various initiatives worldwide and has taken as starting point, the Core Descriptors for in situ conservation of CWR v.1 published by Bioversity International. It takes into consideration several sources of information and data on CWR currently available, and advice provided by the Core Advisory Group. It also takes advantage of the results of a workshop held in Embrapa-Cenargen in September 2019 in Brasilia, which involved experts from Latin American and the Caribbean region and of the feedback received from the Farmers’ Pride project partners.

The survey targets more than 300 selected experts from around the world, but in your role of national focal point, you are invited to circulate it further through your relevant networks and contacts.

Link to the Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/descriptorsCWR
Deadline: 16 March 2020

If you have any question or require further information about this exercise, please contact: Ms Adriana Alercia (Adriana.Alercia@FAO.org cc: PGRFA-Treaty@FAO.org).

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Secretary
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