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ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
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**Views, Experiences and Best Practices as an example of possible options for  
the national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty**

*Note by the Secretary*

*At its [second meeting](#) of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG), the Expert Group agreed on a revised version of the [template](#) for collecting information on examples of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights*

*This document presents the updated information on best practices and measures of implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty submitted by Indonesia on 31 July 2019.*

*The submission is presented in the form and language in which it was received.*

## MEASURE/PRACTICE 2

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

- **Title of measure/practice** : **Award for farmers who conserve genetic resources which is given at National Congress of Genetic Resources**
- **Date of submission** : 31 July 2019
- **Name of country in which the measure/practice is taking place** : Indonesia
- **Responsible institution/organization**
  - Name** : National Commission on Genetic Resources
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- **Type of Institution/organization** : Government
- **Collaborating/supporting institutions/organizations/actors** : Regional Commission on Genetic Resources in all provinces in Indonesia

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMPLE**

#### **MANDATORY INFORMATION**

- **Short summary of the measure/practice** : Award for farmers who conserve genetic resources is given regularly every two years since 2014 at the National Congress of Genetic Resources held by the National Commission on Genetic Resources (NCGR-Komnas SDG). The winners are selected only from farmers who are proposed by the Regional Commission on Genetic Resources (RCGR-Komda SDG) in every province. Those who conserve the most variation both intra- or inter-species of genetic resources as well as those that actively utilize the local genetic resources by their own resources, have more chances to receive the Award. Recently, in the last event, two farmers received the Award, i.e. from the north part of Indonesia, Aceh Provinces, and from the central part of Indonesia, West Sulawesi provinces
- **Brief history** : The award was given since 2014 in the event of National Congress of Genetic Resources which was held by the Commission every two years. More than 10 farmers usually participated in the event and at the last Congress; there was a greatly increased number of farmers who participated in the event, i.e. 20 farmers. Only farmers who are proposed by their Regional Commission can participate and the winners were selected according to their variation of the collection, their knowledge about conservation of PGRFA, and their passion on the activity. Recently, in the last event, two farmers received the Award, i.e. from the north part of Indonesia, Aceh Provinces, and from the central part of Indonesia, West Sulawesi provinces

- Core components of the measure/practice : Only farmers who were proposed by the Regional Commission on Genetic Resources are eligible to participate the nomination. Then based on several criteria, judges will select the winner and award will be given at the Congress. Those that have been the winner were not allowed to receive the Award in further event.
- Description of the context and the history of the measure/practice is taking place : The farmers who participated in the awarding process came from all the regions of Indonesia
- To which provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty does this measure relate : Art. 9.1

**OTHER INFORMATION, IF APPLICABLE**

- Please indicate which category of the Inventory is most relevant for the proposed measure, and which other categories are also relevant (if any):

No.	Category	Most relevant	Also relevant
1.	Recognition of local and indigenous communities', farmers' contributions to conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, such as awards and recognition of custodian/guardian farmers	√	
2.	Financial contributions to support farmers conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA such as contributions to benefit-sharing funds		
3.	Approaches to encourage income-generating activities to support farmers' conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA		
4.	Catalogues, registries and other forms of documentation of PGRFA and protection of traditional knowledge		√
5.	In-situ/on-farm conservation and management of PGRFA, such as social and cultural measures, community biodiversity management and conservation sites		
6.	Facilitation of farmers' access to a diversity of PGRFA through community seed banks, seed networks and other measures improving farmers' choices of a wider diversity of PGRFA		
7.	Participatory approaches to research on PGRFA, including characterization and evaluation, participatory plant breeding and variety selection		
8.	Farmers' participation in decision-making at local, national and sub-regional, regional and international levels		
9.	Training, capacity development and public awareness creation		
10.	Legal measures for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, such as legislative measures related to PGRFA.		
11.	Other measures/practices		

- Objective(s) : To recognize farmers who have important role and contribution in conserving local biodiversity

- Target group(s) and numbers of involved and affected farmers : 20-30 farmers participated as nomination for the Awards in every Congress
- Location(s) and geographical outreach : All provinces in Indonesia
- Resources used for implementation of the measure/practice : All resources to conduct/implement this Award are provided by the National Commission on Genetic Resources
- How has the measure/practice affected the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA? : This award is one of the appreciations from the government for stakeholder, especially the farmers who has important role in conserving the biodiversity in their community. It also may encourage other stakeholders/farmers and create public awareness to the importance of biodiversity. A routine award given every two years, may contribute to the sustainability of the conservation itself, even though done only by farmers itself/community
- Please describe the achievements of the measure/practice so far (including quantification) : 2-3 farmers received the Awards in every Congress
- Other national level instruments that are linked to measure/practice : Genetic Resources Consortium
- Are you aware of any other international agreements or programs that are relevant for this measure/practice? : Yes
- Other issues you wish to address that have not yet been covered to describe the measure/practice : -

## LESSONS LEARNED

- Describe lesson learned which may be relevant for others who wish to do the same or similar measures/practices : Award stimulates farmers' enthusiasm in the conservation activities, particularly for endangered or underutilized crops
- What challenges encountered along the way (if applicable) : Award is given in the form of certificate and few amount of monetary incentive. No standard mechanism/system that can ensure the sustainability of the conservation done by farmers, if they have low passion on it. Both central or local governments must have more attention and effort to develop the system.
- Link to further information about the measure/practice : -