



THE GLOBAL PLAN OF **ACTION** FOR ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES

## **SAVE Foundation (Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe) - an NGO network**

Promoting on-farm conservation of genetic resources for food and agriculture in Europe



### **PRIORITIES**

- **SAVE strives to halt and reverse genetic erosion by supporting stakeholder-led development of rural diversity.**
- **SAVE records and characterizes agrobiodiversity in Europe.**
- **SAVE works with local stakeholders to monitor threatened populations and build capacities.**
- **SAVE acts locally to promote on-farm conservation activities through information and knowledge exchange as well as practical support.**



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### **CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

The situation in Europe varies widely from country to country. As well as researching historical literature, SAVE works on the ground to access breeds at risk, identify stakeholders and collect data. This consistent, efficient and effective approach has aided our work for over 15 years and provides a basis for assessing trends in and risks to animal genetic resources.



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### **SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

The primary aim of SAVE is to halt and reverse genetic erosion by supporting sustainable stakeholder-led development of a wide range of rural diversity. Placing an economic value on traditional breeds through the sale of products or services is an effective and sustainable way to ensure their conservation and to share fairly and equitably the benefits of utilizing these resources.



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### **CONSERVATION**

Successful on-farm conservation requires the involvement of all relevant stakeholders. Through participatory action, SAVE actively engages with stakeholders at all levels to ensure that interests are respected and balanced. SAVE works with governmental and intergovernmental bodies, universities, gene banks, breeders' and farmers' associations and other NGOs promoting conservation.



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### **POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

Understanding and keeping up to date with policy changes are among SAVE's objectives. We specialise in encouraging cross-border collaboration and information transfer to ensure conservation of breeds whose home ranges span more than one country. Networking among stakeholders at different levels and promoting exchange of knowledge and experience helps build capacities for conservation strategies.

