

## Format for Proposals of Candidate Systems

For The

## Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) Programme

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

a.	Country and location
b.	Name of the system
c.	Requesting agency/organization
d.	Governmental counterparts and other partners
e.	Summary (max. 200 words)

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM

#### 1. Characteristics of the proposed GIAHS

Based on the category and examples of GIAHS in the webpage, indicate the type of system and describe the characteristics and functioning of the agricultural system. Should include information on the following items but not limited to:

- Agricultural biodiversity and associated biodiversity
- Landscape and land and water resource management characteristics
- Indigenous and local knowledge systems
- Cultural and social aspects of agro-ecological management and conservation strategies (including values, practices and regulatory frameworks governing access to natural resources and other customary and/or formal institutions governing the management of the agro-ecosystem and its benefits).
- Overall ingenuity and remarkability of the human management and characteristics of the agro-ecosystem

#### 2. Goods and Services Provided by the System

Describe the important services and products provided by the system at local, national and global levels. Please pay attention to:

##### *Livelihood services*

- Food security
- Housing, fuel/energy, health and related needs provided for
- Other products and economic services
- Social and cultural services (equity, cohesion, security, ethics, identity, art, values, etc.)

- Quality of life (opportunities, leisure, education and arts)

#### *Environmental services*

- Agricultural biodiversity and associated biodiversity and ecosystem services (conservation, functioning and regulation)
- Soil and water conservation and restoration
- Climate regulation (micro and macro) and carbon sequestration

### **3. Threats and Challenges**

Identify and analyse threats and challenges to the continued existence of the systems and/or to its sustainability and viability. Identify and analyse the local, national and/or global nature of these threats, paying particular attention to occurrences and trends of economic, social, environmental or political nature. Illustrate the changes in the human and ecological dynamics of the system and their effects on ecosystem health, resource endowments and human well-being.

### **4. Policy and Development Relevance**

Describe possible lessons to be learned and benchmark management strategies and principle / practices provided by the system, which are relevant for formulating national and international policies for sustainable agricultural development, as well as their (potential) contribution of the to global concerns of food security and poverty alleviation, biodiversity conservation and climate adaptation.

### **5. Global Importance**

Summarise the outstanding features of the system in terms of their relevance to global concerns in agricultural development and ecosystems management and their cultural and agricultural heritage value.

#### **Optional requirements:**

### **6. Outline of activities**

Should the system be qualified for GIAHS recognition and GIAHS Network, please list:

- activities you would foresee necessary for dynamic conservation of the system
- how these activities will respond to the threats as described under **3**.
- how these activities can be used to leverage funding or attract internal and external donors
- a baseline description of activities, policies and experiences, which are already ongoing in the area and that the project could build upon.
- institutional involvement and embeddedness (support and involvement of institutions that carry responsibility or are otherwise involved in the project area, both local, regional and national)
- participatory approach and community drivenness

**SUGGESTED ANNEXES:**

- location map of the system/site
- lists of agricultural biodiversity species
- description of ecosystem interactions (human and bio-physical)
- listing of other resource endowments and goods and services provided by the system
- a schematic cross section/catena of the landscape indicating the biophysical elements/process/flows.
- historical and archaeological description of the system or site
- photos