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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

**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 Sweden on 9 July 2019.

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



Template for submission of

Measures, Best Practices and Lessons Learned from the Realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty

Basic information

- 'The Golden Pea award'
- 2019-07-01
- Sweden
- County administration, as appropriate.
- Public
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (contact person currently vacant). Interim contact details: Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jens Weibull, jens.weibull@jordbruksverket.se)

Description of the examples

Mandatory information:¹

The Golden Pea award is a recognition of those individuals that - often throughout generations - have contributed to the conservation of plant genetic resources. The award can be given to farmers, gardeners, private persons, and organisations alike. Since the first Golden Pea was awarded in 2002, close to 50 caretakers of the green heritage have been lauded. The award is a collaboration between the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, coordinator of the national PGR programme, and County Administrations that wish to participate. The 'Golden Pea award' helps raise public awareness of PGR issues at the local and regional level.

- To which provision(s) of Article 9 of the International Treaty does this measure relate
 - Art. 9.1
 - Art. 9.2a
 - Art. 9.2b
 - Art. 9.2c
 - Art. 9.3

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):

¹ This mandatory information is required in order for the measure/practice to be included in the Inventory.



No.	Category	Most relevant ²	Also relevant ³
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 ⁴ , 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		

- In case you selected 'other measures', would you like to suggest a description of this measure, e.g. as a possible new category? _____
- Objective(s) - [see mandatory information](#)
- Target group(s) and numbers of involved and affected farmers⁵ - [see mandatory information](#)
- Location(s) and geographical outreach - [see mandatory information](#)

² Please select only one category that is most relevant, under which the measure will be listed.

³ Please select one or several categories that may also be relevant (if applicable).

⁴ Including seed houses.

⁵ Any classification, e.g. of the types of farmer addressed, may be country-specific.



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- Resources used for implementation of the measure/practice - the cost for producing a Golden Pea is approx. USD 270, and is borne by the issuing County Administration.
- How has the measure/practice affected the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture? **Public awareness, understanding of the importance of PGR conservation**
- Please describe the achievements of the measure/practice so far (including quantification) (max 200 words) - see **mandatory information**
- Other national level instruments that are linked to the measure/practice - **none**
- Are you aware of any other international agreements or programs that are relevant for this measure/practice? **No**
- Other issues you wish to address, that have not yet been covered, to describe the measure/practice - **none**

Lessons learned

- Describe lessons learned which may be relevant for others who wish to do the same or similar measures/practices (max 250 words). **Important to have a proactive coordinator who can make the case**
- What challenges encountered along the way (if applicable) (max 200 words) **While some County Administrations have been very active, others have shown very little interest.**
- What would you consider conditions for success, if others should seek to carry out such a measure or organize such an activity? (max 100 words)
 - **Communicate the importance of plant genetic resources**
 - **Have good cases**
 - **Find the right persons**
 - **The monetary value is much less important than the symbolic**

Further information

- Link(s) to further information about the measure/practice: <https://www.slu.se/centrumbildningar-och-projekt/programmet-for-odlad-mangfald-pom/om-pom/utmarkelsen-guldartan/> (in Swedish)