Contributions of Family Farmers in Agrobiodiversity
Role of Food and Agriculture in the Global Biodiversity Framework

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Who are family farmers?

• “a means of organizing agricultural, forestry, fisheries, pastoral and aquaculture production which is managed and operated by a family and predominantly reliant on family capital and labour, including both women’s and men’s. The family and the farm are linked, co-evolve and combine economic, environmental, social and cultural functions.” (FAO)
Family farmers around the world

• Account for more than 90% of the farms
• Occupy around 70–80% of farmland
• Produce more than 80% of the world’s food in value terms

• Farms of less that 2 ha:
  • account for 84% of all farms
  • operate 12% of all agricultural land
Family Farmers in Asia and the Pacific

• Asia and Pacific region accounts for 74 per cent of the world’s family farmers

• Small-scale, family-based food producers account for almost 80 percent of the milk, and 80-90 percent of aquaculture farms.
Family Farmers Contribution to Agrobiodiversity

• We manage natural resources and ecosystems
• We preserve and promote biodiversity through agro ecology, integrated diversified, organic, climate resilient practices in farms, fisheries, livestock and forests
• We are custodians of biodiversity -
• We preserve and share traditional knowledge on food systems

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Video

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRk6l9-ggdU
WAY FORWARD: The support we ask

• A clear, systematic redirection of investment, funding, research and policy focus on sustainable, integrated, diversified, organic, agro-ecological approaches in farms, fisheries, forests f by smallscale producers

• More Agricultural research and investment

• Strengthen links between research, advisory and extension; esp farmer-farmer

• Technical assistance , focusing on women

• Capacity building

• Representation in policy making

• A united front for policy advocacy and constructive engagement with governments at local, national, international levels - e.g RAI processes
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