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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In considering the *Strategic Plan for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work*, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission), at its Twelfth Regular Session, stressed that priority should be accorded to the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work within the Regular Programme of FAO. Some Members of the Commission expressed concern about the high dependency on extra-budgetary funds to implement the Multi-Year Programme of Work and to support the work of its Secretariat. In this context, the Commission requested its Secretariat to present for its consideration at each regular session, a report on the human and financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work.[1] The current paper presents this report.

II. HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK

2. The Commission is a statutory body established in accordance with Article VI.1 of the Constitution. The Commission has no budgetary authority. Financial resources for FAO's work on the various sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture are provided in FAO's biennial Regular Programme of Work and Budget, which is adopted by the FAO Conference, and by extra-budgetary resources made available to FAO by donors. FAO's biennial Programme of Work and Budget and its rolling four-year Medium Term Plan are agreed by the FAO Conference, on the advice of the FAO Council and its Committees. The Commission, by its Statutes, however, "keep[s] under continuous review all matters relating to the policy, programmes and activities of FAO in the area of genetic resources of relevance to food and agriculture (...) and to advise the Director-General and the Council and, as appropriate, its technical committees, including in particular the Committees on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, on such matters," and may therefore provide recommendations on a broad range of FAO's relevant programmes.

3. For the purpose of this report, all programme entities/ unit results that refer in their title to "genetic resources" are considered to support - directly or indirectly - the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission. Given the linkages between the work of the Commission and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, information on resources of the latter is also provided in this report. Programme entities/ unit results, with their budgets, as well as estimated extra-budgetary resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work are reported in *Table 1*.

4. In order to understand the human and financial resources described in this report, it is important to bear in mind the following factors, which show the need for caution in the interpretation of the information provided:

- There may be very different – ranging from very wide to very narrow – understandings of what constitutes "financial resources to support the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work." The scale of financial resources identified may differ considerably depending on the understanding of what such work actually includes.
- The responsibility for work relevant to the implementation of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work does not lie with one division or service, but is integrated in the work programme of the relevant departments of FAO, defined and resourced in various programme entities/ unit results in the Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization.
- There is no single programme entity or organizational/ unit result that covers all work of FAO that supports the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work. Work

[1] CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 82.

supporting the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work is therefore not easily identifiable in the programme entities/ unit results of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization. Some programme entities explicitly mention genetic resources in their title and, thus, can be easily identified. This document focusses on these programme entities and unit results. However, there are programme entities/ unit results that contribute indirectly to the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work. For example, in 2008/2009 programme entities 2FA07 (Conservation and rehabilitation of forests and woodland ecosystems) and 2IP02 (Monitoring, management and conservation of resources for aquaculture development), supported FAO's work on genetic resources in forestry and fisheries.

- Extrabudgetary resources are shown for 2010-11 in line with the integrated budget approach covering all sources of funds at FAO's disposal, as per the new FAO Strategic Framework 2010-2019.
- Human resources are indicated in work months irrespective of category and grade for Headquarters staff. These have been derived from full-time equivalents in the FAO Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 (revised) .

5. The table given in the *Appendix* to this document covers all programme entities and unit results with budgets established for the biennia of 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 respectively, which make reference to "genetic resources" in their title. The change in presentation between biennia is due to the implementation by FAO of a new Strategic Framework and underlying programme structure from 2011, whereby Prorgammes and Programme Entities were replaced by Organizational Results and Unit Results.

6. Five programme entities have been identified in the Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009:

- Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- Support to the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources;
- Conservation and Use of Plant Genetic Resources;
- Technical Support to the Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

7. Seventeen unit results have been identified in the Programme of Work and Budget 2010-2011. It is noted that contributions of decentralized offices to work on genetic resources, which were programmes within programme entities in 2008-2009, are programmed in specific unit results in 2010-11:

- ITPGRFA- Secretariat services for regular meetings of the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies and intersectorial work to ensure an efficient Treaty implementation and operation of its systems at the National level
- Facilitating guidance through the CGRFA regarding the updating and implementation of the Global Plan of Action on PGRFA
- Technical assistance to develop national strategies and information systems that reinforce the linkages among conservation, plant breeding and seed systems in the implementation of the GPA
- Facilitating guidance through the CGRFA on policies relevant to the characterization, sustainable use and conservation of AnGR

- Countries and Regions are supported in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources
- Facilitating guidance through the CGRFA regarding the preparation of The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources
- Preparation of a State of the Worlds Forest Genetic Resources Report
- Improved management of biodiversity in production and protection of forests
- Facilitation of guidance through the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture with regard to The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources
- Regular Sessions of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)
- Cooperation arrangements, including joint work plans, with key partners and other relevant international organizations operationalized
- Support to the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, on animal genetic resources
- Provide Secretariat to the CGRFA's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture amd technical advice to the CGRFA with regard to the sustainable use and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture
- Updated information base for aquatic genetic resources, including identification of key issues for The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources
- Commission communication tools reviewed, up-dated and operationalized
- Coordination mechanism provided for the implementation of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work

III. GUIDANCE SOUGHT

8. The Commission may wish to:

- Take note of the human and financial resources available within FAO for the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work;
- Highlight the importance of adequate financial resources being made available for key sectors of genetic resources, in a strategic manner, over the coming years;
- Invite FAO to continue to mobilize extra-budgetary resources for work on all sectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture and, in particular, in the context of the implementation of the Commission’s results-based Multi-Year Programme of Work;
- Invite donors to provide extra-budgetary resources to support implementation of the activities identified in the Multi-Year Programme of Work.

APPENDIX

PROGRAMME ENTITIES AND UNIT RESULTS REFERRING IN THEIR TITLE TO "GENETIC RESOURCES"[2]

2008 - 2009 Biennium		2010 - 2011 Biennium		
Title of Programme Entity	**RP Budget allocation (US$ 000)**	**Unit Result**	**RP Budget Allocation (US$ 000)**	**EB Resources (US$ 000) 1/**
2KP01 - Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)	**2,273** (110 work months)	A04G101 - ITPGRFA- Secretariat services for regular meetings of the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies and intersectorial work to ensure an efficient Treaty implementation and operation of its systems at the National level	**2,693** (140 work months)	**6,400** (120 work months)
2BA03 - Support to the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources	**3,827** (140 work months)	A04G109 - Facilitating guidance through the CGRFA regarding the updating and implementation of the Global Plan of Action on PGRFA	**227** (14 work months)	**0**
2AA04 - Conservation and Use of Plant Genetic Resources	**22** (2 work months)	A04G112 - Technical assistance to develop national strategies and information systems that reinforce the linkages among conservation, plant breeding and seed systems in the implementation of the GPA	**3,845** (228 work months)	**1,452**
2AP01 - Technical Support to the Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	**4,188** (199 work months)	B03G112 - Facilitating guidance through the CGRFA on policies relevant to the characterization, sustainable use and conservation of AnGR	**195** (14 work months)	**0**
2AP03 - Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	**1,953** (256 work months)	B03G120 - Countries and Regions are supported in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources	**1,832** (180 work months)	**115**
TOTAL	**12,263**	C04G117 - Facilitating guidance through the CGRFA regarding the preparation of The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources	**70** (6 work months)	**133**
		E06G104 - Preparation of a State of the Worlds Forest Genetic Resources Report	**391** (11 work months)	**0**
		E06G105 - Improved management of biodiversity in production and protection of forests	**250** (8 work months)	**0**

[2] **$ based on Project Delivery Estimates for 2010-2011**

E06G122 - Facilitation of guidance through the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture with regard to The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources	**89** (2 work months)	**125**
OR-F03 - Policies and programmes are strengthened at national, regional and international levels to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity for food and agriculture and the equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources	**3,963**	**2,900**
F03G102 -Regular Sessions of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA)	**1,503** (40 work months)	**540**
F03G103 - Cooperation arrangements, including joint work plans, with key partners and other relevant international organizations operationalized	**226** (25 work months)	**60**
F03G104 - Support to the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, on animal genetic resources	**1,162** (38 work months)	**1,297**
F03G105 - Provide Secretariat to the CGRFA's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture amd technical advice to the CGRFA with regard to the sustainable use and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture	**533** (36 work months)	**289**
F03G106 - Updated information base for aquatic genetic resources, including identification of key issues for The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources	**70** (4 work months)	**0**
F03G107 - Commission communication tools reviewed, up-dated and operationalized	**219** (25 work months)	**60**
F03G109 - Coordination mechanism provided for the implementation of the Commission's Multi-Year Programme of Work	**157** (5 work months)	**654**
F03G112 - Technical advice to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the sustainable use and conservation of forest genetic resources, including through the preparation of the The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources	**93** (5 work months)	**0**
TOTAL	**13,555**	**11,125**