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Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Preparation of The Third Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has the honour to refer to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission) established in accordance with Article VI.1 of the Constitution of the Organization. The Commission is an intergovernmental forum for discussion and negotiation by governments on matters related to biodiversity for food and agriculture.

At its Nineteenth Regular Session, held in July 2023, the Commission reviewed and endorsed the outline, process, questionnaire and timeline for the preparation of *The Third Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (Third Report). The Commission invited countries to initiate the collection of information and data for the completion of the country questionnaires required for the preparation of the Third Report.

[The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#) was launched by FAO in 2015. The draft Third Report will be presented to the Commission's Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in 2026 and, subsequently, to the Commission.

The Organization wishes to invite countries that have not yet done so to nominate a National Coordinator for Animal Genetic Resources (National Coordinators), whose responsibilities would include coordinating the completion of the Questionnaire on the state of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture as a contribution to the preparation of the Third Report. Model terms of reference for the National Coordinator are available on the Commission's [website](#). It would be appreciated if nominations could be communicated as soon as possible to Mr Paul Boettcher, at SoW-AnGR@fao.org.

National Coordinators are kindly invited to submit the questionnaire duly completed no later than **30 June 2024**, by using the automated feature of the questionnaire software application. Links to the online questionnaire will be directly provided to the National Coordinators, as nominated by countries. In addition, National Coordinators are invited to update their animal genetic resource inventories in the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS; <http://www.fao.org/dad-is/>) by **30 April 2024**.

The Organization wishes to emphasize the importance of questionnaire completion and of the updating of national inventories as strategic national tools for the sustainable management of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture, and the need to establish national mechanisms to ensure all relevant national stakeholders are given the opportunity to participate in the completion of the Questionnaire on the state of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture.