



## A Global Genebank Partnership

The cost of conserving crop diversity is remarkably low relative to the massive benefits it brings. After all, we're talking about the foundation of our food.

Nevertheless, meeting the long-term operational cost of the conservation of most crop diversity collections is rarely on a secure, sustainable footing. Many genebanks, even the most important ones, stagger on from one funding cycle to the next, with little scope for long-term planning.

The reliability of funding is absolutely crucial – a shortfall in financial resources can lead to the permanent loss of unique varieties. The Crop Trust's objective is to ensure stable, predictable funding for a global system of crop collections, in perpetuity.



More than  
**730,000**  
varieties conserved

## Long-term Grants

The Crop Diversity Endowment Fund provides real financial security to collections of crop diversity by guaranteeing funding at agreed levels, year in and year out.

Currently, the Crop Trust has signed agreements to provide such 'in perpetuity' funding to some of the world's most important collections of 17 crops. As the endowment grows, the Crop Trust will be able to secure more and more crops through fully funded long-term grants.

## The Genebanks

The most important collections of crop diversity in the world are managed by 11 CGIAR centers on behalf of the world community under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

These genebanks hold some of the largest, diverse, best documented and most widely used collections of the crops critically important to global food security.

## The CRP

But what's to be done until the Crop Diversity Endowment Fund is complete? To address this challenge, the Crop Trust has entered into a five-year partnership with the CGIAR Consortium to manage and provide sustainable support for the crop collections held at CGIAR Centers until the end of 2016.

# The Genebanks

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## Genebanks



**AfricaRice**  
Benin



**International Institute for  
Tropical Agriculture**  
Nigeria



**Bioversity International**  
Belgium



**International Maize and Wheat  
Improvement Center**  
Mexico



**International Center for Agricultural  
Research in the Dry Areas**  
Syria



**International Center for Tropical  
Agriculture**  
Colombia



**International Crops Research Institute  
for the Semi-Arid Tropics**  
India



**International Livestock Research  
Institute**  
Kenya



**International Potato Center**  
Peru



**International Rice Research Institute**  
Phillipines



**World Agroforestry Center**  
Kenya



**Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees**  
Fiji

## Crops

Rice

Cowpea, Yam, Cassava,  
Soybeans and Bambara  
Ground Nut

Banana

Maize and Wheat

Barley, Chickpea, Faba Bean,  
Forages, Lentil, Wheat and  
Grass Pea

Bean, Cassava and Forages

Chickpea, Groundnut, Minor  
Millet, Pearl Millet, Sorghum  
and Pigeon Pea

Forages

Andean Roots and Tubers,  
Potato and Sweet Potato

Rice

Agroforestry Trees

Aroids and Yams

## Varieties

19,983

30,388

1,455

175,526

136,350

67,574

129,081

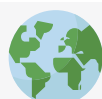
17,716

15,756

121,595

5,490

1,467



Distributed more than  
**150,000**  
samples in 2013

to  
**270**  
countries



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