

STATE OF THE WORLD'S FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES



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KEY ISSUES

- **FGR: basis for livelihood and social and economic development**
- **FGR: under utilised, poorly known, under threat**
- **Lack of knowledge and information to define and implement policies and programmes in conservation and use of FGR**



INITIATION OF SOW-FGR

- **CGRFA11 (June 2007)** recommended preparation of SOW-FGR (for 2013)
- **CBD COP9 (May 2008):** welcomed preparation of SOW-FGR
- **FAO Regional Forestry Commissions** were informed (2008)
- **COFO19 (March 2009)** supported preparation of SOW-FGR and requested specific mention of FGR in FAO Strategy



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(October 2009)

- **Approved proposed outline and indicative timeline for preparation**
- **SOW-FGR based on country reports, thematic studies, reports from international organizations**
- **Assistance and capacity building in developing countries for preparation of Country Reports**
- **Attention to required financial resources to prepare SOW-FGR**
- **ITWG-FGR: 27 members (Finland, France, Italy, Norway, Spain)**
- **DG to review role of Panel of Experts on FGR**



Implementation Steps

- **27/04/10 Official request to member countries: national focal point (31/05/10), country reports (1/07/11). 10 European nominations to date**
- **June 2010 Guidelines available (inputs from regional workshops: Mediterranean, Latin America and Africa)**
- **Improvement of global FGR database [link with EUFGIS and other European databases]**
- **Thematic studies: working groups being organised (final draft 07/2011)**
- **Regional workshops to assist country reports preparation (Latin America, Pacific, Near East, ...)**



Indicative list of background thematic studies

- 1. Indicators of forest genetic diversity, erosion and vulnerability**
- 2. Understanding genetic diversity of tropical species in natural forests**
- 3. New technologies to support conservation of FGR**
- 4. Use and transfer of FGR**
- 5. FGR role in adaptation to biotic and abiotic factors, with a focus on climate change**
- 6. FGR in relation to bio-energy**
- 7. Use of FGR in decentralised development for poverty alleviation and livelihood improvement**
- 8. Biotechnologies**
- 9. Effects of silvicultural practices on genetic structure**
- 10. Use of native species**
- 11. History of use and management of forest resources and impact on FGR**
- 12. Trends in management of FGR by the private/corporate sector**

Next Important Events

- **COFO/WFW , Rome, 4-8 October 2010**
 - ✓ **Plenary COFO session on biodiversity**
 - ✓ **WFW session on biodiversity (inc. EUFGIS)**
- **CBD COP 10, Nagoya, 18- 29 October 2010**
- **1st meeting of ITWG-FGR, Rome, March 2011**
- **CGRFA 13, Rome, July 2011**



Thank you

