

## ECPGR Inter-regional Cooperation Task Force

### Progress report for the period June 2006 – June 2008

<b>I. RESULTS</b>			
<b>a. Comparison of workplan (milestones) versus results obtained</b>			
Workplan (milestones)	Which results have been obtained?	Which aims/goals have not been (fully) reached?	Completeness ratio (%)
<b>Milestone 1</b> Exchange of information between Europe and West Africa	Fred Atieno from Bioversity Int in Kenya participated in a workshop for European PGR programs in Luxembourg. He gave a presentation on sub regional cooperation in west and central Africa and the implementation of the GRENEWECA gene bank concept "Nodal centres of excellence".		100%
<b>Milestone 2</b> Training of trainers in documentation		The original work plan was revised and the money allocated for training in documentation was transferred to the meeting between regional network coordinators	0%
<b>Milestone 3</b> Meeting between network coordinators	An inter-regional workshop on crop genetic resources networks was held together with Bioversity Int. in Maccarese in December 2007. The aim of the workshop was to identify channels of communication and cooperation among the regional networks. Network coordinators from Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, South, South-East Asia and Pacific, Central Asia and Caucasus and Americas participated. The proposed activities are reflected in the work plan for the VIIIth phase.		100%

<b>b. Contribution to the four ECP/GR priorities for Phase VII</b>
1. Characterization/evaluation (including modern technologies)
2. Task sharing  Mediation of views and work-in-progress related to sharing of responsibilities of PGR in Europe with specific focus on AEGIS.
3. <i>In situ</i> /on-farm conservation and development
4. Documentation and information
<b>c. Relevance (regional / international)</b>
Did your work and/or outputs have inter-regional dimension? (if it did, give precisions)  Primary purpose of the work.
<b>d. Lessons learnt (recommendations)</b>
Which lessons learnt are also relevant for other Working Groups?  It is difficult to motivate people to do actual work without financial means.

<b>II. ANALYSIS</b>	
<b>a. Bottlenecks</b>	
What were the experienced bottlenecks?	How do you plan to solve the bottlenecks?
No direct links to other ECPGR networks and WGs are established.	Encourage invitation of people from other networks to WG, ad hoc meetings.
<b>b. Internal support needed (Secretariat, Steering Committee, other Working Groups, etc.)</b>	
As it has been stated the Inter-regional Cooperation NCG could only have a facilitating function, through which other ECP/GR Networks and Working Groups could be informed about interests and needs for collaboration from other regions. However it is difficult for individual NCG members to have a global view of the ECPGR activities and therefore support regarding dissemination of information is needed from the ECPGR secretariat.	
<b>c. External resources needed (collaboration, external funding)</b>	
Training and capacity building is a priority for many of the regional networks. Since organization of training and workshops between participants from different regions is rather costly it will be necessary to receive additional funding from other sources.	