The ECPGR concept for on-farm management and conservation of PGRFA

1. Introduction - Landscape of on-farm management and conservation in Europe
   - Describe the existing scenario of on-farm activities
     - Legislation/policies (international, regional and national examples)
     - Types of material
     - Different management approaches and their objectives
     - Actors/stakeholders
     - Highlight the sub-regional/national differences
   - Economic and social/cultural conditions for on-farm management and conservation

2. Objectives of the concept
   - Clarify the reasons for on-farm management and conservation in Europe
     - Make sure that diversity in the field continues to be maintained
     - Mitigate genetic erosion
     - Allowing crop evolution in the field
     - Opportunities for niche markets
     - Satisfy consumer preferences
     - ...
   - Identify the ECPGR approach to on-farm management and conservation
     (complementary to ex situ and in situ CWR)
   - Provide elements to offer to the EC for an EU Strategy on PGRFA

3. Scope
   - Which materials and respective crop groups should be the target of on-farm management and conservation, e.g.
     - Conservation varieties
     - Amateur varieties
     - Landraces (all inclusive)
     - Other variable material
     - Obsolete varieties
     - ...
   - What type of production systems
     - Traditional farming
     - Home gardens
     - Niche production
     - ...
   - What type of practices are covered by on-farm management and conservation
     - Static Conservation
       - Growing conservation varieties
       - ...

4. ECPGR Activities

- Inventories
  - For what purposes? (ex situ safety-duplication, monitoring diversity and threat, finding hotspots, access of material, target users, …)
  - What to inventory? (materials, locations, people, practices, examples of cultivation/value addition, threat status, …)
  - Link to EURISCO

- Developing indicators for monitoring diversity and threat

- Promoting and/or developing guidelines for on-farm management and conservation and adding value

- Elaborate on concept of European agro-diversity sites and propose implementation (research, promotion, showing examples)

- Proposing legal and technical solutions to address issues of ownership, access, availability, marketing, etc.

- Identify funding opportunities for implementation of ECPGR activities (EU and others)

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