



# BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

**Bioversity International is the only global non-profit research organization that places the use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity in smallholder farming systems at the centre of its work.**

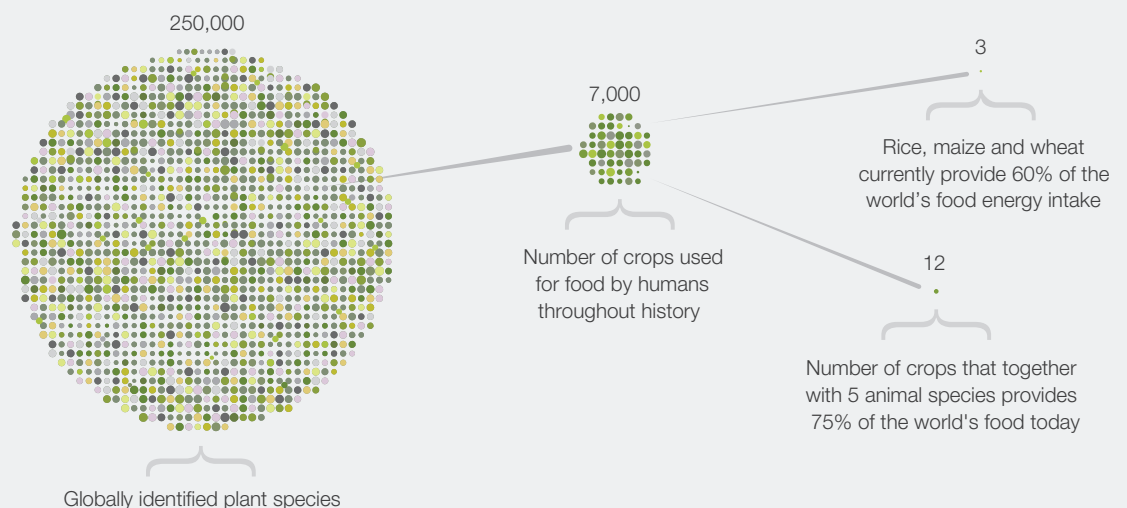
Our research benefits smallholder farmers in developing countries, most of them living in poverty, who produce 60% of the world's food.

Our research influences policy decisions and investment in agricultural research, from the local level to the global level. From local traditions to global treaties, our work creates new opportunities for economic development, health and sustainability.

For almost 40 years, Bioversity International has been producing research solutions. Our organization now includes more than 300 scientists and staff based in more than 15 countries. Our scientists include experts in the fields of plant science, agronomy, agroecology, nutrition, economics, forestry, geography, anthropology and more disciplines. They work with partners on the ground to create change and add diversity to our agricultural systems.

## SHRINKING DIVERSITY

The heavy reliance on a narrow diversity of crops puts future food and nutrition security at risk.





## OUR WORLD IS IN NEED OF SOLUTIONS.

**AGRICULTURE** is being pushed to the very boundaries of sustainability and ecosystems are under extreme pressure.

**WORLD HUNGER** persists. 2 billion people worldwide are malnourished and more than 195 million children are stunted due to chronic hunger. By 2050, the world will have 9 billion mouths to feed.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**, water scarcity and volatile markets are particularly affecting the 2 billion **smallholder farmers** in developing countries who produce over half of the world's food - farmers whose livelihoods depend on agriculture and healthy forests.

Better knowledge and improved use of agricultural biodiversity has the potential to change lives.

- More food and healthier food
- Income generation
- Soil fertility and disease management
- Nutrition and health
- Resilient and sustainable agriculture
- Ecosystem services

**AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY** is the variability of crops and their wild relatives, trees, animals, microbes and other species that contribute to food production.

Agricultural biodiversity is an essential tool to help achieve sustainable and resilient agricultural systems, forms the basis of a diverse and nutritious diet, and is a key asset to improve the livelihoods and productivity of poor smallholder farmers.

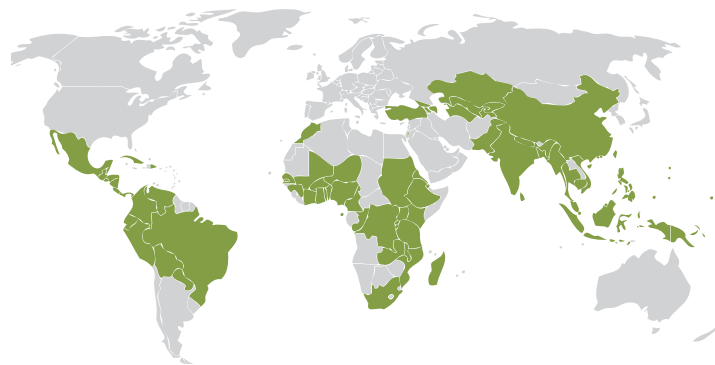
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Our vision is of a world in which smallholder farming communities in developing countries are thriving and sustainable. It is our goal to research and promote the use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity by working with partners to help them implement change on the ground.

We work in areas of significant levels of rural poverty to help farmers:

- Throughout Africa
- In Central, South and Southeast Asia
- In Latin America and the Caribbean

We focus on rain-fed farming systems, primarily managed by smallholder farmers, in areas where large-scale agriculture is not a viable option. Over the coming decade, we believe our work, hand in hand with our partners, has the potential to benefit some 300 million people in rural communities in developing countries.



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