

# Bioversity International

## Key Facts

**Bioversity International** (Bioversity for short) is a world leading research-for-development non-profit organization, working towards a world in which smallholder farming communities in developing countries are thriving and sustainable.

**Main areas of work:** Bioversity's purpose is to investigate the use and conservation of biodiversity in agriculture in order to achieve better nutrition, improve smallholders' livelihoods and enhance agricultural sustainability. Our vision and purpose underpin our commitment to play a vital role in addressing the pressing global challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty and environmental degradation.

**Established:** Bioversity was originally established as the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR) in 1974.



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**History:** In October 1991, IBPGR became the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) and in 1994 IPGRI began independent operation as one of the centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The CGIAR is a global partnership that unites organizations engaged in research for sustainable development with the funders of this work. At the request of the CGIAR, in 1994 IPGRI also took over the governance and administration of the International Network for the Improvement of Banana and Plantain (INIBAP). In 2006 INIBAP and IPGRI began working under the name 'Bioversity International'. We are proud to remain a part of the CGIAR system.

**Annual income (2010):** \$38.1m

**Annual Expenditure (2010):** \$37.175m

**Main funders:** Donors include the World Bank, the European Union, the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, more than 25 governments, major private philanthropic foundations, such as the Gatsby Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Christensen Fund, and also corporate bodies, such as Mars Inc, and Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.

**No of staff:** Some 350 staff, operating around the world.



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## Countries of Operation:

Bioversity International is working in partnership on projects in 96 developing countries.

Angola	Guadeloupe	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Puerto Rico
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau	Russian Federation
Azerbaijan	Honduras	Rwanda
Bangladesh	India	Sao Tome and Principe
Benin	Indonesia	Senegal
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Cape Verde	Lebanon	Tajikistan
Central African Republic	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Thailand
Chile	Malawi	Togo
China	Malaysia	Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Mali	Turkey
Congo	Mauritania	Turkmenistan
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Mauritius	Uganda
Costa Rica	Mexico	Uruguay
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Cuba	Morocco	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	Vietnam
Ecuador	Myanmar	Yemen, Republic of
Egypt	Nepal	Zambia
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Equatorial Guinea	Niger	
Eritrea	Nigeria	
Ethiopia	Norway	
Fiji	Panama	
Gabon	Papua New Guinea	
Georgia	Paraguay	
Ghana	Peru	

