Mutually supportive implementation of the Plant Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol in Benin and Madagascar

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The launch of the project was captured by the Beninese media in July 2015
Objectives of the project

- To support the mutually implementation of the ITPGRFA and the Nagoya Protocol in Benin and Madagascar;
- To increase Benin’s and Madagascar’s overall participation in the multi-lateral system (MLS) both as providers and recipients of genetic resources and information;
- To make access and benefit-sharing agreements that contribute to pro-poor rural development and offset the cost of conserving genetic resources.
Expected achievements

At the national level: Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge in Benin and Madagascar will be subject to a legal framework requiring benefit-sharing.

At the local level: The capacities of the communities will be strengthened to:

- Negotiate ABS agreements;
- Develop community ABS protocols;
- Document, characterise, and publish information about GR they can potentially provide;
- Identify GR with adaptive traits that would be useful to access (as part of strategies to adapt to climate change)
How? – National level activities

The project is supporting policy experts to:

• Identify the legal and policy instruments needed to be developed, the main organizations which should be involved and their respective roles;

• Develop draft national level juridical instruments, including draft ministerial orders, draft legislation, draft guidelines, etc.

For the mutual implementation of the NP and the ITPGRFA in both countries

Awareness raising and capacity strengthening workshops about the ITPGRFA and NP in Benin and Madagascar
How? – Community level activities

At community level, the project is providing technical support for the development of:

- Community biodiversity registries,
- Community access and benefit-sharing protocols,
- Community biodiversity investment plans.

Participatory exercises in Tori Bosito, Benin. December 2015
Workshops on resilient seed systems and adaptation to climate change

The project supported the development of workshops in the four communities to enhance the capacities of national partners and communities to identify useful and potentially adaptable PGRFA for climate change adaptation from other potential sources both inside and outside of Benin and Madagascar.
Through participatory research based on:

- Identify farmers’ perceptions on climate change.
- Analyzing risks and coping strategies.
- Participatory evaluation of risks, coping strategies, and crop and varietal diversity.
- Raking farmers’ varieties.
- Analyze institutional dynamics in the farming community.
- Facilitate a participatory adaptation planning process with the community.
Governance of the project

- In each country, activities are guided by a multi-stakeholder task force co-chaired by the National Focal Point for the Nagoya Protocol and the National Focal Point for the Plant Treaty.

- Additionally, an Expert Guidance Committee (EGC) is in charge of monitoring project progress and coordinating additional forms of technical assistance.

  - The EGC includes: the two lead national organizations from each country, the ABS Capacity Development Initiative, the secretariats of the CBD and ITPGRFA, the African Union Commission and Bioversity International.
Expert Guidance Group (EGG)

- ITPGRFA, CBD, AUC Secretariats
- Madagascar x2 Focal Points
- Benin x2 Focal Points
- ABS Capacity Development Initiative
- Bioversity International

Benin
- National Implementation Committee
- Co-chaired by National Focal Points:
  - Toussaint Mikpon - Focal Point of ITPGRFA
  - Bossou Bienvenu - Executive Director of the NGO CeSaReN

Madagascar
- National Implementation Committee
- Co-chaired by:
  - Naritiana Rakotoniaina - Focal Point for ABS
  - Michelle Andriamahazo - Focal Point of ITPGRFA

Bonou
- Comité de gestion des forêts sacrées

Tori-Bosito
- Jeunesse Sans Frontière

Antavolobe
- VOI Firaisan-Kina

Analavory
- Santatra