



International organization progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources 2007-2013

1. Contact information and mandate

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| Geographical coverage of your organization | Global |

2. Animal species coverage of your organization

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| General livestock-related mandate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Large ruminants | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Small ruminants | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pigs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rabbits & micro livestock | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Camelidae | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Equines | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Strategic Priority Area 1: Characterization, Inventory and Monitoring

1. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of projects or programmes on phenotypic characterization of animal genetic resources?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and species involved and whether you include characterization of production environments:

Through promotion of Biocultural Community Protocols (BCPS) we support the phenotypic characterization of both breeds and production environments from the perspective of the livestock keeper.

2. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of projects or programmes on molecular characterization of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and species involved:

3. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of projects or programmes for surveying the size and/or structure of animal genetic resources populations and monitoring population trends?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and species involved:

Yes, through BCPs, and in a participatory, community based manner.

4. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of projects or programmes for identifying and monitoring threats to animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and species involved:

Yes, through BCPs, and in a participatory, community based manner.

5. Does your organization support countries in the development of early warning and response systems for animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and species involved:

6. Is your organization involved in research and development on methods, technical standards or protocols for phenotypic or molecular characterization, surveying and monitoring of population size or threats to animal genetic resources, or breed evaluation, valuation and comparison?

Phenotypic characterization

Yes

No

Molecular characterization

Yes

No

Surveying and monitoring

Yes

No

If yes, participatory monitoring

Yes

No

Breed evaluation or comparison

Yes

No

Economic valuation

Yes

No

Please provide details:

All the above in the context of BCPs

7. Has your organization identified major obstacles to inventory, characterization and monitoring of animal genetic resources in all or part of your mandate area or species coverage?

Yes

No

If yes, please list them being as specific as possible regarding geographical area / species:

Government officials show no interest or inclination in going to the field.

8. What are the priority measures that need to be taken to address these obstacles?

Institutional change, different education, motivation for local breeds and fieldwork

9. Please describe any additional activities relevant to the implementation of Strategic Priority Area 1: Characterization, inventory and monitoring of trends and associated risks.

Strategic Priority Area 2: Sustainable Use and Development

1. Does your organization support countries in developing, reviewing or adjusting their national policies affecting the sustainable use of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and species involved:

Through the LIFE Network, we advocate for participatory community based approaches to managing AnGr sustainably. In the case of the camel in India, we have organised a series of workshops and produced recommendations and policy papers. Finally the government has reacted and is declaring the camel "state animal".

2. Does your organization promote agro-ecosystem approaches?

- Yes
No

If yes, please provide details:

We link animal genetic resource utilization and conservation to access to resources.

3. Does your organization contribute to the planning or implementation of strategic breeding programmes?

Mainstream breeds

- Yes
No

Under-utilized breeds

- Yes
No

If yes, please provide details (including the breeds involved) being as specific as possible:

4. Does your organization contribute to the development of recording systems or organizational structures for breeding programmes?

- Yes
No

If yes, please provide details (including the breeds involved) being as specific as possible:

5. If the projects and programmes that your organization implements or supports involve the use of exotic breeds, have any assessments been made of the long-term impacts of the use of exotic breeds on animal genetic resource diversity, livelihoods and/or food security in the affected countries and production systems?

- Yes
No
No projects or programmes involving exotic breeds

If yes, please provide details:

6. Has your organization implemented or supported the implementation of animal genetic resources-related projects that aim at achieving sustainable intensification of production?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and animal genetic resources involved:

7. Does your organization contribute to the development of mechanisms for facilitating interactions among stakeholders, scientific disciplines and sectors as part of planning for sustainable use development of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries or regions involved:

We have organised and facilitated a number of multi-stakeholder conferences in India and Kenya.

8. Do your organization's activities contribute to improving farmers' and livestock keepers' knowledge of animal genetic resources from various sources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and types of animal genetic resources involved:

9. Do your organization's activities contribute to improving farmers' and livestock keepers' access to animal genetic resources from various sources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries and types of animal genetic resources involved:

10. Does your organization contribute to the development of agreements for equitable sharing of benefits arising from access to and use and development of, animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

We are developing models how such agreements could look like. BCPs are the foundation for this.

11. Does your organization contribute to efforts to preserve and respect indigenous or local production systems and associated traditional knowledge and practices related to animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

BCPs are the tool for this.

12. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of projects that aim to promote the marketing of products from local breeds or local production systems?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the breeds and production systems involved:

Camel in India

13. Has your organization identified obstacles to enhancing the sustainable use and development of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

Lack of awareness of the comparative value of local breeds

14. What are the priority measures that need to be taken to address these obstacles?

Teaching at universities has to be changed.

15. Does your organization provide, or support the provision of, training or technical support programmes for animal breeding activities in pastoralist and farming communities?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

16. Has your organization identified priorities for future training or support programmes to enhance the use and development of available animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of the priority activities, being as specific as possible:

Global BCP programme

17. Please describe any additional activities relevant to the implementation of Strategic Priority Area 2: Sustainable use and development.

Strategic Priority Area 3: Conservation

1. Is erosion of animal genetic resources occurring in any of the countries or regions in which your organization is active?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

If yes, please describe. Please be as specific as possible and indicate which factors or drivers affect which species in which countries or regions:

Its epidemic in India where we have the most touch with the ground.

2. Does your organization support the establishment of emergency response systems that provide for immediate action to maintain threatened breeds?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details:

3. Does your organization take or support actions to protect breeds and populations that are at risk from natural or human-induced disasters?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details:

4. From your organizational point of view, how would you judge the state of conservation policies for animal genetic resources in the countries and regions in which you operate?

Entirely insufficient

5. What types of conservation measures for animal genetic resources does your organization implement or support the implementation of?

In situ

- Yes
- No

Ex situ in vivo

- Yes

No

Ex situ in vitro

Yes

No

Please provide details, and specify the countries and animal genetic resources involved:

LIFE Network supports *in-situ* conservation in many countries.

6. If your organization maintains *ex situ* collections of animal genetic resources, could you please provide further information on these collections?

7. Is your organization conducting research to further develop methods and technologies for *in situ* or *ex situ* conservation of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please briefly describe the research:

8. Has your organization identified major obstacles to enhancing the conservation of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

Lack of interest

9. What are the priority measures that need to be taken to address these obstacles?

More popular publications and publicity about local breeds being the foundation for a green livestock economy

10. From your organizational point of view, what are the priority requirements for enhancing conservation measures for animal genetic resources in the countries and regions in which you operate? Please list the requirements, being as specific as possible:

Motivate primarily the keepers of the breeds and private entrepreneurs to invest into development of specialty products. Initiate studies on the nutritional composition of products from local breeds. I feel government officials are mostly not on the right track. They think too narrow. We need entrepreneurs!!!!

11. Please describe any additional activities relevant to the implementation of Strategic Priority Area 3: Conservation.

Strategic Priority Area 4: Policies, Institutions and Capacity-building

1. Does your organization support or facilitate the establishment of institutional frameworks for planning and implementing animal genetic resources programmes?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries or regions involved:

LIFE Network supports community based conservation esp in South Asia and East Africa, as well as Latin America.

2. Does your organization support countries in formulating or implementing national strategies and action plans for animal genetic resources?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries involved:

I am not sure we are "supporting", but we advocate for community based conservation.

3. Does your organization contribute to the development of regulatory frameworks or legislation for animal genetic resources?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries or regions involved:

Yes, we have developed the Livestock Keepers Rights concept and now are working on developing models for ABS of AnGR.

4. Does your organization have a database or information system for animal genetic resources-related data?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe the purpose and contents of the system and, if relevant, how frequently data are updated:

Through the BCPs, we are trying to eventually develop a data base of communities stewarding AnGR.

5. Does your organization have collaborative links to other stakeholders involved in the management of animal genetic resources (e.g. the breeding industry, livestock keepers, government agencies, research institutes and civil society organizations)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details:

All of the above

6. Does your organization cooperate with breeders' organizations?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

Various breeders/livestock keepers associations in India

7. Has your organization supported the establishment or strengthening of community-based organizations, networks or initiatives for sustainable use, breeding or conservation?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

Yes, the LIFE Network was initiated by us.

8. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of training or capacity-building programmes for animal genetic resources management?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify countries involved:

Yes, we do training on Biocultural Community Protocols.

9. Has your organization identified priorities for future animal genetic resources-related capacity-building and education?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

More training on BCP development and on value addition.

10. Does your organization implement or support the implementation of programmes to increase public awareness of the roles and values of animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

Long history in this context with respect to the camel in Rajasthan (India)

11. Please describe any additional activities relevant to the implementation of Strategic Priority Area 4: Policies, institutions and capacity-building.

Implementation and Financing of Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources

1. Has your organization's budget for activities supporting the implementation of the Global Plan of Action and animal genetic resources programmes increased since the plan's adoption in September 2007?

Yes

No

Please provide details:

It has decreased significantly.

2. Has your organization contributed to the establishment or strengthening of international research and/or education programmes to assist developing countries or countries with economies in transition to better manage animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

3. Has your organization contributed to the establishment or strengthening of international programmes to assist developing countries or countries with economies in transition to obtain training and technologies or develop information systems related to animal genetic resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

4. Has your organization provided funding to countries for the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details and specify the countries involved:

5. Has your organization contributed to establishing or strengthening international collaboration with regard to:

Characterization of animal genetic resources

- Yes
No

Use and development of animal genetic resources

- Yes
No

Conservation of transboundary breeds

- Yes
No

Please provide details and specify the countries involved:

Yes, we link organisations working at the community level though the LIFE Network.

6. Does your organization collaborate with national or international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the fields of:

Characterization

- Yes
No

Sustainable intensification

- Yes
No

Conservation of breeds at risk

- Yes
No

Please provide details and specify the countries involved:

We work globally on these issues.

7. Please describe any additional activities relevant to the implementation and financing of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources: