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# PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL GIAHS JOURNEY

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After having identified  
a potential  
**GIAHS site?**



# Preliminary work for writing a proposal

## Step 1 Inform the community/ies to get consent and ensure commitment:

- organizing workshops, raising awareness activities
- including men and women
- establishing groups or focal points

## Step 2 Identify the responsible institution/s :

- National government endorses and submit the proposal to FAO
- Governmental bodies ensure the commitment and overall implementation of activities after designation





# Preliminary work for writing a proposal

## Step 3

**Establish multi-disciplinary working groups** for the preparation of the proposal: local communities' leaders, rural economists, experts in environmental/living and social sciences, local stakeholders, etc.

And

Link the group/s with different **governmental institutions**: Min. of Agriculture, Min. of Tourism, Min. of Indigenous peoples/social affairs



# Identify the main features against 5 Criteria

Global importance (uniqueness of the site)

1. Food and livelihood security
2. Agro-biodiversity
3. Traditional knowledge systems
4. Socio-cultural and other values
5. Landscape features



# Preliminary work for the GIAHS action plan

Step 1 **Based on the study and description : identify threats, challenges and needs**

Dynamic conservation actions =

- Actions to mitigate and address threat and challenges
- Actions to promote the sustainable development

Cover a large range of potential actions

- Knowledge transfer, capacity building, mechanization
- Labelling, food chain value, agro/gastro-tourism
- Communication, promotion and visibility support



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## Step 2

Set up a National Committee and identify the leaders/focal points

Prepare a GIAHS National framework

- National committees with different ministries
- Local stakeholders, NGO, etc
- Local communities

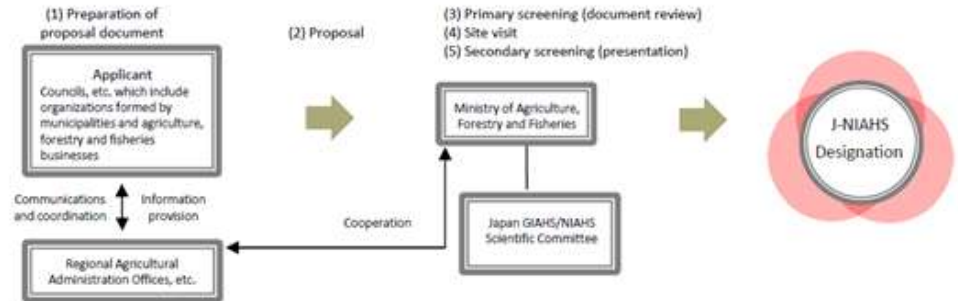


# Preliminary work for the GIAHS action plan

Step 2 **Set up a National Committee – Example of National Committee and frameworks**

J-NIAHS

## Procedure of J-NIAHS designation





# Preliminary work for the GIAHS action plan

## Step 2 Set up a National Committee – Example of National Committee and frameworks

### J-NIAHS

#### Eight Criteria for the Assessment of Specific Features of the Proposed Sites (1 to 5 are the five GIAHS criteria and 6 to 8 are the three original criteria of the J-NIAHS)

1. Food and livelihood security	2. Agro-biodiversity	3. Local and traditional knowledge systems	4. Cultures, value systems and social organizations	5. Landscape and seascape features
6. Resilience to change	To ensure that the agricultural system is reliably conserved and inherited, a high resilience to disasters must be present.			
7. Participation of various entities	Agricultural systems are inherited not only by local residents but also new mechanisms involving the participation of various entities.			
8. Promotion of the sixth* industrialization	Regional revitalization and conservation of agricultural systems are pursued by the community-wide promotion of the sixth industrialization.			

(\*Sixth industrialization : An initiative to create new added value by integrating primary, secondary and tertiary industries)



# Preliminary work for the GIAHS action plan

## Step 3

Map all relevant actors and stakeholders that may support the implementation of the action plan

- Potential fund providers / International funds
- Potential technical organizations
- On the ground actors already working in the area



# Preliminary work for the GIAHS action plan

## Step 4

Based on the actions selected :

- Set concrete and realistic objectives to reach
- + mean of verification through a solid monitoring and evaluation plan
- Estimate costs, source for funds, timeline and sharing responsibilities : Get all relevant stakeholders on board, aware and engaged



# GIAHS is a Holistic Approach focused on the community



Step 5 – Final approval among involved stakeholders

All the features of the GIAHS site and the activities identified for its conservation, should be based on the **specific features and needs of the community with its direct involvement**



# The proposal : action plan

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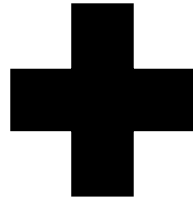
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Criterion	Threats and Issues	Initiatives	Active Organizations* <sup>1</sup>	Implementation Year					Indicators	
				17	18	19	20	21	Current	Target
(1) Food and Livelihood Security	Production environment deterioration and damage to agricultural management because of wildlife and insect pest damage	A. Coordinate with wildlife damage countermeasure associations in the region to offer courses and promote the installation of protective fencing and traps	◎Municipalities ◎	○	○	○	○	○	Wildlife damage (wasabi) 123 million (2015)	90 million
		B. Study wasabi phlaeothripidae outbreak conditions and explain how the ecosystem establish extermination techniques.	◎Prefecture SWUF* <sup>4</sup> , Producer cooperatives,	○	○	○				
	Insufficient supply of seedlings because of aging population of seedling producers	C. Initiatives for stable production of seedlings of superior cultivars and lines, of secure superior seedlings.	◎SWUF ◎Producer cooperatives, Municipalities,	○	○	○	○	○	Cultivation area 121ha (2016)	

# In short

- Site description
- Global importance
  - 5 Selection criteria



Action plan for  
dynamic conservation  
Including Monitoring  
and evaluation



Regions

# Soave Traditional Vineyards, Italy

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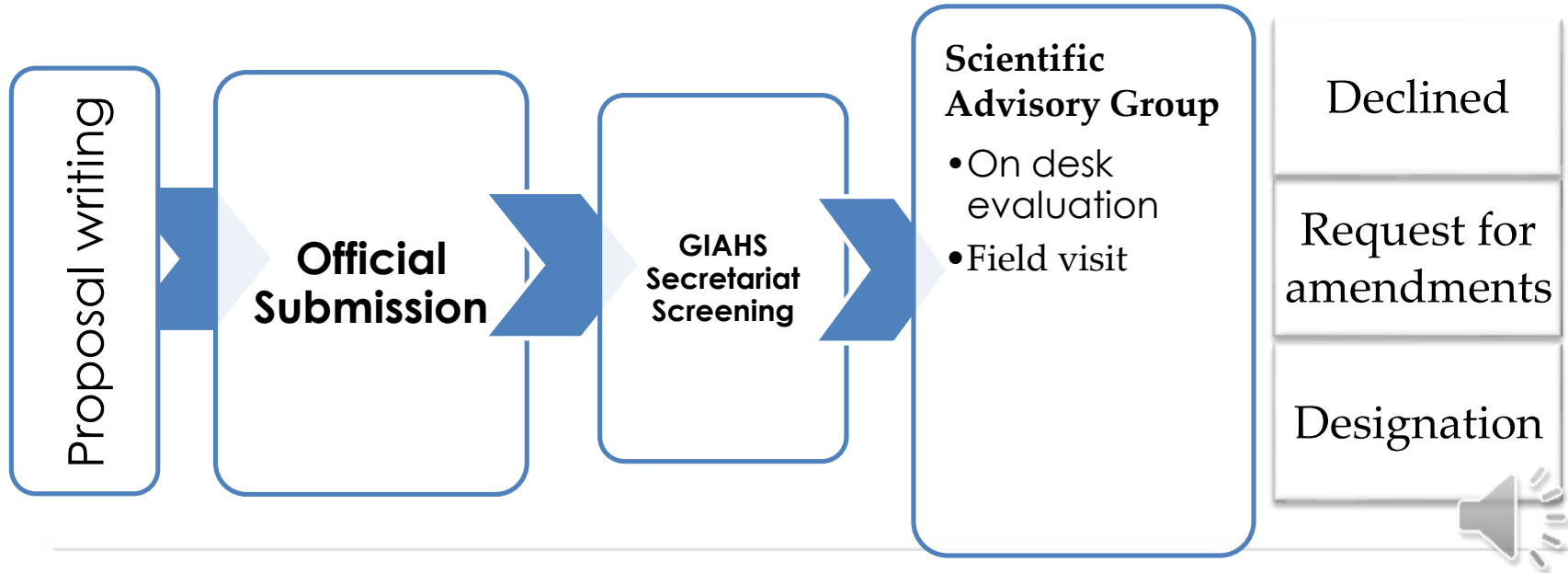
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# Selection process



The GIAHS Secretariat can support and provide guidance to the applicants before the official submission

Proposal writing

Official Submission

GIAHS Secretariat Screening

Scientific Advisory Group

- Evaluation
- Field visit

Declined

Request for amendments

Designation





# Thank you !

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