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NIAHS System in Iran



**1st Regional workshop for
Globally Important Agricultural Heritage
Systems (GIAHS) in Azerbaijan**

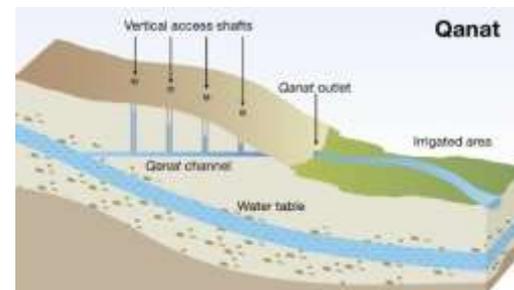


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Iran with diverse climate, long - lasting rich culture and hardworking farmers who have historically struggled with water shortage problems, soil fertility and other challenges to sustain their farming systems, is considered as a country with high potential for dynamic protection of important agricultural heritage systems.

- Iran started first steps to formulate a GIAHS proposal in 2009 resulted in the approval of first proposal -Qanat System- in 2014.



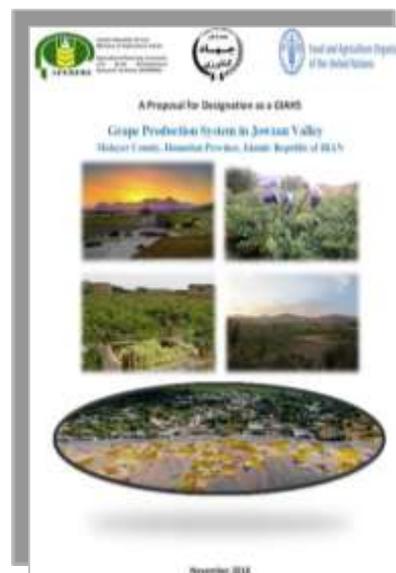
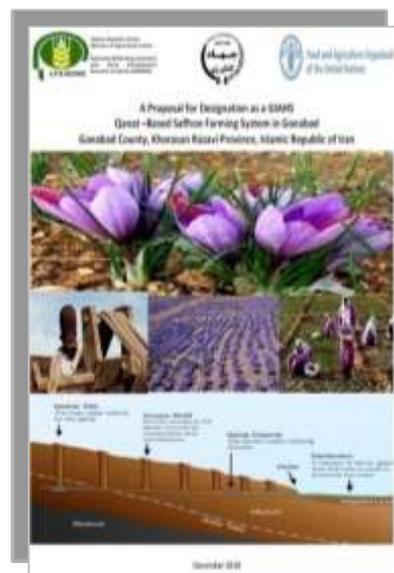
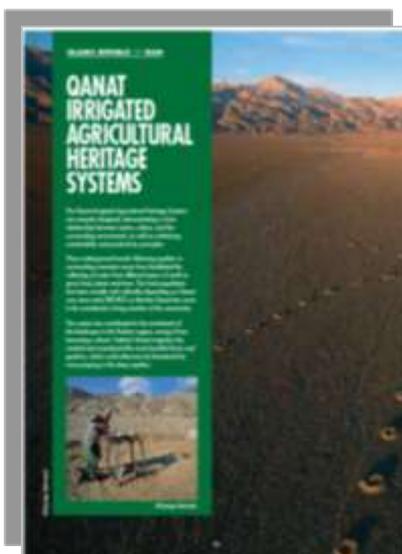


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Till now, three Iranian agricultural systems are designated as GIAHS:

- Qanat -based agricultural system in Kashan,
- Qanat-based saffron farming system in Gonabad,
- Grape production system in Jozan valley.



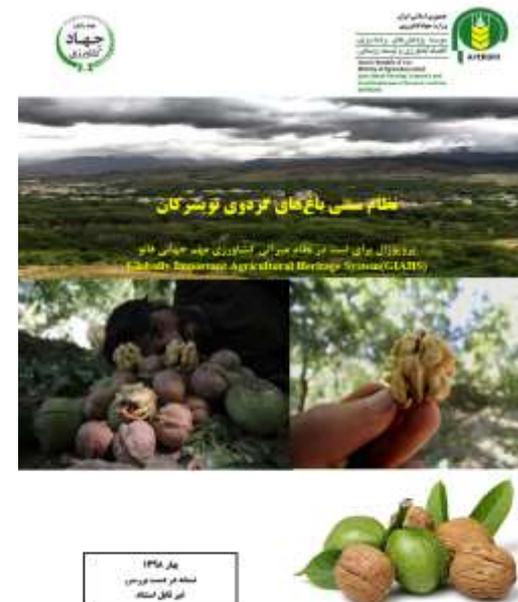
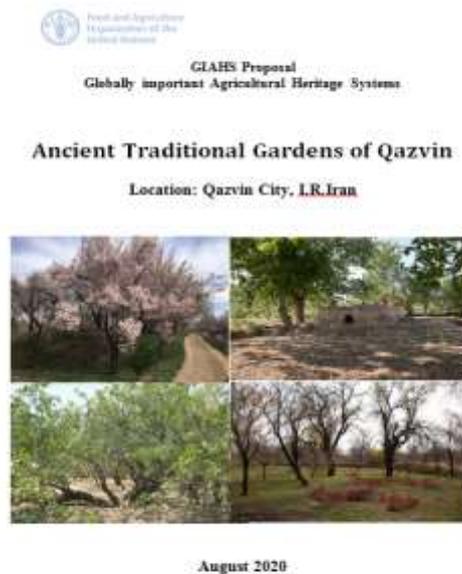
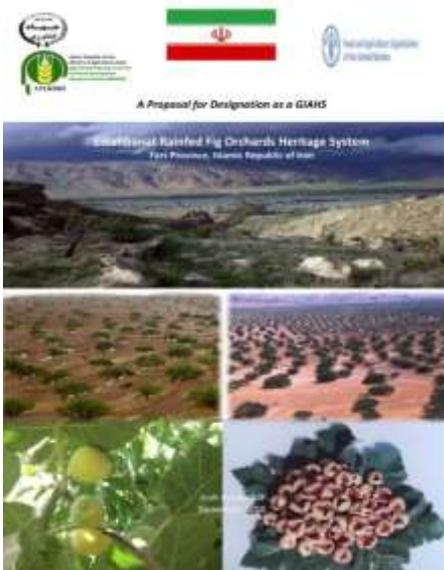


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Three systems are in the process of designation:

- Walnut production system in Tuyserkan,
- Ancient traditional gardens of Qazvin ,
- Estahbanat fig orchards





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In order to identify potential agricultural heritage systems in Iran, a research project was developed in 2014 in which Iran was divided into three regions: north, center and south.

In addition to 5 GIAHS criteria, indicators for identifying potential NIAHS cases were as follows:

- Strategic importance of agricultural products, cultivation area, number of farmer families,
- Agricultural folklore,
- Diversity of agricultural products,
- Historical background,
- Natural landscapes and rural and natural tourism,
- Processing industries,
- Existence of a research institution.



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According to the findings, 33 systems including 12 systems in the northern region, 11 systems in the central region and 10 systems in the southern region were identified.

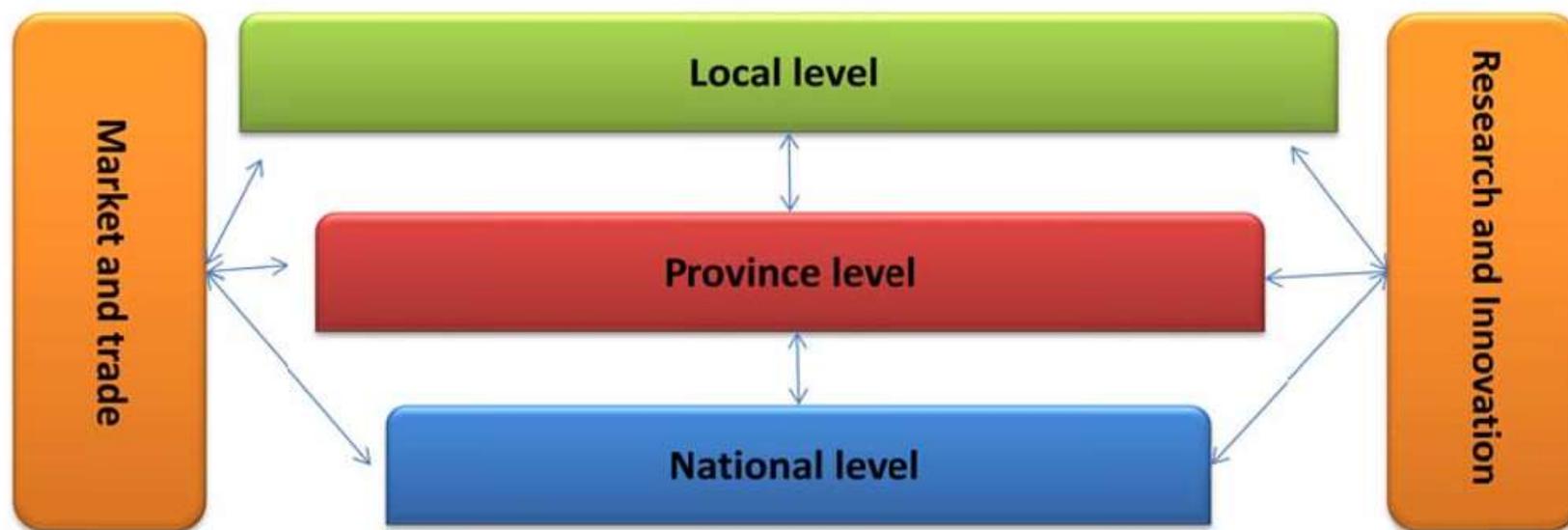




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NIAHS framework in Iran





Level	Main members	Main functions	Requirements
National Level	<p>1) Ministry of Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APERDRI (Chair of National Committee Secretariat) - Specialized departments (agronomy, horticulture, livestock production, water and soil) - Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization - Forests, Rangelands and Watershed Management Organization - Iranian Fisheries Organization - Nomadic Affairs Organization - Holding for Agricultural Investment Development Support Fund <p>2) Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization</p> <p>3) Environmental Protection Organization</p> <p>4) Ministry of Mining Industry and Trade (Office of Geographical Indications and Industrial Property)</p> <p>5) Ministry of Interior (Organization of Municipalities and Rural Affairs)</p> <p>6) Ministry of Education (UNESCO Secretariat)</p> <p>7) FAO Representation in the Islamic Republic of Iran (Invited Member)</p> <p>8) Representatives of agricultural organizations and natural and rural resources (trade union system, central union, etc)</p> <p>9) Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Development of policies and strategies for proposal preparation, submission, registration, protection and conservation of investments in NIAHS. ✓ Providing the required financial and technical supports to identify, maintain and develop NIAHS in the country ✓ Mainstreaming GIAHS values at all levels of decision-making and national programs in order to create a GIAHS culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Introduction of GIAHS concept and strategies ❖ Supports ❖ Providing technical and financial supports from national and international resources



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Province level	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agricultural Jihad Organization at province level (Head of the Secretariat of the Provincial Committee) 2) General Directorate of Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism at province level 3) General Directorate of Environment at province level 4) General Directorate of Industry, Mining and Trade 5) Provincial Agricultural Development Support Funds 6) The governorate of the province and the general departments of the province 7) Representatives of agricultural organizations and natural and rural resources in the province 8) Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture at the province level 9) Universities and research institutes at province level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Institutional development and establishment of GIAHS network at province level ✓ Implementation of national policies including: increasing the public participation of agricultural producers in the protection of GIAHS in order to preserve biodiversity, improve water consumption, develop cultural diversity and... ✓ Mainstreaming GIAHS values at all levels of decision-making and national programs in order to create a GIAHS culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Support from national and international financial resources



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Local	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agricultural Jihad Management at town level (Secretariat of the local committee) 2) County Governor 3) Local producers and activists in the agricultural sector and natural and rural resources 4) Private investors 5) Other government agencies 6) Other stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Introduction of GIAHS ✓ Dynamic protection of GIAHS ✓ Exchange of innovation and knowledge ✓ Value and develop national tradition and culture in GIAHS sites ✓ Participation in decentralization of natural resource management ✓ Communicating needs to policy levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clarifying concepts and values of GIAHS



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Research	Universities and research institutes (Connected to the Secretariat of the National Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Making connections between concepts and experience ✓ Development of executive systems (biodiversity, social-ecology, institutional development) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clarifying concepts and values of GIAHS

Level	Main members	Main functions	Requirements
Market and Trade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ministry of Agricultural Jihad (APERDRI) 2) Ministry of Industry, Mines and Trade: Export Development Center 3) Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization 4) Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Harmonizing the activities related to productivity, quality, marketing, ecotourism and ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Legal framework for labeling, GI and AO of GIAHS products



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-The Iranian NIAHS system was established in 2015, after designation of first proposal.

-NIAHS system secretary is established in APERDRI by Ministers' order.



-Due to budget problems, the number of systems registered as NIAHS is limited (3 cases currently awaiting to designate as GIAHS).



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