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# Electronic Survey on the Implementation of Article 9 Farmers' Rights

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# Objectives of the Survey

**To gather views, perceptions, options and approaches and possible strategies to advocate for the implementation and promotion of Farmers' Rights**

**To reach the wider stakeholders as many as possible**

# The Electronic Survey

**Survey Questionnaires used by  
Fridtjof Nansen Institute in 2010**

**Made available in: English, French  
and Spanish**

**Online from**

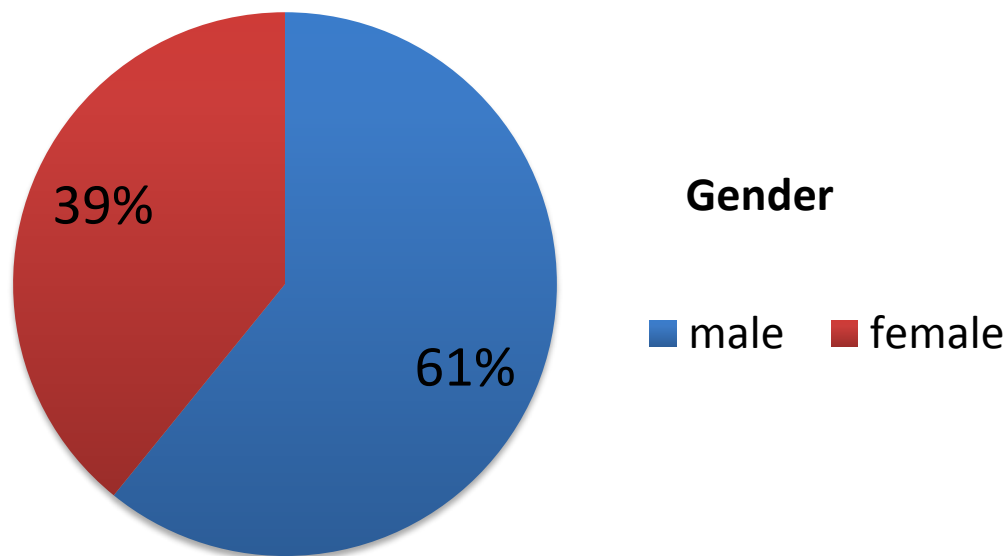
**01 June to 15 August 2016**

*<http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/en/>*

# Overview of the Respondents

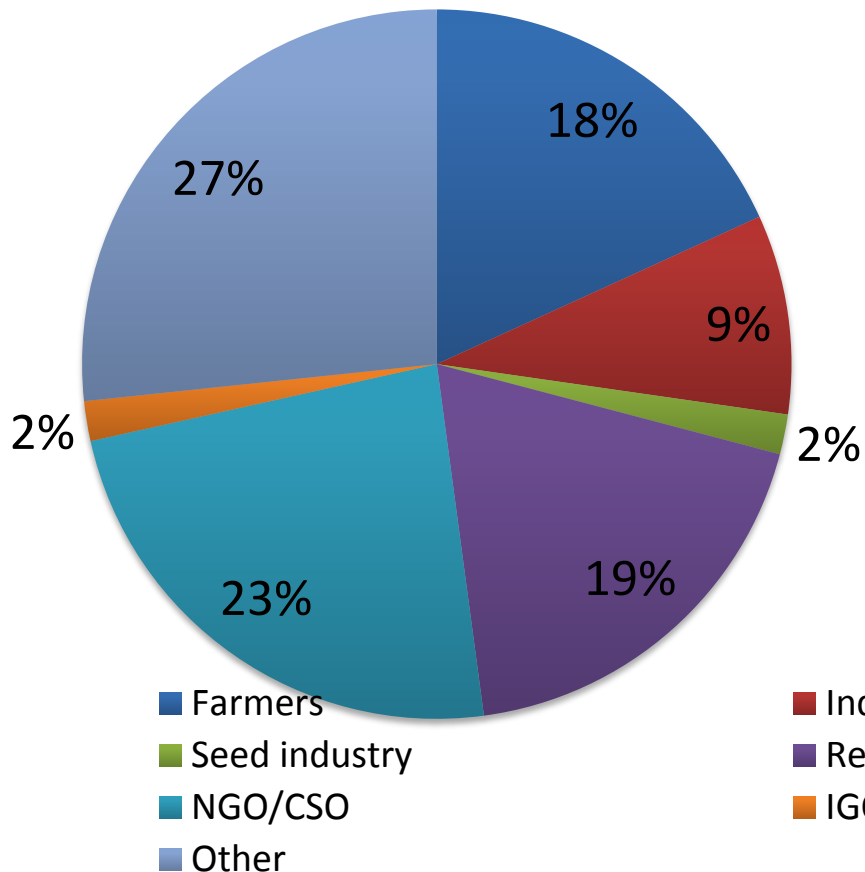
Gender	English	French	Spanish	Total
Female	44	29	28	101
Male	29	34	22	65
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**58 Countries**

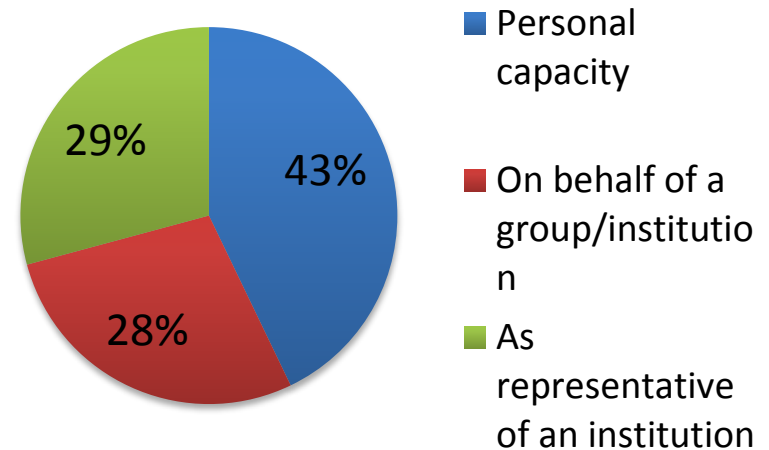


# The Respondents

## Stakeholders



## In which capacity are you sharing your views and experiences?



# Focus of Survey

## Article 9 provisions:

- **Protection of traditional knowledge relevant to PGRFA**
- **Equitably participate in sharing benefits arising from the utilization of PGRFA**
- **Participate in making decisions, at the national level, on matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA**
- **Rights that farmers have to save, use, exchange and sell farm-saved seed/propagating material**

# Results of the Survey

**Respondents' view on the implementation of Farmers' rights?**

**19% Very Important**

**80% Important**

**1-3 % – not sure**

# What are the means to implement Farmers' Rights in your country?

## Summary of Responses

- **Adoption of conducive laws**
- **Adoption of conducive policies**
- **Government programmes, projects, initiatives**
- **Implementation of conducive laws/policies**
- **NGO/CSO implemented initiatives/projects**



# Most Frequently Cited Challenges or obstacles in implementing FR?

- 1. Limited promotion of the wider use of local and locally adapted crops, varieties and underutilized species**
- 2. Limited technical and financial support**
- 3. Limited or lack of enabling conditions on farmers' rights (awareness and understanding of FR: among farmers, decision-makers, stakeholders, limited knowledge and information, capacities)**

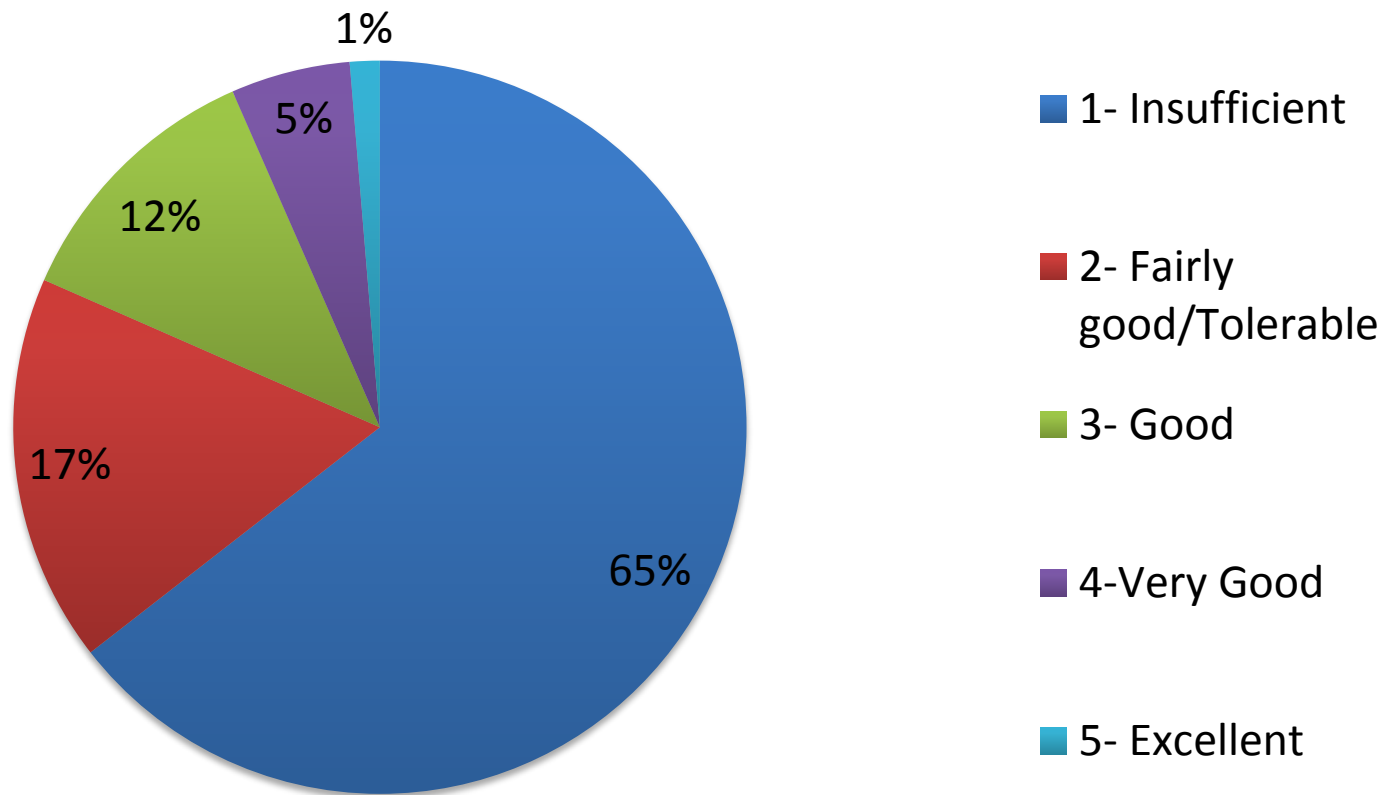
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- 4. Lack or limited implementation of national measures strengthening the informal seed systems**
- 5. Lack of extension/technical support services to help improve capacities of farmers to manage and conserve PGRFA**
- 6. Limited legal space to enable farmers to continue conserving, developing and sustainably using PGRFA**

# Most Frequently Cited Challenges or obstacles in implementing FR?

- 7. Limited or non-scaling up of experiences on implementing FR**
- 8. Lack of interconnected policy-making on conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources to recognize the role played by farmers**
- 9. Lack of national laws, policies, strategies, programmes and other implementing measures relevant for the realization of FR**

# On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate the implementation of Farmers' Right in your country?



**Thank you very much  
for responding on the  
Electronic Survey!**