TOOLBOX ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
Introduction and links to resources

The Toolbox on sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) contains a wealth of resources with information and guidance on policies, strategies and activities that can promote and enhance the sustainable use of PGRFA, particularly at national and local levels. The Toolbox contains publications, reports, research and studies, and other relevant resources from diverse organizations and bodies worldwide, including research and academic institutions, intergovernmental bodies, and national and international agricultural research institutions.

The Toolbox is useful for a wide range of stakeholder groups involved in plant genetic resources management or research, including those working in public research institutes, genebanks, government agencies, farmers’ associations, non-governmental organizations, local and indigenous community entities, seed networks, educational institutions, international bodies, networks and services, private plant breeding companies, and the commercial seed and plant production industries, as well as independent plant breeders, farmers and seed producers.

A technical and policy repository
The Technical repository contains technical resources related to crop diversity, plant breeding techniques and approaches, training, or capacity building, crop wild relatives and farming systems.

The Policy repository contains policy framework on legislation and policies, agreements, principles, declarations, strategies, and Action Plans, and other related information.

Around 2000 resources are available in English, French and Spanish. This includes regularly consulted resources, such as publications on embedding crop diversity in food value chain policy, community seed bank data management and conservation of crop wild relatives.

Technical Resources

The Technical repository search form in the Toolbox
Access
The Toolbox is available under “Tools” on the website of the International Treaty, at

The Toolbox can also be accessed on the portal of the International Treaty’s Global Information System (GLIS portal) at https://glis.fao.org/glis/

On both pages, user guides for the Toolbox are available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

Submit resources
This database is constantly being updated with technical and policy publications on sustainable use of PGRFA.

Contributions are welcome to enrich the database and strengthen its visibility and relevance. Contribute to the Toolbox by submitting resources (policy or technical) by clicking on https://glis.fao.org/glis/csusub/create

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