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**Technical report on the Second Workshop on
Establishment of the National Information
Sharing Mechanism for monitoring
The GPA implementation
In Vietnam**

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1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. The second Stakeholder Workshop (SH Workshop) with SHs, involved in conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA, for the establishment of National Information Sharing Mechanism (GPA-IFS) on monitoring the implementation of GPA in Vietnam, was held at Vietnam Agricultural Sciences Institute (VASI) head office, Vandien, Thanhtri, Hanoi, Vietnam during November 23rd-24th, 2004.
- 1.2. Dr. Luu Ngoc Trinh, Director of Plant Genetic Resources Center (PGR Center), Project Focal Point of Vietnam, introduced briefly the workshop goals, after the introduction on the workshop participants of Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Hue, Deputy Director of PGRC. Then, Dr. Pham Van Chuong, Deputy Director General of VASI, had the welcome remark to the audiences.
- 1.3. Dr. Luu Ngoc Trinh referred to the results and activities carried out immediately after the first workshop and planned follow steps of the project.
- 1.4. Dr. Nyat Quat Ng had the speech on strengthening national capacity on monitoring the implementation of the GPA and the objectives of the 2nd SH workshop of the GCP/RAS/186/JPN Project in Vietnam.
- 1.5. After that, under the chair of Dr. Luu Ngoc Trinh, they had the discussion on how to collect data, and the determination deadline for collecting and feedback data from the NFP.
- 1.6. Workshop also touched upon the difficulties and the propitious things, that is the fee for data gathering, including accessories upgrading for SHs, traveling of NFP and perdiems for institution's data giving...

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL INFORMATION SHARING MECHANISM FOR MONITORING THE GPA IMPLEMENTATION IN VIETNAM (GPAFA-IFS).

2.1. Dr. Nyat Quat Ng, continued with his presentation about the establishment of the National Information Sharing Mechanism for the Implementation of the GPA in the context of the current project exercises will have the following purposes:

- Increase the ability of the countries to assess the current status of PGR and monitor the GPA implementation, including changes in the status of their PGR over time.
- Establish a national mechanism for gathering and sharing information on GPA implementation to enhance coordination of plans and activities on conservation and sustainable utilization of PGRFA amongst stakeholders at national and regional levels.
- Increase understanding among stakeholders about the status of the PGR in their countries, and build stronger partnerships among stakeholders.
- Improving the ability of countries on decision-making on the conservation and sustainable use of PGR, including priority setting and resources allocation.
- Enhance the capability of countries to meet international reporting obligations (such as GPA implementation, Second Report of the State of the World's PGRFA, etc.) and to publicize their activities internationally.

2.2. Dr. Nyat Quat Ng, also pointed out the objectives of the 2ndSH Workshop:

To take stock of and review activities since the first SH meeting and to clarify issues and find solutions to problems if any.

To update and revise the nine “Common Tables” of the Indicators and Reporting Format for monitoring the GPA.

To recapitulate the importance of completing the information on the “Common Tables”.

To train the Stakeholders on the use of the computer application of the GPA-IFS to answer the questions and add data to common tables of the indicators and reporting format for monitoring the GPA.

To develop standards, content and format for data collection and reporting and establish timeline for submission of data and information by stakeholders to the national focal point for compilation and preparation of synthesis report and submission to FAO, through the CTA.

To brief the stakeholders of the requirement for the country to prepare the second report of the state of the world’s plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and discuss the process for preparing the country report.

To create the stakeholder’s version of the computer application of the GPA-IFS, with the information on the “Common Tables” already updated, for distribution to stakeholders by the end of the meeting or soon after the 2nd meeting at the least.

2.3. And Dr. Nyat Quat Ng. talked about the expected outputs of the second workshop:

The importance and purpose of establishing the GPA-IFS in the country and of updating of the “Common Tables” as the baseline information before SHs to use the computer application to the answer the questions are well understood.

All SHs are fully committed to establishing the GPA-IFS and trained on the use of the computer application.

Information and data for the “Common Tables” revised and updated.

SH CDs of the GPA-IFS computer application created for the registered SHs, with the information in the “Common Tables” updated for use by SHs to answer the questions or add information to the common tables on specific activities that they are involved, or make comments or suggestions for implementation of GPA in any areas they wish.

Timelines for submission of data and information from the SHs to NFP developed and agreed upon, including subsequent meetings

Standards, content, format and timelines for data collection and reporting discussed and agreed, including the procedures for the compilation and preparation of country synthesis reports (including the second report of the state of the world PGRFA) for submission to FAO, through the CTA.

- 2.4. The monitoring and operating on GPAFA-IFS is participated through the co-ordination between the NFPs and SHs. There're 3 elements related to GPA-IFS: standardized table systems of data management; GPA-IFS minimally shortened the works related to information gathering; and making contributions and returning on PGRFA of SHs.
- Up to now, the implementation of GPA in Vietnam has achieved a certain results:

There are 16 institutions (see annex) providing information for NFP (till before the 2nd Workshop), consisting of PGRC, among them:

NFP receive data from 8 institutions on the spot, 6 others by email, and 1 institution by EMS,

5 institutions are administrative managements, 11 research institutions,

10 institutions in Hanoi, and 6 institutions outside of Hanoi,

6 from Network Institutions of National PGRFA System.

3. TRAINING ON GPA-IFS SOFTWARE TO STAKEHOLDERS

- 3.1. Mr. Nguyen Tien Hung, Head of PGR Data Management and Information Department, PGRC, and Mr. Hoang Gia Trinh, PGR Data Management and Information Department, presented the guiding on entering, editing and correcting data into 8 common tables: *Address Table, Project Table, Variety Table, Area Table, Information System Table, Reference Table, Agreement Table and Organization Table.*
- 3.2. After that, SHs and Data Management and Information Dept. continuously together practiced operating and using the Version 3.4 GPA-IFS software, including of software setting, registering, putting in and exporting out data. Working with record: adding, correcting, deleting and invaliding.... Utilization of the Software to collecting and providing data for GPA-IFS through answer to questions of 20 priority activities.
- 3.3. Dr. Nyat Quat Ng, had the presentation on sharing experiences and lessons from regional countries in collecting and gathering data into national database, GPA-IFS.
- 3.4. At the end of training session, SHs registered to get CD-GPA software with all the information that was fulfilled into common tables by SHs.

4. WORKSHOP CONCLUSION

- 4.1. Following the 1st SHs workshop, the 2nd SHs Workshop was held in November 23rd, 24th 2004, at the Head Office of VASI, Vandien, Thanhtri, Hanoi, with the main objective is to discuss to establish the National Information Sharing Mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the GPA in Vietnam, with Institutions related to Conservation and Utilization of PGRFA.
- 4.2. The participants concluded over 60 Presentatives form FAO, National Administrative, Agricultural Institutions, Encourage Agriculture, units from VASI, some Local Co-operatives, and PGRC staff.

- 4.3. Especially, members of the National Steering Committee of the Project were, once again, redefined.
- 4.4. The National Focal Point has reported on the Workshop's purposes, contents and expected results of the 2nd SHs workshop on National Information Sharing Mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the GPA on Conservation and Sustainable Utilization the PGRFA, and Recall the results of the first SHs workshop, the expanding activities and next steps of project.
- 4.5. Audience has also listened to the speech of Dr. N. Quat Ng., Chief Technical Advisor of the Project (CTA), about Strengthening National Capacity for the Implementation of the GPA and its monitoring and the objectives of the 2nd Stakeholder workshop of the GCP/RAS/186/JPN Project in Vietnam.
- 4.6. Participants discussed continuously on:
 - Requirement of gathering and contents of data of 9 common tables:
 1. Institution Table (Instable)
 2. Project Table (Protab)
 3. Cultivars Table (Cultab)
 4. Person Table (Pertab)
 5. Reference Table (Reftab)
 6. System Information Table (Systab)
 7. Taxon Table (Taxtab)

8. Agreement Table (Argtab)

9. Area Table (Aretab)

- Must be overcome obstacles and difficulties during implementing the project:

+ Difficulties when compiling some common tables such as Protab, Pertab, because of very strange for Vietnamese.

+ The GPA softwares in Vietnamese are not perfect.

+ The softwares are Beta versions, not the Package version.

+ Informants do not fully understand the contents of data supplied for Common tables.

+ Information securities.

+ Hard for SHs to collect and classify the available data.

+ SHs do not abide by time limit of replying data.

+ SHs have not to have the responsibility to supply data.

+ The frastracter, especially the informatical equipments, of SHs and even NFP, is insufficient or low config.

- The solution of above difficulties:

+ Exerting all our strength to perfect the GPA software in Vietnamese.

- + Enhancing and promoting ability and responsibility of SHs.

 - + NFP will arrive and get the data with SHs.

 - + Fixing the deadline for data gathering from SHs.
- 4.7. In Discussion session, participants expressed their view and sharing the experience of information collecting, standardizing and updating.

 - 4.8. Main and most important content of Workshop was to train the GPA-IFS software version 3.4 for SHs, and they have gain good results.

 - 4.9. Data of common tables that have been filled by SHs was updated into NFP software. After that, SHs get the application software with full of information in common tables from other SHs by CD.

 - 4.10. Seeing that, Vietnam has conditions and abilities to complete the Project in accordance with proper progress, in there, Vietnam will hold the two last Workshops of project before the end of March 2005.

 - 4.11. The 3rd SH Workshop will be the last Workshop of SHs to synthesizing, correcting and standardizing data, and at the same time, consulting the SHs' opinions about information sharing.

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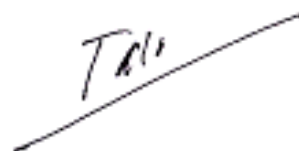
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ANNEX: STAKEHOLDERS SUPPLIED DATA FOR NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

No.	Name of Institutions	Kind of Institutions	Number of common tables	Name of common tables
1	Plant Genetic Resources Center (PGRC)	Research	5	Organization table (or tab); Person Table (Per tab); Project Table (Protab); System Information Table (Systab); Reference Table (Reftab)
2	Science Technology and Environment Department, Secretariat of Parliament	Administrative management (Adm)	3	Ortab; Pertab; Reftab
3	Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)	Adm	2	Ortab; Pertab
4	Department of Science and Technology, MARD	Adm	2	Ortab; Pertab
5	Informatics Center of Agriculture and Rural Development, MARD	Adm	2	Ortab; Pertab
6	National Center for Variety Evaluation and Seed Certification	Adm and Research	5	Ortab; Pertab; Protab; Systab; Reftab
7	Institute of Agricultural Genetics	Research	6	Ortab; Pertab; Protab; Systab;

				Reftab; Cultivars Table (Cultab)
8	Research Center for Cultivation and Processing of Medicinal Plants	Research	3	Ortab; Pertab; Systab
9	Plant Pathology Division, National Institute for Plant Protection	Research	6	Ortab; Pertab; Protab; Systab; Reftab; Cultivars Table (Cultab)
10	Department of Plant Genetic and Breeding, Faculty of Agronomy, Hanoi Agricultural University No.1	Education and Research	3	Ortab; Pertab; Reftab
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12	National Maize Research Institute	Research	3	Ortab; Pertab; Protab
13	Western Highlands Agro-Forestry Scientific and Technology Institute (WASI)	Research	2	Ortab; Pertab
14	Institute of Sugar Cane Research	Research	4	Ortab; Pertab; Systab; Reftab
15	South-East Fruit Research Center	Research	2	Ortab; Pertab
16	Binhthuan Seed Center	Research	4	Ortab; Pertab; Protab; Cultab