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GROWING GENETIC RESOURCES IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Introduction by

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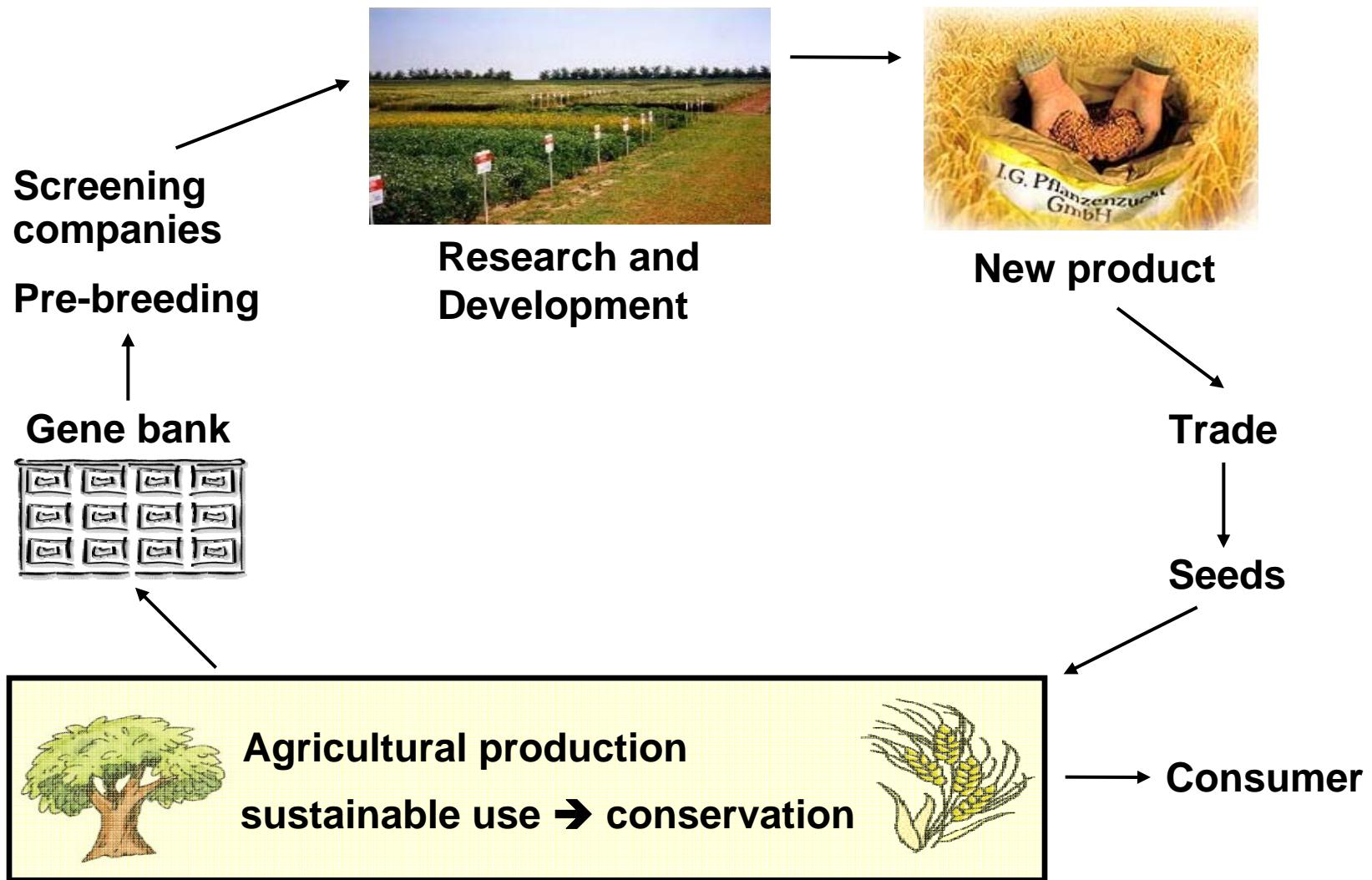
Goal of the Side Event

Challenges: food security for a growing population, climate change and increased scarcity of resources

- In this relation show the action of organic agriculture in
 - sustainable management and use of plant and animal
→ conservation
- What are the opportunities, constraints and requirements for enhancing the contribution of organic agriculture in this regard?



PGRFA Cycle





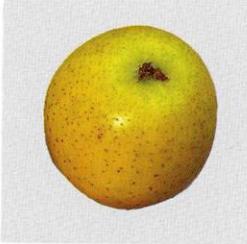
Experience from Switzerland

National Action Plan for conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture as part of the agriculture policy of Switzerland.





Implementation of Switzerland's NAP

1A		2C		2B	
					
ANANAS REINETTE	Tafelapfel	GOLDPARMAENE	Tafelapfel	RUBINETTE	Tafelapfel
Herkunft	Holland	Herkunft	England	Herkunft	Schweiz
Entdeckung	1820	Entdeckung	1261	Entdeckung	1961
Farbe	gelb	Farbe	gelbbraun	Farbe	rot braun
Ernte	Oktober	Ernte	September	Ernte	Oktober
Haltbarkeit Tage	120	Haltbarkeit Tage	90	Haltbarkeit Tage	130
Vitamin C/100 gr	19 mg	Vitamin C/100 gr	14 mg	Vitamin C/100 gr	12 mg
Durchmesser	45 mm	Durchmesser	63 mm	Durchmesser	67 mm

ELSTAR		BOHNAPFEL		BOSKOOP	
					
ELSTAR	Tafelapfel	BOHNAPFEL	Tafel- / Mostapfel	BOSKOOP	Tafel- / Kochapfel
Herkunft	Holland	Herkunft	Deutschland	Herkunft	Holland
Entdeckung	1955	Entdeckung	1796	Entdeckung	1856
Farbe	gelbrot	Farbe	grün rotgestr.	Farbe	braunrot
Ernte	Oktober	Ernte	November	Ernte	Oktober
Haltbarkeit Tage	130	Haltbarkeit Tage	240	Haltbarkeit Tage	180
Vitamin C/100 gr	11 mg	Vitamin C/100 gr	18 mg	Vitamin C/100 gr	16 mg
Durchmesser	74 mm	Durchmesser	60 mm	Durchmesser	77 mm

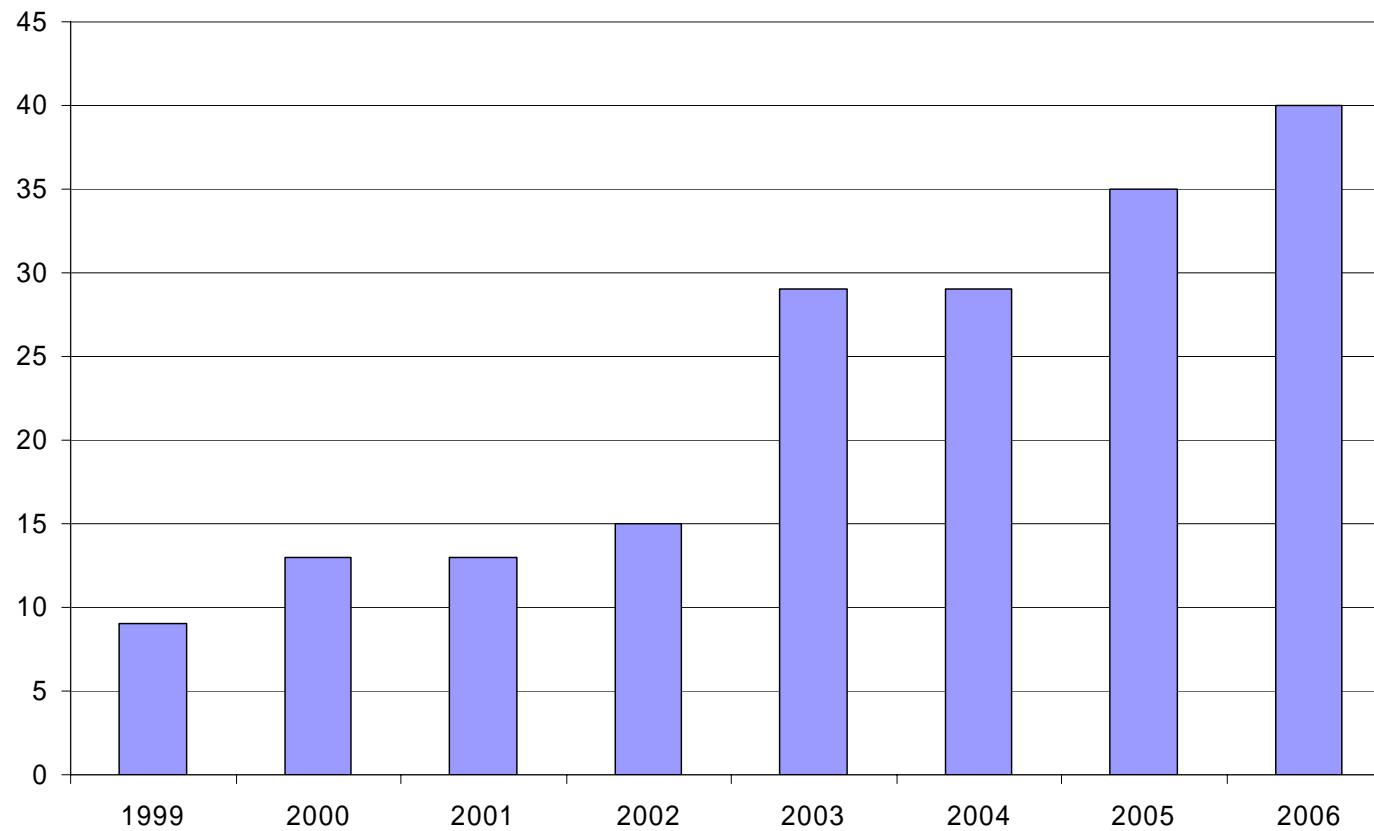
Inventory of Switzerland's agrobiodiversity:

- 1096 Apple cultivars
- 111 Vine cultivars
- 10 Beef races



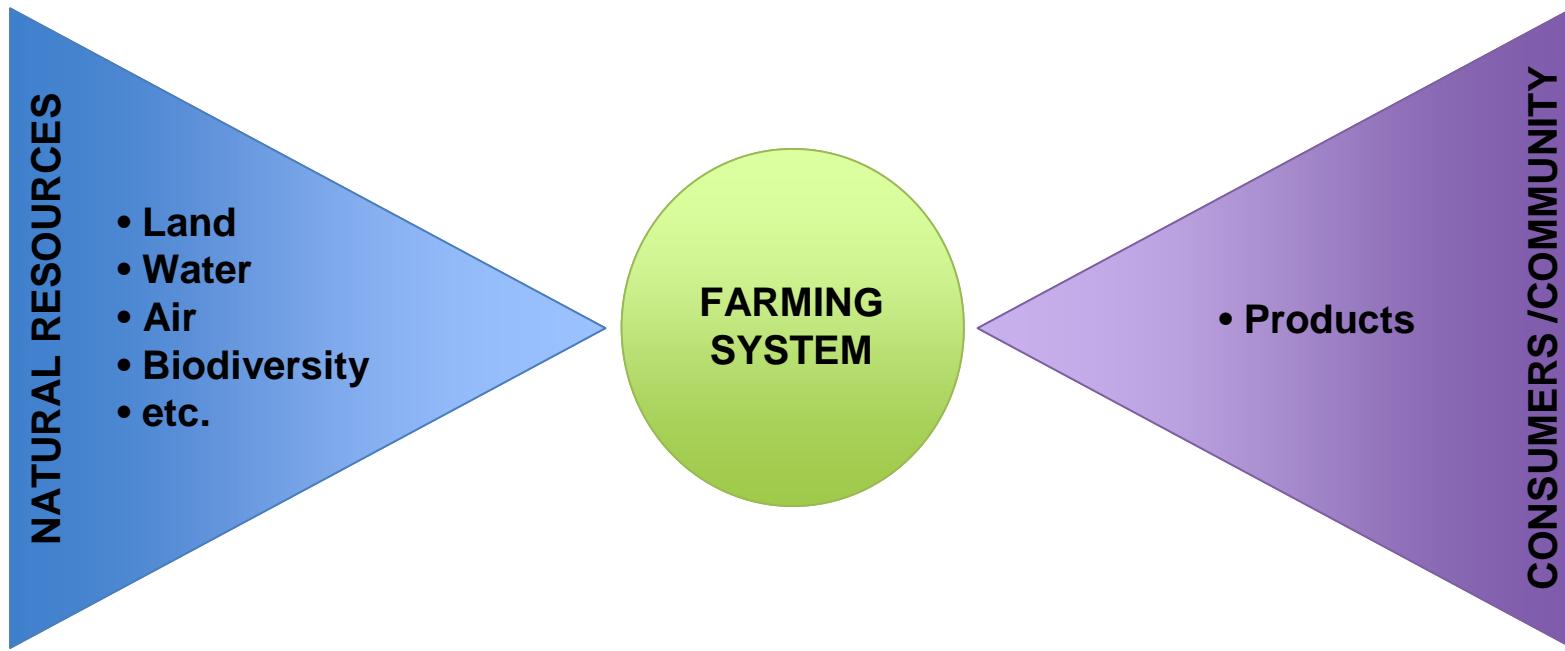
Implementation of Switzerland's NAP

Number of involved organizations





Farming systems: use and manage genetic resources in an integrated way





NATURAL RESOURCES



FARMING SYSTEM



CONSUMERS /COMMUNITY



Program of the side event

- Introduction
 - Alexander Müller
 - Cristina Grandi
- Presentations
 - Urs Niggli -> *in-situ/on-farm* conservation; risk management in agriculture ecosystems
 - Kesang Tshomo -> showcase Bhutan
 - Maria Grazia Mammuccini -> showcase Italy
- Discussion
- Conclusion

