



Strategy publication

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The Strategy document

- Key document for the next decade
- Funds for International Genebanks only if COGENT has a comprehensive Strategy endorsed by the whole coconut community
- Participatory approach to be enhanced
- Had to be finished by the end of Dec. 2013, postponed to Dec. 2014 (last deadline)
- 152 pages and 66 646 words for Chap 1,2,3 without Chap 4 and without annex = too long (ex. Full cacao strategy is 100 pages)

Strategy: where are we?

Chap 1

Scientific edition done

Lay out

Proofs reading

Publication

Chap 2

Scientific edition done

Validation of the modified sections by the Chapter leader (Semiramis) and Compilor (Roland Bourdeix)

Validation of the modified sections by Bioversity and Cirad

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Publication

Chap 3

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Final edition of the modified sections (Scientific editor)

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Last reading and validation by contributors of the modified section

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Lay out, proofs reading and publication

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Chap 4 become a separate document "Implementation and workplan"



Draft of a workplan based on the SC Meeting inputs and chap 3 proposed by the COGENT coordinator to the ITAGs Groups



Comments, implementation and writing of the document supervised by the ITAG leaders



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Objectives of the Strategy to be prioritized

- A. Strengthen **local, national and international** commitment to identify, collect, conserve, document and better use coconut genetic resources.
- B. Revisit and **optimize the present organization of the COGENT coconut collections** in close collaboration with other partners.
- C. **Secure the conservation of existing *ex situ* coconut genetic resources and their distribution**
- D. Promote and strengthen ***in situ* conservation** of landraces and dissemination by local stakeholders of good planting material in a sustainable and equitable manner. This will integrate a gender approach.
- E. Identify **critical genetic and geographical gaps** in existing *ex situ* collections, prioritize and build up missions aiming both to collect germplasm, boost *in situ* and *ex situ* local conservation and strengthen their interface.

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- F. Develop the mechanisms and procedures, skills, knowledge, capacity, laboratories and other resources required for safe and well-facilitated international germplasm movements.
- G. Strengthen the use of coconut genetic resources by enhancing germplasm characterization and evaluation, dissemination of breeding results and marketing of improved varieties.
- H. Prepare the field of coconut genomics which will become a crucial tool for conservation and use of coconut genetic resources. This will be conducted by seeking and establishing 'strategic alliances' with already existing genomic research teams and set-ups.
- I. Develop and improve national and global coconut germplasm databases and sharing of technical information regarding germplasm and planting material.
- J. Reinforce COGENT as a sustainable, powerful and effective platform for the collaborative conception, coordination and implementation of priority projects in the field of coconut genetic resources.



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