Recognizing Farmers for their Efforts in the Conservation of Landscapes & Landraces – A case from The Western Ghats, India

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THE GOVERNMENT
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001 (PPV&FR Act)
Govt of India

Farmers as Cultivators, Conservators & Breeders
Registration of Farmers’ Varieties
Genome Savior Community Recognition
Gene Fund & Genome Savior Award

SUMMARY:
• Action Research on SEPLs* and Landraces
• Building Capacity of Rural and Tribal Farmers
• Translating PPV&FR Act for the communities
• Farmers and Scientist working together
• Facilitating Recognition & Rewards
• SEPLs* and Landraces protected
• Established 4C Continuum of Biodiversity (Conservation, Cultivation, Consumption and Commerce)

KNOWLEDGE FACILITATION & CAPACITY BUILDING
Empowerment of Barefoot practitioners
Community mobilization
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act (PPV&FR) translated to Local language

SEED CARE
Wayanad District Tribal Development Action Council

RESULTS & IMPACTS
Community Seed Banks & Seed Villages
Enhanced seed flow

• Cultivation
• Conservation
• Commerce

WHAT SCIENTISTS SAY...
Ecosystem Services and Goods
Contribution to Genetic Enhancement and checking Genetic Erosion
Conserving Public Goods in Personal Cost

WHAT SATOYAMA FARMERS SAY...
Rice Paddy fields satisfy many of our needs
We have many (27) indigenous rice landraces with useful traits
Rice is our culture, we do not go for HYVs

Let’s Work Together
Community mobilization
Empowerment of Barefoot practitioners
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