

Food Sovereignty and the Right to Food

Who eats, Who decides, Who profits?

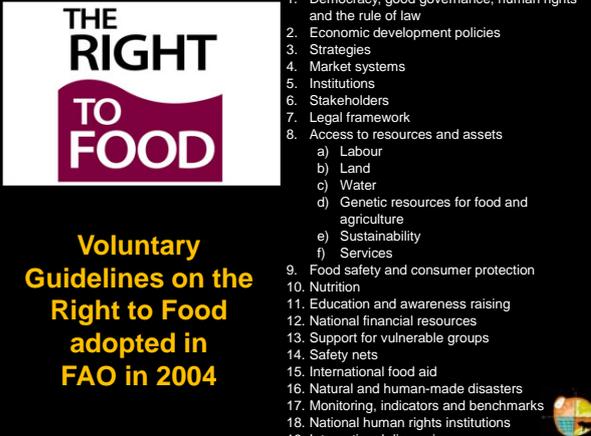
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THE RIGHT TO FOOD

Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food adopted in FAO in 2004

1. Democracy, good governance, human rights and the rule of law
2. Economic development policies
3. Strategies
4. Market systems
5. Institutions
6. Stakeholders
7. Legal framework
8. Access to resources and assets
 - a) Labour
 - b) Land
 - c) Water
 - d) Genetic resources for food and agriculture
 - e) Sustainability
 - f) Services
9. Food safety and consumer protection
10. Nutrition
11. Education and awareness raising
12. National financial resources
13. Support for vulnerable groups
14. Safety nets
15. International food aid
16. Natural and human-made disasters
17. Monitoring, indicators and benchmarks
18. National human rights institutions
19. International dimension



FARMERS' RIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL SEED TREATY

Farmers' Rights to save, use, exchange and sell farm-saved seed / propagating material



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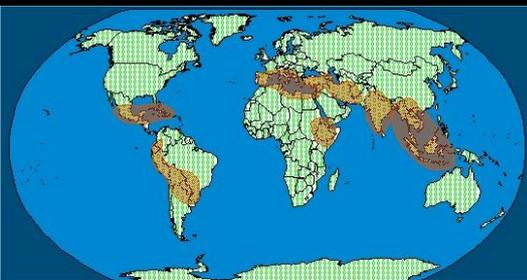
'Father of modern gene banks'

The Vavilov Institute's invaluable collection, built on Vavilov's missions.

In the siege of Leningrad, *Dmitri Ivanov*, head of the rice collection, died, surrounded by 1,000s of packs of rice.



VAVILOV CENTRES OF ORIGIN

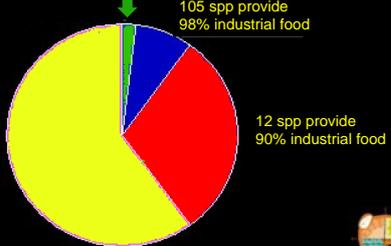


Interdependence of Seed/Food



Industrial Food Chains use limited Agricultural Biodiversity

e.g. between 7,000 and 30,000 plant species are used in the food system, yet only a handful are recorded as providing most food. The majority of species, essential for food security and nutrition, are 'invisible'.



Species	Percentage of Industrial Food
105 spp	98%
12 spp	90%
4 spp (Maize, Rice, Wheat, Potatoes)	60%

Significant Under-reporting of the Diversity in Local Food Webs



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CBD's Future Agenda

Sustaining the Agricultural Biodiversity that Feeds Us

Celebrating Family Farmers on World Food Sovereignty Day

Patrick Mulvany, ECOROPA



State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture



Country-driven process. National Focal Points appointed by November 2013. Cross-sectoral, inclusive process, using ecosystem approach



Food Security



Governance by existing powerholders
It can be silent on

- Provenance
- Quality
- Control
- Decision-making



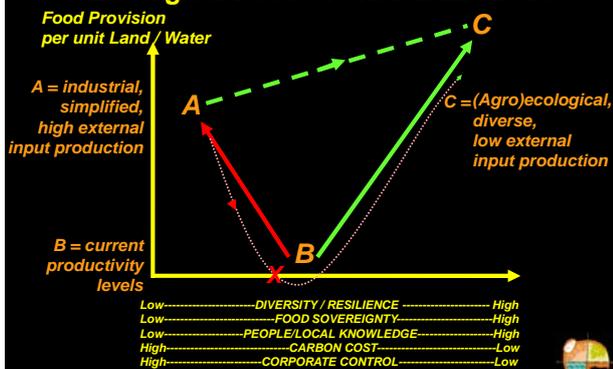
G8 New Alliance African Resource Grabs



Via Campesina Feeding the 99%



Sustaining Agricultural Biodiversity by Ecological Food Provision Methods



"food sovereignty is a condition for the full realization of the right to food"

Olivier De Schutter, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food



Food Sovereignty

1. *Focuses on Food for People and Right to Food, rather than export commodities*
2. *Values Food Providers and respects their Rights, rather than squeezing them off the land*
3. *Localises Food Systems, rather than promoting unfair global trade*
4. *Puts Control Locally, rather than remote TNCs*
5. *Builds Knowledge and Skills, rather than depending on alien technologies such as GM*
6. *Works with Nature, rather than using methods that harm beneficial ecosystem functions, such as energy intensive monocultures and livestock factories.*



La Via Campesina
International Peasant Movement

In Defence of
Food Sovereignty

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Nyeléni Europe 2011:
Forum for Food Sovereignty



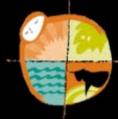
Let's Liberate Diversity and
Say YES! to Food Sovereignty now...



SYMBOLIC: Karen MacRae holds the bowl of seeds which were consecrated at the end of the conference. With her at the statue to the Brahan Seer at Strathpeffer are Iain MacKinnon, left, of Camuscross, Skye, with Hebridean heritage cats and hens, and pier Ferus Walker, Chutorach, Le. Valtour.



Thank You!



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