Working Group 3: CWR and LR Information Mgt

Feedback Session to Plenary on CWR Information Mgt

Summary of current national positions – day one

- Majority of countries have no formal in situ and on farm national inventories
- Lack of funding at national level has hindered progress in this area

WG3 Discussion outcomes from day two

- Clarification; there will only be a limited number of landrace national inventories that will be made available to PGR Secure

In situ landrace descriptor list discussion – day two

- The data mgt group has offered to review and revise the draft list of 39 descriptors so that it can be finally formally agreed
- Bioversity has agreed to facilitate this process using its own staff resources
- Group felt that any agreed list would need a minimum list of mandatory fields
- A separate session is required to carry out this review

CWR Info Mgt Feedback – day three

- WG3 agrees that National Focal Points (NFPs) will work on creating priority lists of CWR at a spp. level
- WG3 requests that defined prioritization criteria already established by PGR Forum be made available to NFP's to assist in this process
- NFP's understand that each country can adopt their own criteria also in establishing priority lists of CWR's, i.e. it is at the discretion of the NFP

CWR Info Mgt Feedback

- If it is acceptable that individual countries will pursue different prioritization strategies…
  - WG3 requests clarification what PGR Secure plans to do with the various prioritized CWR NI's as they will have been compiled using different criteria.
  - Concern that what an individual country perceives to be an important CWR could be omitted from a NI if that specific genus does not fall within the recording country's priority criteria

CWR Info Mgt Feedback

- WG3 felt that NI's should be compiled for all occurrences and not just populations of CWR's within protected areas
- Not clear however if it is an agreed function of NFP's to compile population level info on CWR in addition to the initial step of establishing a priority NI, which they agree to do
- Agreement to identify Genepool's 1 & 2 in order to make a nice essay about the status of CWR's in genebanks