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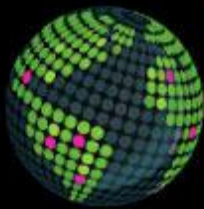
Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems



The Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)

From Concept to implementation

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GIAHS IS UN-PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

**Was conceptualized and launched
by FAO in 2002 at the occasion of
World Summit on Sustainable
Development in Johannesburg
South Africa**

Current GIAHS and resources partners

Current resource partners:

- FAO
- GEF
- BMELV
- IFAD
- Self-funded countries



What are GIAHS?

“Remarkable Land Use Systems and landscapes which are rich in biological diversity evolving from the co-adaptation of a community and their needs and aspirations for sustainable development with its environment (FAO, 2002)”



GIAHS selection Criteria :



- ⇒ Local food and livelihood security,
- ⇒ **biodiversity and genetic resources**
- ⇒ Local knowledge of individuals and community
- ⇒ **Cultural Diversity of Agri "Culture" including products and services diversity**
- ⇒ Landscape diversity and aesthetic values



THEY ARE UNDER THREAT BECAUSE OF:

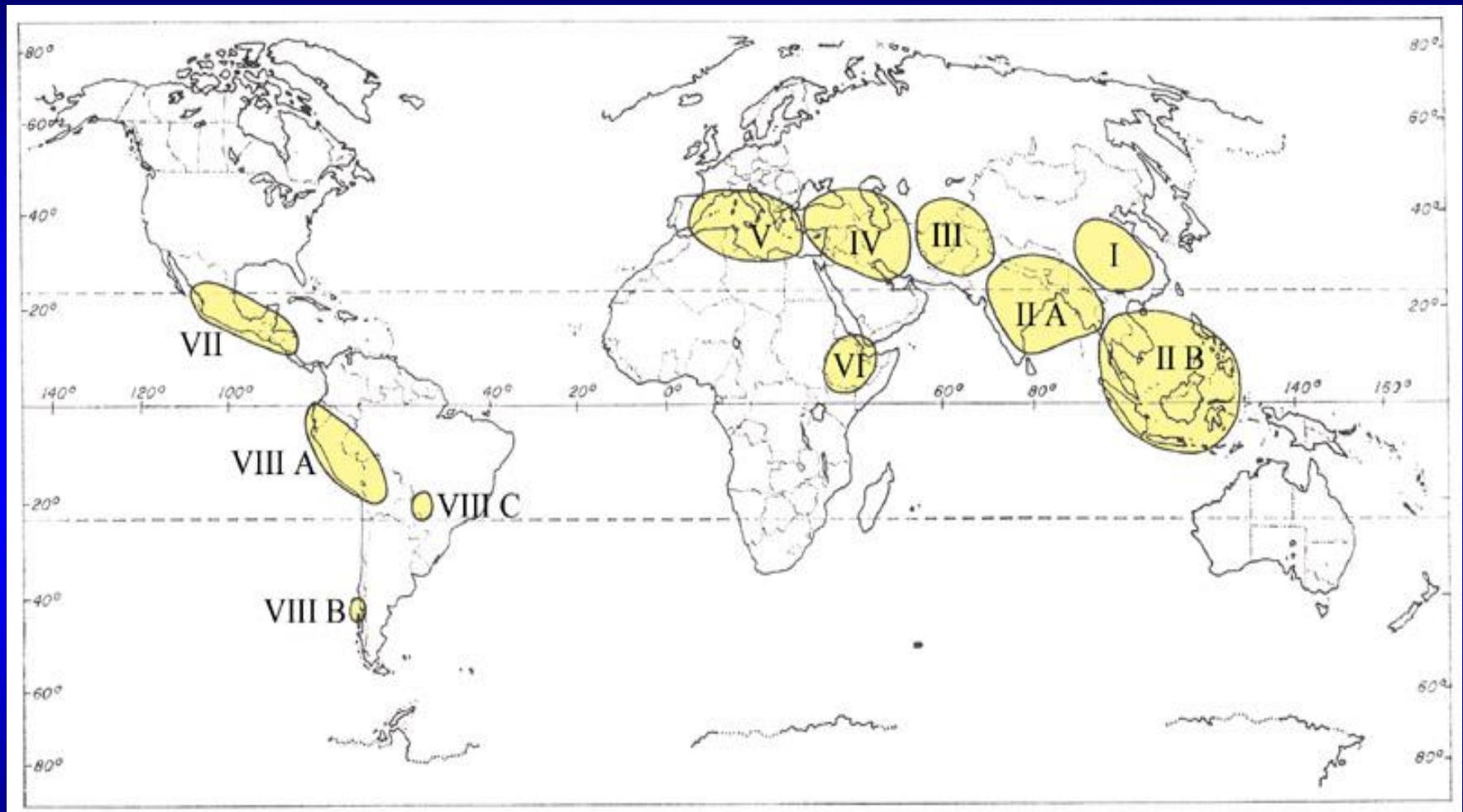
- Inappropriate policy, legal and incentive frameworks,
- Industrialization of agriculture and Neglect of diversified systems and local knowledge,
- Low community involvement in decision making,
- Population pressure and cultural change





**20 pilot systems as basis for a long term
program including up to 200 systems**

Centers of Origin of the agricultural Civilizations



The eight Vavilovian Centers of Origin of Crops



China Rice Fish



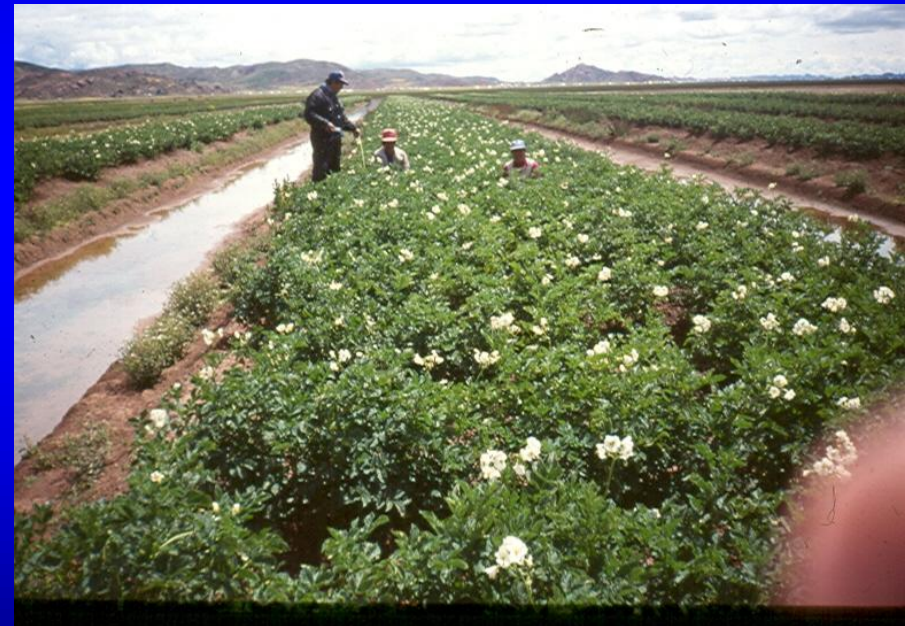
GIAHS-Satoyama in Japan

The Ifugao Rice Terraces - Philippines



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Peru: Suka Collos or Waru Waru



Oases System in Atlas Mountains, Morocco



Lemon Garden, Italy

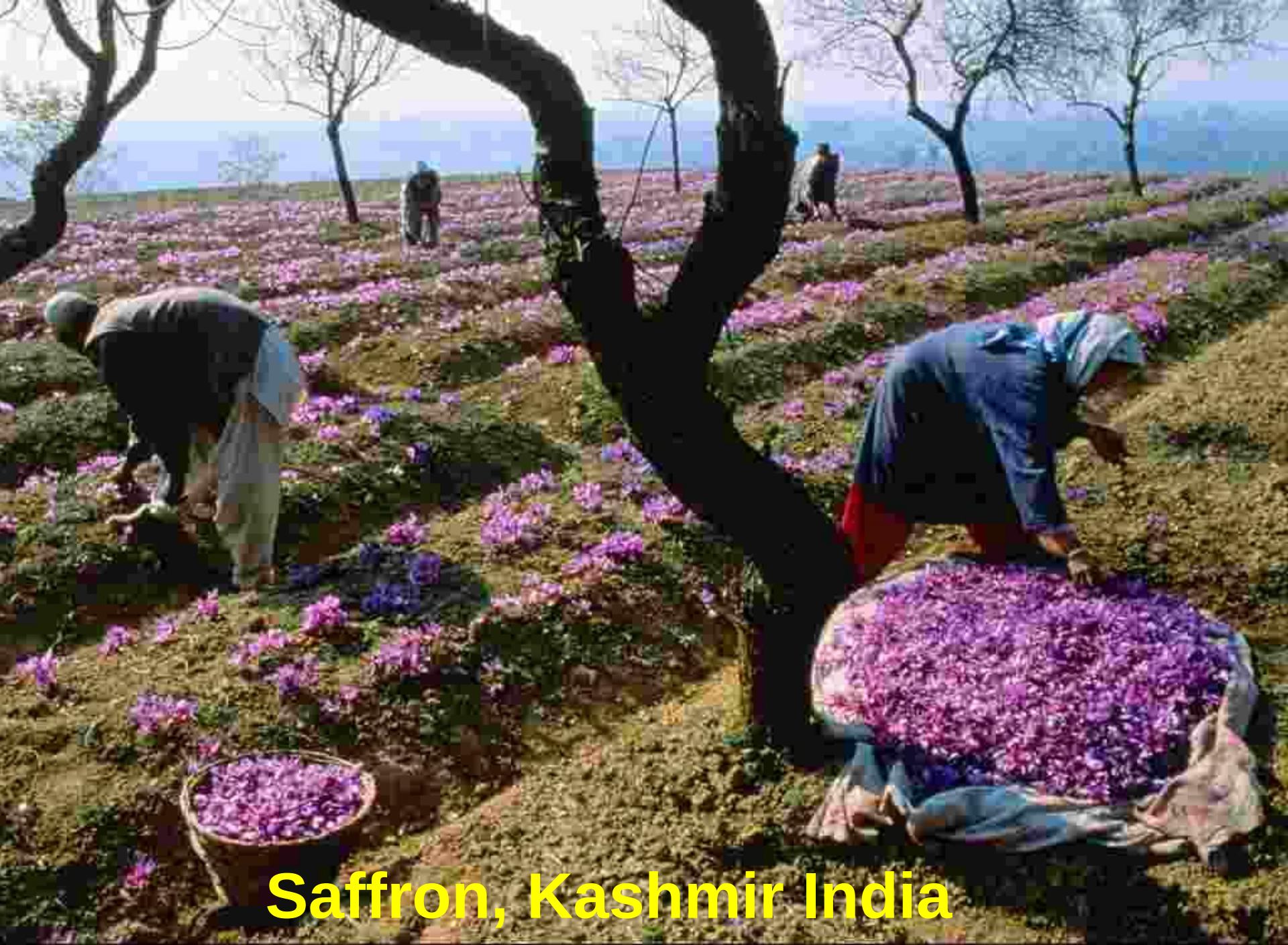


Maasai agropastoralism Tanzania



Ghout System, Algeria





Saffron, Kashmir India

➤ At Global level

by identification, selection and recognition of GIAHS through a prior informed consent and policy commitment

➤ At National level

by capacity building in policy, regulatory and incentive mechanisms to safeguard these outstanding systems and use them as sustainability bench mark systems

➤ At Local Level

by empowerment of local communities and technical assistance for sustainable resource management, promoting traditional knowledge and enhancing viability of these systems through economic incentives



Steps in Implementation of GIAHS

**I. PARTICIPATORY
PLANNING
MULTI-
STAKEHOLDER
CONSULTATION**

**II. KEY FEATURES
AND DYNAMICS
OF SELECTED
GIAHS**

**III. IDENTIFICATION OF
TOOLS, PRINCIPLES,
BEST PRACTICES FOR
DYNAMIC
CONSERVATION**

**IV. ACTION
PLAN IN SELECTED
DEMONSTRATION
SITES**

**V.
ASSESSMENT
OF PROGRESS**

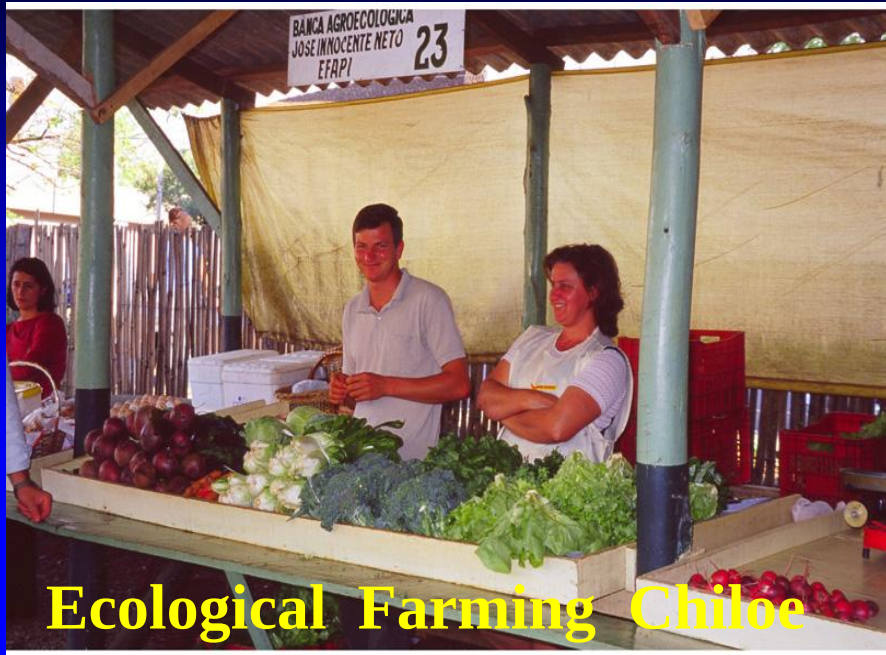
**VI.
DISSEMINATION OF
RESULTS
SCALING UP**

**VII.
OVERAL GOAL:**
Dynamic
conservation and
sustainable
management of
GIAHS

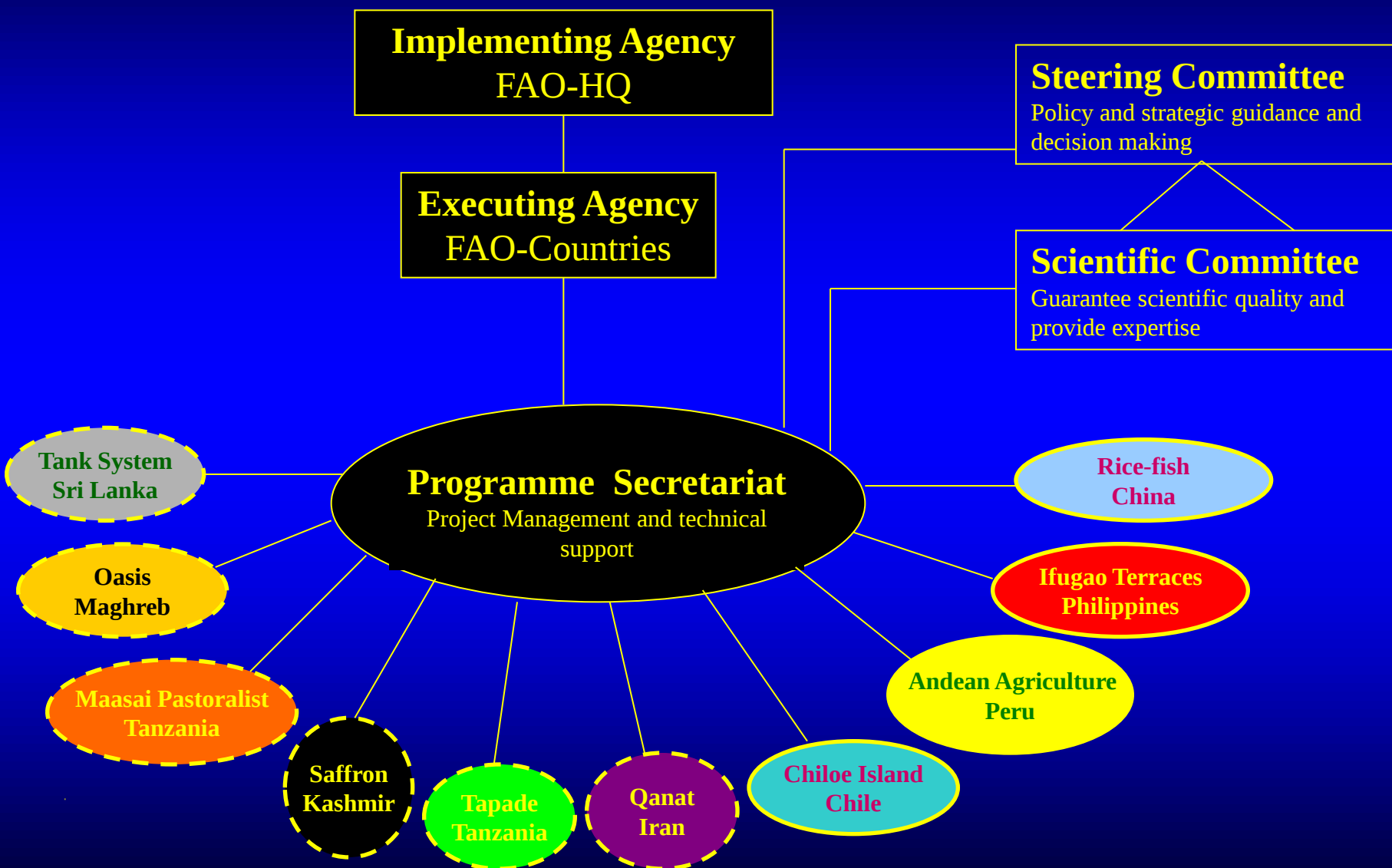


Koraput Agriculture, Orissa India

Examples of Opportunities for Traditional Farmers through GIAHS



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF GIAHS INITIATIVE



Multi-stakeholder Processes in Pilot Systems

National Focal Points
and project facilitators

~~GIAHS-Secretariat~~
Rome and FAO regional offices

International
Organisations
country offices

National Government
Ministries

NGOs/CSOs &
National
private sector

Farming Community
Focus on poor

Local and Regional
Government

Research, Education, &
Extension institutions



Objectives of the Forum

- **Presentation, Designation and the Way Forward For New Candidate GIAHS (Morning Sessions);**
- **Stocktaking of GIAHS Achievements, Enhancing GIAHS Partnership, Exchange of Knowledge and Show casing Good Policies and practices (afternoon Parallel sessions);**
- **GIAHS in the Context of Sustainable Development (High Level Panel Sessions and Noto Communique);**
- **GIAHS Governance Mechanisms, Defining New Areas and Development Themes, Partnerships, Advocacy, Policy, Public Awareness, R&D, Education and Resource Mobilization (Public Forum and Concluding sessions);**
- **Designation of GIAHS Models and Champions**

GIAHS is not about the past, it is about the future



For more information, visit www.giahs.org

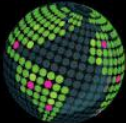
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International Year of Quinoa to strengthen income opportunities and nutritional security

New York (USA) - The United Nations declared the year 2013 "The International Year of the Quinoa" (IYQ), after it was proposed by the government of Bolivia, with support from Argentina, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Georgia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, and FAO.

Under the slogan "A future planted..."

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Worldwide, specific agricultural systems and landscapes have been created, shaped and maintained by generations of farmers and herders based on diverse natural resources, using locally adapted management practices. Building on local knowledge and experience, these ingenious agri-cultural systems reflect the evolution of humankind, the diversity of its knowledge, and its profound relationship with nature. These systems have resulted not only in outstanding landscapes, maintenance and adaptation of globally significant agricultural biodiversity, indigenous knowledge systems and resilient ecosystems, but, above all, in the sustained provision of multiple goods and services, food and livelihood security for millions of poor and small farmers.

Vision

Dynamic conservation of all agricultural heritage systems and their multitude of goods and services, for food and livelihoods security, now and for future generations

In order to safeguard and support the world's agri-cultural heritage systems, in 2002 FAO started an initiative for the dynamic conservation of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage systems (GIAHS). The GIAHS Initiative promotes public understanding, awareness, national and international recognition of Agricultural Heritage sites. Looking to safeguard the social, cultural, economic and environmental goods and services these provide to family farmers, smallholders, indigenous peoples and local communities, the initiative fosters an integrated approach combining sustainable agriculture and rural development

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