

Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine's Role in Conservation of Genetic Resources for Food & Agriculture

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Why is the Department involved?

Genetic Diversity is needed to cope with future challenges;

- Food security for an increasing population
- Sustainable agriculture
- Climate change

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- Legal obligations under Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
 - Ratified 1996
 - Conservation of biological diversity
 - Sustainable use of the components of biological diversity
 - Equitable sharing of the benefits from the use of genetic resources

Department's Role at National Level

- DAFM responsible for GRFA actions in the National Biodiversity Plan
- DAFM co-ordinates, promotes & finances conservation activities
- Chairs & provide administrative back up to the Advisory Committee on GRFA
- Inputs into national policy & support measures for GRFA

Department's "Hands-on" Approach

- National Potato Collection, Tops, Raphoe
- Circa 400 varieties, including those of heritage and historical interest



Department's "Hands-on" Approach

- Maintain National Genebank for PRGFA in the National Crop Evaluation Centre, Leixlip
- Heritage Cereal Collection
- Expanding CWR's Collection
- Safety Duplicate location



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National Genetic Resources Grant Aid Scheme

- In existence since 1996 (CBD)
- Assisted by an Advisory Committee on GRFA
- Supports projects for Plants, Animals & Forestry
- Annual budget of circa €120,000
- All previously supported projects available to view on website www.agriculture.gov.ie

Plant Projects Supported

- Collection, Conservation, Characterisation, Data recording & Promotional activities in....
 - Grasses and Clovers
 - Apples
 - Cereals
 - Brassicas
 - Native Irish Woodland Species
 - Crop Wild Relatives

Animal Projects Supported

- Genetic Characterisation of Rare & Native Breeds
- Mating Programmes and Development of Conservation Strategies
- Collection of genetic material for *ex situ* conservation
- Websites and Publications for Native Rare Breeds

How to Apply?

➤ Applications & details available on the Department's web site www.agriculture.gov.ie

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2012 Call for Genetic Resources Projects

The Department has an annual call for projects for the Genetic Resource Grant Aid Scheme. Applications and expressions of interest are welcomed from all individuals, groups and bodies to submit projects for the further development of genetic resources conservation in Ireland. Click on the links below for further details for the 2012 scheme. Projects applications for the 2012 grant scheme call will be accepted up until 17th February 2012. These can be sent either electronically or by hardcopy to Ms. [Anne Shendan](#), Secretary to the Advisory Committee on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Crop Production and Safety Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston Administration Building, Stacumney Lane, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

- [Terms and Conditions for the 2012 Genetic Resources Grant Aid Scheme](#) (pdf 48Kb) (click to download file)
- [Application Form for the 2012 Genetic Resources Grant Aid Scheme](#) (doc 38Kb) (click to download file)

Local intranet

How to Apply? (continued)

- Annual Call for projects – 2012 call closes on 17th February next
- Applications by email or hardcopy to Ms. Anne Sheridan, Secretary to the Advisory Committee on GRFA, Crop Production & Safety Division, Backweston Administration Building, Stacumney Lane, Celbridge, Co. Kildare
- Call is open to individuals, groups and bodies

How to Apply? (continued)

- Calls should reflect the recognised pillars for an effective Conservation Strategy
 - Collection
 - Characterisation
 - Sustainable Utilisation
 - Conserve & Regenerate
 - Promotional Activities
- Applications initially assessed by an Evaluation Committee & Final selection made by the Advisory Committee

European Activity

- Member of European Cooperative Programme (ECPGR) for PGR
- Member of the Regional Focal Point (ERFP) for AnGr

International Activity

- Department provides personnel as Focal Points for European & International fora in GR
- Member of and participates in the meetings of the FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- Partakes in and provides financial support to many of the Commission's work and initiatives

Examples of DAFM'S Involvement

- Assisted FAO in the preparation of the FAO's State of the World Report's on Plants (1996 & 2010), Animals (Interlacken 2007) and Forestry (2013)
- Provides reviews / updates on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for both Plant and Animal Genetic Resources
- Ratified and financially supports the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources

The End

Thanks for your attention!

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