

AGREEMENT ON GENETIC RESOURCES ANALYSIS

SEARICE is a non-governmental organisation in the Philippines aiming to contribute to the increased and improved use and on-farm conservation of plant genetic resources by local communities. Principle activities include surveying and documenting seed systems and crop management methods in rice, maize, yam, cassava, sweet potato and banana, the introduction and local testing) of plant genetic material (landraces, modern varieties, research materials), and the training farmers in conservation and development of plant genetic resources and in seed production.

The Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands (CGN) manages a bank of plant genetic resources under a mandate of the Netherlands government. CGN has undertaken not to claim legal ownership over the germplasm held in its genebank, or to seek any intellectual property rights over that germplasm or related information.

SEARICE and the Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands of CPRO-DLO, hereafter called CGN, have entered into a collaborative research project on the molecular analysis of genetic diversity in on-farm managed rice populations cultivated on the island of Bohol, the Philippines. The collaborative research will take place within the framework of the Community Biodiversity Development and Conservation programme in which both partners participate. The CBDC programme is a global collaboration between 16 partner organisations to contribute to the world-wide conservation and on-farm development of plant genetic resources.

This agreement only regulates the transfer of materials under this project and does not cover the contents of the research project.

The research project involves molecular analysis by CGN of samples of farmers' varieties to be collected by SEARICE on the island of Bohol, the Philippines. Seeds of these varieties will be transferred by SEARICE to CGN for growing seedlings from which DNA will be extracted and analysed at CGN.

Herewith CGN declares

- that it will only grow the seeds to extract DNA and that it will destroy the seedlings after sampling
- that it will use the DNA only for molecular analysis of genetic diversity as described in the research project
- that it will not pass the seeds or the DNA indicated above to third parties
- that it will destroy all seeds and DNA provided and all DNA extracted from plants grown from the provided seeds at completion of the project or upon written request of SEARICE
- that it will not claim any legal ownership over the seeds or DNA involved, or seek any intellectual property rights over that germplasm or related information
- that it will not make available to third parties the results of the analysis unless in collaboration with SEARICE and after written consent of SEARICE
- that it will respect obligations of SEARICE concerning Prior Informed Consent on the use of the materials and/or requiring the consent of local communities on publication of the results.

Signed by:

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