

Diversifying Choices, Securing Livelihoods



Exchange Forum for Custodian Farmers

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Participants / सहभागीहरु



- 25 farmers who have collaborated with DWO, LI-BIRD, MDO, Parivartan-Nepal and SAHAS-Nepal.
- २५ कृषि जैविक विविधताको संरक्षणमा लागेका किसानहरु



Process / प्रकृया



- Survey of promising farmers
- An interactive forum for exchange of experience
- Facilitate Participatory Seed Exchange
- Refine concept of custodian farmer



Sharing of Experiences / अनुभवको आदानप्रदान



- Experiences, skills, area of expertise were diverse. There is lot of room for farmers and organizations to learn from each other.



Participatory Seed Exchange



How did you screen your varieties?



Conservation	personal, ancestral, pride, sharing, rare, endangered	10
Taste, Health, Nutrition		7
Use	Used regularly, multipurpose, useful in future	7
Agronomic traits	Yield, disease, pest, post harvest, multiple harvest	5
Marketable, Price		3
Logistics		3

Overlap and Desirability



- Overlap:
 - How many other farmers have the same variety?
 - 0% = no one else has it, 100% = everyone has it
 - High Overlap = Overlap is greater than average (46%)
- Desirability:
 - How many farmers that don't have the variety want it?
 - 0% = no one else wants it, 100% = everyone wants it
 - High Desirability = Desirability is greater than average (9%)

Overlap and Desirability



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least Overlap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indra Oli (8%) – 2 varieties – Khem Chand (23%) – Khaga Prasad Ghimire (31%) – 4 varieties – Kali Ram Tharu (33%) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Desirable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indra Oli (27%) – Lal Kumari Thapa (24%) – 4 varieties – Khem Chand (20%) – Man Bahadur Ghalan (19%) – Shanta Bohora (14%) |
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Overlap v. Desirability

