

REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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Please provide only the information requested below. Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.

A. Identification of the organization

A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report

A.1.a. *Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.*

SAVE Foundation (Sicherung der landwirtschaftlichen ArtenVielfalt in Europa)

A.1.b. *Name of the organization in English and/or French.*

SAVE Foundation (Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe)

A.1.c. *Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)*

NGO-90123

A.2. Address of the organization

Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.

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Other relevant information: <http://www.arca-net.info>
<https://fundus-agricultura.wiki/>
<http://wildobst.info/>
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/agrobiodiversity
 Twitter: @VarietySavers

A.3. Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this report.

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B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (Chapter III of the Convention)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

B.1. *Describe your organization's participation in State efforts to develop and implement measures to strengthen institutional capacities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH) (Article 13 and Operational Directive (OD) 154), e.g. in the drafting of ICH-related policies or legislation, in the establishment of national ICH committees or in other government-led processes.*

Not to exceed 250 words

The initiative „Friends of World Heritage Orchard Landscapes in Europe” was developed and a development of a "Memorandum of Orchard Landscapes in Europe" which was given to the relevant ministry in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 2018. Fundraising for a project to develop a common strategy for conservation in the field and conservation of the traditional

¹. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers when filling in parts B, C and E.

knowledge is still running.

With the European Arca-Net (www.arca-net.info) places in Europe are promoted, where people can meet agrobiodiversity and learn about rare seeds and breeds and the traditions around the living heritage. Especially traditions and customs are collected within the project "Fundus Agri-Cultura Alpina". The term "Intangible Heritage" becomes more and more better known within the community of conservation of agrobiodiversity.

- B.2.** *Describe your organization's cooperation with competent governmental bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (Article 13), including existing institutions for training on and the documentation of ICH (OD 154).*

Not to exceed 250 words

SAVE Foundation is in contact with the coordinating office for Intangible Cultural Heritage, Division of Culture, Communication, Memory of the World, of the German Commission for UNESCO.

- B.3.** *Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the State's Periodic Report (OD 152).*

Not to exceed 250 words

SAVE is not involved in that yet.

- B.4** *Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.*

Not to exceed 250 words

There have been no nominations for UNESCO lists in the fields of competence of SAVE yet

- B.5.** *Describe your organization's participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventorying of ICH (Article 12, OD 80 and OD 153). Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.*

Not to exceed 250 words

We are actively cooperating with stakeholders in the field of agrobiodiversity. A lot of partners hesitate to prepare an application for inventories because of seemingly bureaucratic hurdles which are different from country to country within Europe. SAVE is in close contact to communities, museums, NGOs and also individual knowledge bearers of agrobiodiversity. Recently a request of our partner organization Pero Specie Rara in Switzerland led to the entrance of "Conservation of seeds into the national list of living traditions:
<https://www.lebendige-traditionen.ch/tradition/en/home/traditions/conservation-of-seeds.html>

- B.6.** *Describe your organization's participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:*

- a. *promoting the function of ICH in society;*
- b. *fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;*
- c. *facilitating, to the extent possible, access to information relating to ICH while respecting customary practices governing access to specific aspects of it.*

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

a) SAVE Foundation continuously informs about the ICH during all its activities concerning the safeguarding of agrobiodiversity and promotes the importance of the intangible cultural heritage in context with agrobiodiversity within all its activities and publications like the quarterly SAVE eNewsletter, annual reports, project information and the SAVE facebook page. During the annual meetings of the SAVE network, ICH is also discussed in context with conservation of

agrobiodiversity. This promotion of ICH is an ongoing process.

b) As a member of expert groups for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol regulations within the EU regulations and its implementation (Guidance document on the scope of application and core obligations of Regulation (EU) No 511/2014, access and benefit sharing, participatory process on Genetic Resources in Agriculture, EU consultations) SAVE forces discussions especially on the term and meaning of "Traditional Knowledge" which is closely connected to ICH, mentioned in all related regulations and guidelines on genetic resources in agriculture, but which is not defined exactly. Additionally within consultancies and participation in different Horizon 2020 projects, SAVE promotes ICH in context with agrobiodiversity like <http://dynaversity.eu/> or www.genresbridge.eu/.

c) In presentations and at conferences, SAVE includes the topic intangible cultural heritage regularly. Also on facebook and in the quarterly newsletter, the SAVE eNews, ICH is mentioned and explained repeatedly.

B.7. *Describe your organization's involvement in measures to ensure greater recognition of, respect for and enhancement of ICH, in particular those referred to in Article 14, ODs 105 to 109 and OD 155:*

- a. *educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular young people;*
- b. *educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;*
- c. *capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of ICH;*
- d. *non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;*
- e. *education for the protection of natural spaces and places of memory whose existence is necessary for expressing ICH.*

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

Within the SAVE activities, like the Fundus Agri-Cultura Alpina or the "Inforama Wild Fruit" aims to become

a) A public science "self-running" knowledge database for agrobiodiversity in the Alpine Region. Several media campaigns, meetings and personal discussions motivate people to participate in the collection of traditional knowledge.

b) Guided tours, workshops and trainings will be offered within the wild fruit project "Inforama Wild Fruit".

c) Besides its activities on the ground, SAVE Foundation is also involved in the drawing up of EU policies and recommendations. As an expert NGO on agrobiodiversity activities in Europe, SAVE has provided several statements and expertises on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and "access and benefit sharing" on EU level. Especially the term "traditional knowledge" which is closely connected to ICH is a focus of the statements of SAVE foundation which can be seen e.g. in the EU "preparatory action on EU plant and animal genetic resources".

d) ICH is not yet very well known in the public. Therefore SAVE includes this topic in all its activities. Capacity building takes place nearly throughout all activities of SAVE Foundation including the annual meetings, where intangible heritage and its practical significance for the conservation of agrobiodiversity and its traditions are highlighted.

e) Within the European Arca-Net (www.arca-net.info) more than 600 places throughout Europe are described where agrobiodiversity can be experienced by the public life at farm animals and cultural plant varieties including traditions, cultural tangible and intangible heritage in agriculture. This information platform for the public is enhanced and updated continuously.

C. Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation

Report on any activities carried out by your organization at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives, as referred to in Article 19 and OD 156. You may, for example, consider the following issues:

- a. *sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);*
- b. *participating in regional cooperation activities including, for example, those of category 2 centres for ICH established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);*
- c. *developing networks of NGOs, communities, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes at subregional and regional levels to develop joint and interdisciplinary approaches concerning shared ICH (OD 86).*

Not to exceed 250 words

SAVE Foundation cooperates with European stakeholders for the conservation of agrobiodiversity and traditional agro-ecosystems in all its activities. Farmers are fully included as well as communities and science. Currently there are 25 partner organisations in 16 European countries and 2 European regions. Additionally, there are several individuals included within the SAVE network e.g. through the board of directors (12 persons/11 countries) and other SAVE bodies.

Fundus Agri-Cultura Alpina (<https://fundus-agricultura.wiki/>) is a project to collect traditional agricultural knowledge in the Alps especially through public science. SAVE invited all interested individuals and groups to collect their special traditional knowledge in agriculture as well as the expression of this. Concerning ICH, SAVE is in contact with regional governments and regional institutions like the Association of Alpine States (Arge Alp). In collaboration with partners from Berne, Switzerland, the French speaking part of the Alps will be included from 2021 on.

To support the growing, use, traditions and knowledge of wild fruits a project to collect species and varieties of wild fruits in the field (in Switzerland) and on an internet platform (www.wildobst.info) the "Inforama Wild Fruits" was launched.

Collaboration international:

FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

FAO Bioversity CGIAR Research Centre

GEF (Global Environment Facility) United Nations Development Programme

ERFP - European Regional Focal Point Animal genetic Resources

Collaboration with agricultural ministries within Europe, examples:

Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland

Ministry of Agriculture and food, Bulgaria

Inst.de Estruturas Agrarias, Lisboa

SAVE is in contact with nearly all agricultural institutions within Europe which work with genetic resources in agriculture and rural development

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 *Has your organization participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly? If so, please indicate which meetings you attended and describe the nature of your contribution to the Committee's work.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Due to lack of resources, SAVE Foundation could not yet participate in the Committee meetings or the General Assembly. As SAVE Foundation is a Non-profit Organization up to now it was not possible to finance the participation in UNESCO meetings. But SAVE was and is always open for correspondence (email, Skype) etc

D.2 *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (OD 26 to 31), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.*

Not to exceed 100 words

Electronic consultation on the role of accredited NGOs 2018

D.3 *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (OD 96) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

Not to exceed 500 words

SAVE is ready to give any advisory in context with agrobiodiversity in Europe. This can take place by correspondence like email or Skype.

SAVE promotes the idea of ICH at any occasion possible to make it more visible to the public.

If there are any funds available, SAVE is also ready to participate in any meetings.

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (as described in OD 27 and OD 96):

E.1. *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

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E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Agrobiodiversity means breeds and plant varieties as well as techniques and customs around traditional agriculture in Europe. In this context, SAVE Foundation has multidisciplinary experience with a special focus on knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, but also connected social practices and oral traditions

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Within our work we are used to evaluate papers and proposals (e.g. EU activities as experts on agrobiodiversity in Europe)

E.4. *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Yes, most of our publications are in English (and German) - see e.g. the SAVE websites. (staff: 2 members in English, but also support of our partners in several European countries and languages would be possible).

E.5. Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.

Not to exceed 250 words

SAVE Foundation is active European-wide. Most of our projects are cross-border projects like e.g. projects running in the Balkans (www.agrobiodiversity.net), Arca net (www.arca-net.info/) or Fundus Agri-Cultura Alpina (<https://fundus-agricultura.wiki/>)

Emphasis of many of our projects is to bring together stakeholders of different levels (farmers, scientists, governmentals e.g.) and to promote collaboration for the conservation efforts.

F. Cooperation with UNESCO

Report on activities carried out by your organization in cooperation with UNESCO (both direct cooperation with UNESCO as well as activities carried out under the auspices of UNESCO or for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention, or financial support, such as funding from the Participation Program).

Not to exceed 250 words

Up to now, we have had no cooperation project with UNESCO or any financial support.

G. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

☒ Yes

☐ No

H. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.

Name: Kugler, Waltraud

Title: Ms

Date: February 2021

Signature:

