

Principles of SAVE's Project Involvement

Main clarifications: Need for action, urgency, chances of success and costs

Need for Action:

- Degree of endangerment according to international system (size of population, breadth of dissemination, development)
- "Worthiness" of conservation, uniqueness
- Purity, level of cross-breeding
- Degree of genetic relationship to non-endangered breeds/varieties
- Persons/institutions involved in conservation
- Efficiency of previous conservation measures
- Possible improvement of measures
- General conditions (economic situation etc)
- Traditional agricultural use still present

Urgency:

- Prognoses for breed/variety development: quantitatively and qualitatively (crossbreeding)
- Efficiency of actions by other parties (or none present)
- Risk of endangerment (if present in only one place)

Chances of Success:

- Ability to survive short term / long term, with / without SAVE's support
- Prospects of economic niches (attractiveness, products, nature protection)
- Possibilities for passing on responsibilities to further conservators and local commitment
- Financial viability; finance requirements (absolute and relative)

Project Priorities (Low-Input-Projects excluded):

- good prospect of success
- great need for action
- great urgency
- good cost - benefit relationship

Input-Categories:

Dossier: - Archive / Inventory

- latent dossier--- info, presentation
- acute dossier--- warning, project

Project: - Alarm: Motivation and activation (government, media, organisations)
- Prevention: Arranging contacts, know-how transfer, logistic help, influence
- Rescue: Support for breeders (financial supp. for breeding/cultivation)
 Acquisition of animals / securing seeds, grafts, cuttings
 Outside placement
- Securing: developing autonomy of projects
- Special cases: living ex-situ / arboretum, variety garden
 cryo-conservation, gene banks internal, external