DivSeek International Regional Hub for Australasia

Progress Update

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2021 Update on Activities:

Initial meetings refined scope to build a stronger base for the Australasian Hub, and to have two primary areas of focus:

- Crop diversity and associated issues such as Nagoya Protocol
- Native flora

Scoping to extend hub to wider genetic resources community

Provide scientific framework to guide legal framework for access and plant genetic resources

- Develop a ‘code of practice’ which can be used to lobby federal Government
Develop an inventory of Australasian and NZ biodiversity/bioresource collections and map genetic resource assets across Australasia

DivSeek International Regional Hub for Australasia survey of genetic resource collections

We would appreciate a few minutes of your time to fill out this questionnaire.

This project is a collaboration between DivSeek International Regional Hub for Australasia and Bioplatforms Australia and is coordinated by researchers at the University of Adelaide (Professor Andy Lowe and Dr Colette Blyth).
Successful bid to establish Center of Excellence (CoE) for Australasia

- To run in tandem with the DivSeek International Regional Hub for Australasia
  Developing a knowledge base of food with a focus on native crops
- Develop standardised practices to better understand food nutrition
The Second Report on the State of the World’s Forest Genetic Resources

DivSeek members part of working group to compile:

- The contributions of forest genetic resources to sustainable development
- State of diversity in forests and other wooded lands
- State of forest genetic resources conservation
- State of use, development and management of forest genetic resources conservation
- State of capacities and polices
- Challenges and opportunities
Thank you