

**COUNTRY REPORT
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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND
MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

Actions undertaken during the past year

The specialists of Latvian animal breeders associations of the different species of animal together with the Latvian University of agriculture made the inventory of the animals on the farms and data base level. They accepted the new animals for the conservation programs of the Latvian blue cows, Latvian brown cows, Latvian horses, Latvian black face sheep, Latvian native goat and Latvian white pig breeds.

Each of the animals which is used for the conservation program is evaluated and information is forwarded to the centralized data base of State Agricultural data center.

There is not done yet special monitoring of trends and risks.

Actions planned for the next year

To improve the conservation programs of the breeders associations and include in the programs monitoring of the trends and risks

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

The animals included at the Latvian blue cows, Latvian brown cows, Latvian horses, Latvian black face sheep, Latvian native goat and Latvian white pig conservation programs was used for the production on the farm level.

Latvian horses breed coming to to be more and more popular for the social events and use in country tourism farms.

Actions planned for the next year

To develop special products made from the milk or meat or genetics breeds animals

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

The conservation program is done on farm level base.

Only small part of tissues sample is stored at the laboratory of Latvian university of agriculture. On the farm level is conserved:

Latvian blue cows – 550 animals;

Latvian brown cows – 303 animals;

Latvian horses – 335 animals;

Latvian black face sheep – 600 animals;

Latvian native goat – 32 animals;

Latvian white pig – 345 animals.

Actions planned for the next year

To increase number of tissues samples stored at the laboratory of Latvian university of agriculture.

To involve new farms for the participation in the conservation program of genetics resources.

To increase publicity of the animal breeding including breeding of the animals from genetics resources breeds.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

No new activities in the 2008

Actions planned for the next year

To increase activity of the gene laboratory in the Latvian university of Agriculture. To find possibility for the laboratory to participate in the national and international projects.