

## **COUNTRY REPORT FOR 2008-2009 of Romania**

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

### **Actions taken last year**

- Debate on the need to establish a general framework for the characterization, inventory and monitoring of genetic resources in critical condition, in danger of extinction and of the vulnerable ones; set the criteria for allocation to categories of risk.  
Participants: representatives of MAFRD (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development); of NABRAH (National Agency for Breeding and Reproduction in Animal Husbandry); of the scientific research and of the breeding associations.
- Actions to determine the breeds and lines to be included in conservation programs.

### **Actions planned for the next year**

- Actions for the analysis of the risk status of Transylvania Pinzgau breed;
- Actions for the identification, recovery and characterization of isolated specimens of the cattle breed "Mocanita", which is now considered extinct.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Actions taken last year**

- Continued the organisation and development of the breed associations;
- Continued the financial support to farmers and associations to develop programs of sustainable use.

### **Actions planned for the next year**

- Counsel and encourage the farmers to product and market the traditional and ecological products.
- Continued to grant financial support.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION**

#### **Actions taken last year**

- Financial support for the livestock associations and farmers for 1 cattle breed, 1 buffalo breed, 13 sheep breeds, 2 swine breeds, 2 goat breeds, 4 species of fur animals, 65 breeds and lines of the species *Bombyx mori*, 1 bees breed, over 60 poultry breeds and lines, over 10 species of fish.

#### **Actions planned for the next year**

Continue the financial support for the breeds and lines in conservation.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

#### **Actions taken last year**

- National (IndAgra) and local exhibitions of animal breeds in conservation were organized;
- The National Association for Genetic Resources Management was established, as a superstructure of the breed associations, as collaboration framework with the national coordinator; it will take over the strategic elements of the Global Plan of Action, adapt them to the specificity of Romanian and implement them.

#### **Actions planned for the next year**

- Update the national plan for the conservation, characterization collection and use of genetic resources from farm animals in critical condition, in danger of extinction or vulnerable;
- Intensify the popularisation of the local breeds and of the traditional rearing technologies by organising exhibitions, symposiums, training courses for children and young people.