

# Crop Genebank Knowledge Base

## **Update 3 – December 2010**

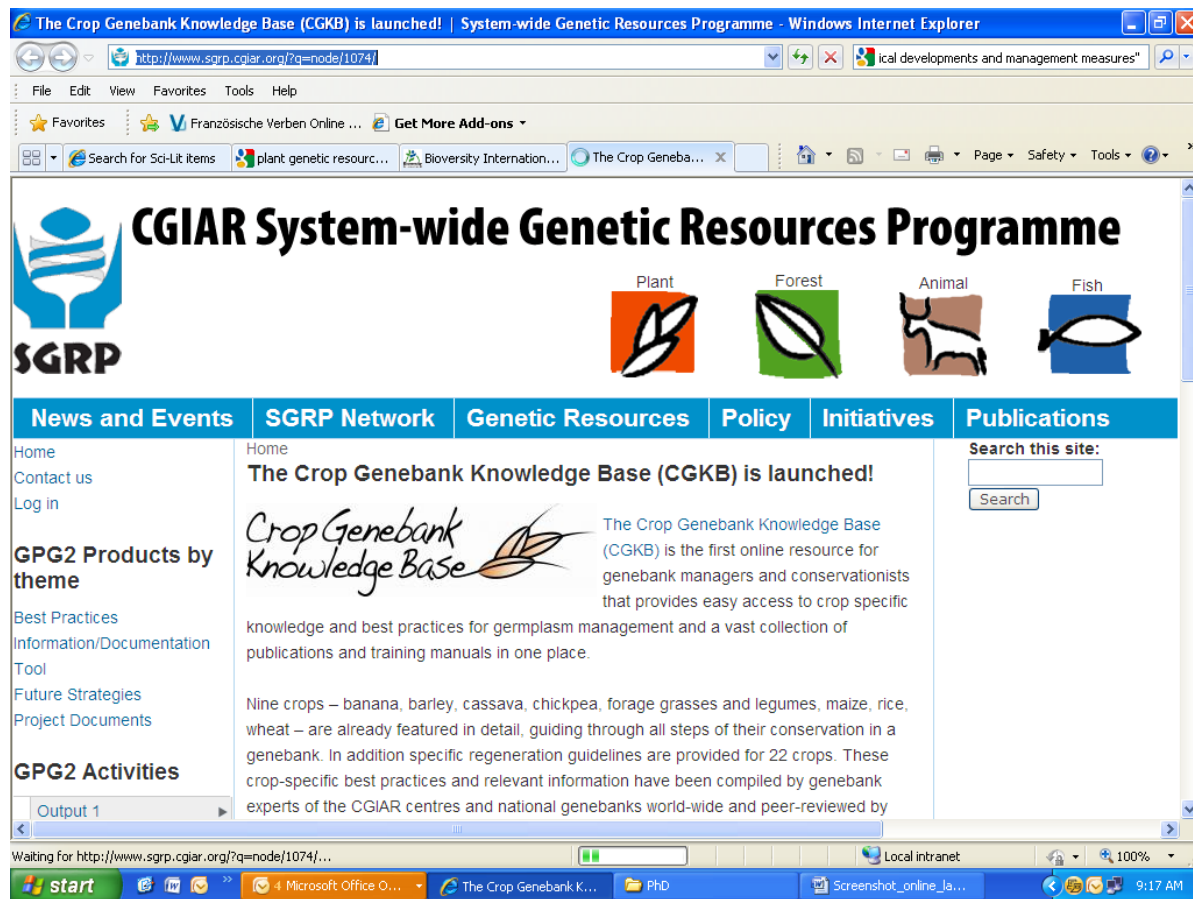
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## 1. Online launch of the CGKB

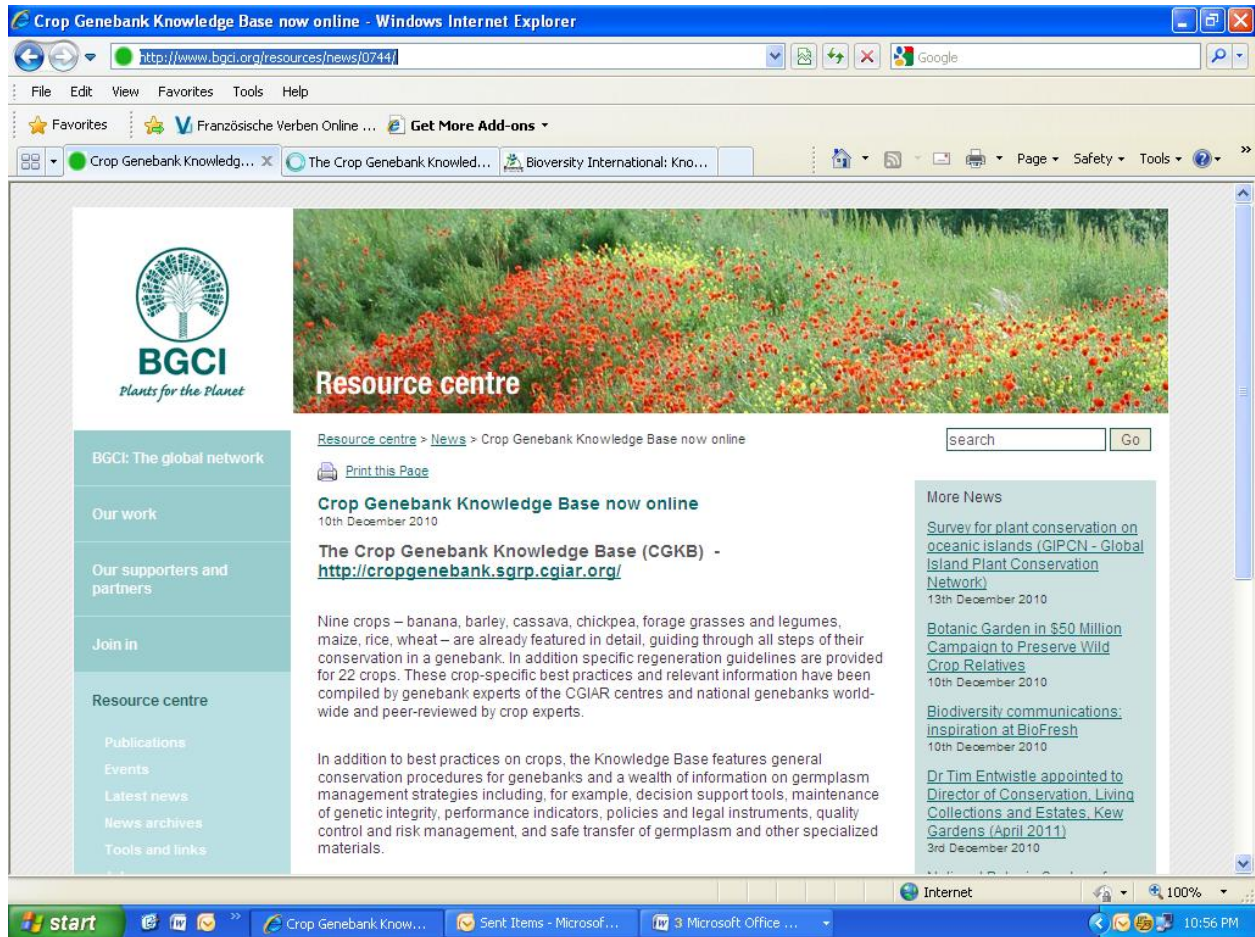
On 6 December the CGKB was launched online on the SGRP web site. See the launch announcement [here](#).



We alerted all CG centers by email before the release of the announcement and invited them to place a note also in the respective news sections on their web sites.

Emails with the invitation to place a note in web site news sections or newsletters were sent to a range of organizations such as BGCI, IUCN, Global Crop Diversity Trust, and the International Treaty Secretariat. Through Bioversity's regional offices, the announcement was distributed to Regional and PGR networks. A separate mail was sent to Bioversity's distribution list of genebank curators.

Below just one screenshot of an announcement in another web site:



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## 2. Cassava

In September we managed to finalize the cassava pages and removed the password from the cassava section. Clair Hershey completed and revised all cassava pages and provided also a number of images, some of which were used for the cassava pages, and all of them were uploaded to the CGKB [flickr](#) account.

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## 3. Second edition of International Genebank Management Course in Korea

The International Course on Plant Genetic Resources and Genebank Management took place the second time in July 2010 in Korea at the Rural Development Administration (RDA) and again the crop genebank knowledge base was one important teaching resource used during the course.

A citation from the [CGKB blog](#) about the Korea training course:

*We did it for the second time! A lot of support was received from KOICA, Bioversity International and RDA. This time the CGKB knowledge base was mostly completed with most web pages with many sorts of information and links. It was therefore easier to navigate through while talking about subjects covered*

*by the CGKB. This shows one of the great benefits of this site, that anywhere and at any time (as long as connection to internet is good and reliable!) information can be accessed and links explored. We have distributed some CD's with information and files but soon these are outdated as new information is regularly uploaded into the CGKB.*

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#### **4. Inclusion of further GPG2 activities and documentation**

The GPG2 activities on genetic stocks, non plant taxa (rhizobia, microbes) and neglected and underutilized species have been included in the CGKB under the menu item “specialized collections” in the management strategies section, with a page for each activity and the pages are now visible without the need to log into the web site.

As they become available, documents such as activity reports, meeting reports, publications, are being uploaded or linked to the knowledge base. This will continue in the new year and if you are aware of GPG2 products that are not yet available through the knowledge base but should be added to it, please send an email to Imke (i.thormann@cgiar.org).

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#### **5. Translation into Spanish**

The translation of the web site into Spanish is going ahead and you can already find most of the crops in Spanish.

At the top of the website, above the banner, you can switch to the Spanish version (or back to the English pages) from any page in the web site

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