



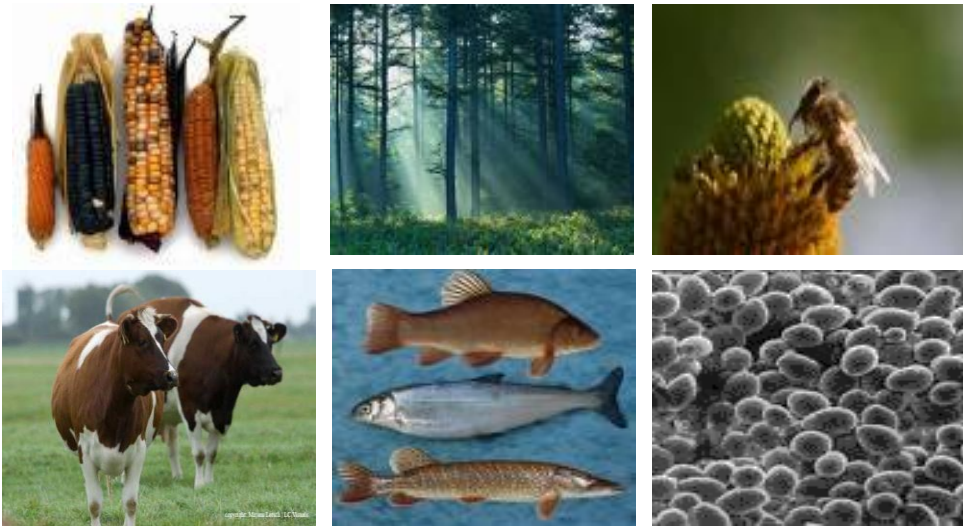
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An (in)convenient future

Policy on Genetic Resources in
The Netherlands



Netherlands policy on genetic resources



Conservation, sustainable use and equitable distribution of benefits

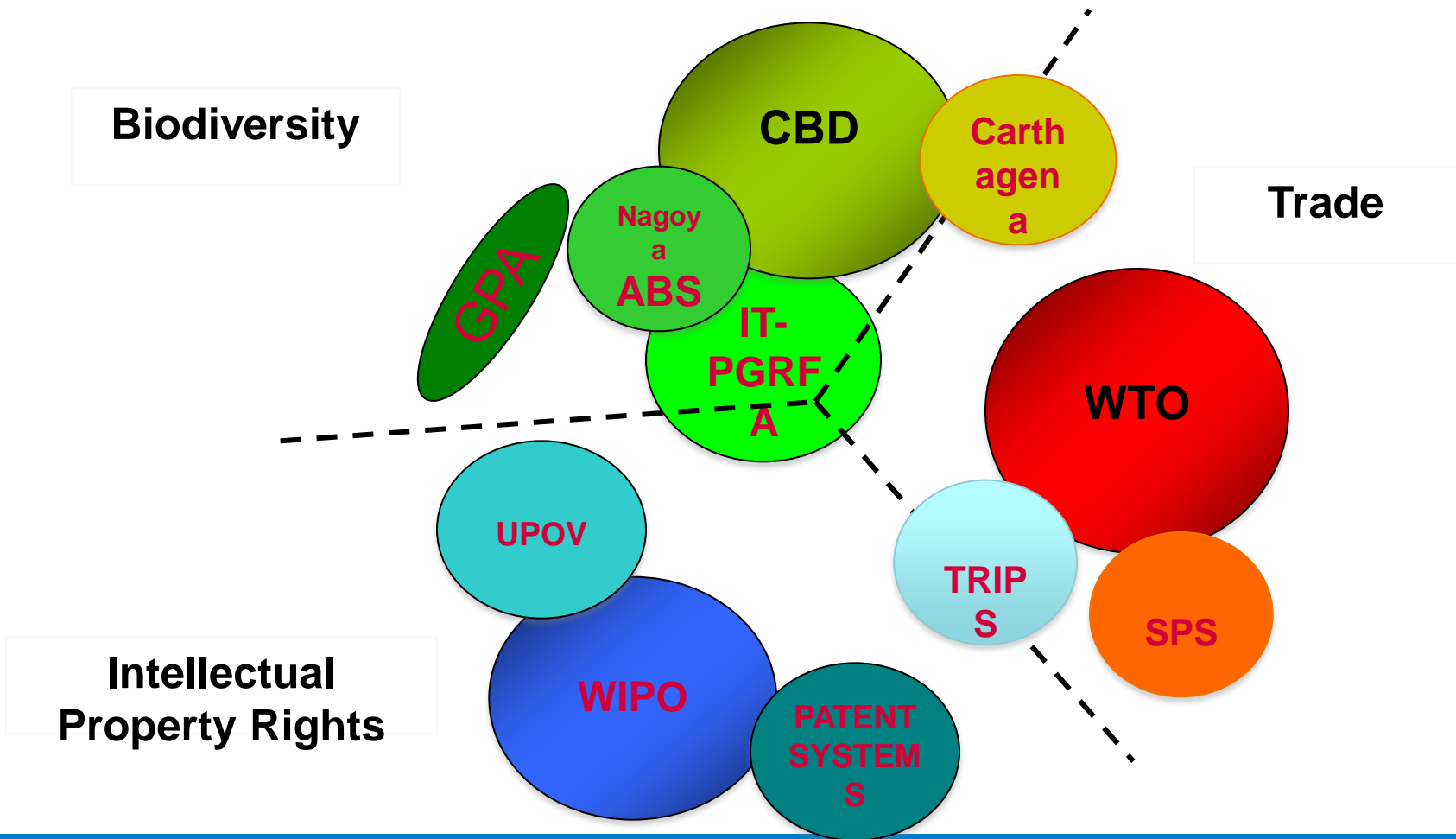
Contributing to:

- Sustainable agriculture
- International leading role of Dutch research & breeding
- Biodiversity in rural development, value of Dutch cultural heritage
- Global food security

Genetic resources: self-replicating living material with actual or potential value for use by human society



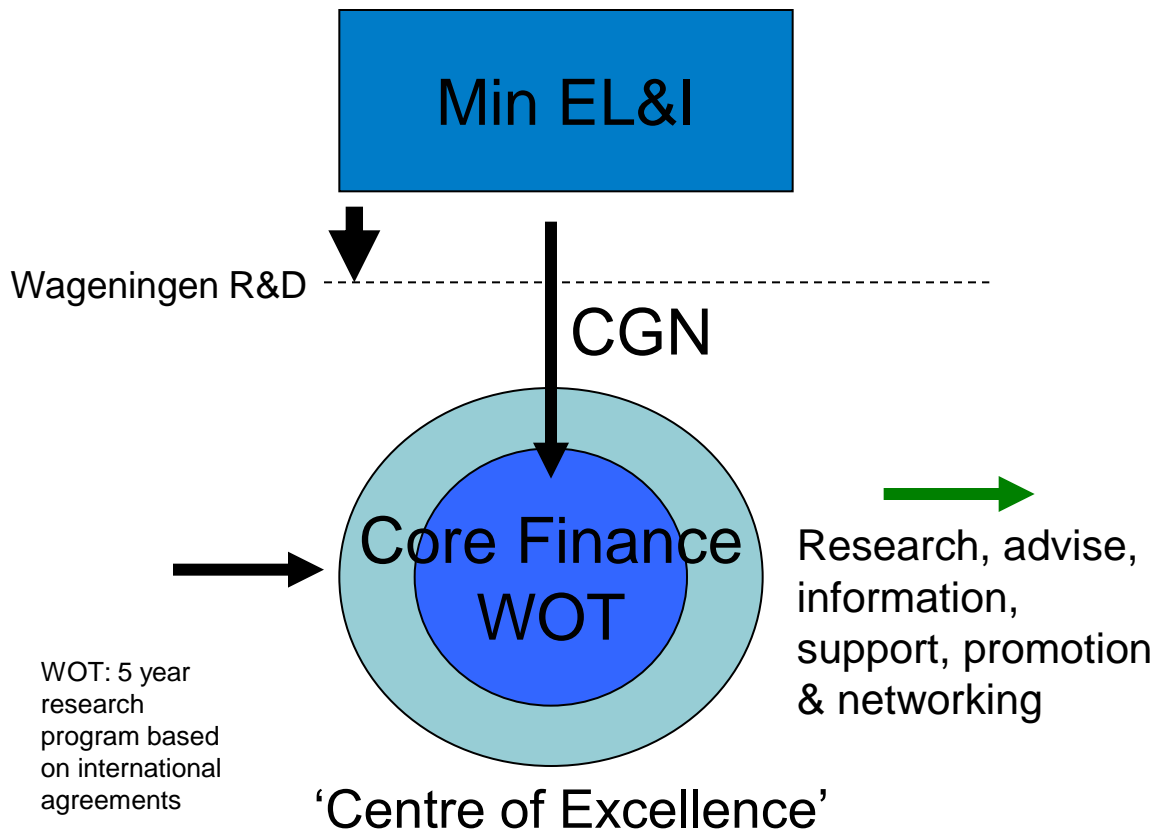
Related international legislative environment





Institutional Environment

Policy document: 'Bronnen van ons bestaan'
(Sources of Existence)



WOT: 5 year
research
program based
on international
agreements

Stakeholders

- Seed industry
- Animal breeding industry
- Forestry management (SBB)
- Other public/private genebanks
- NGO's
- Education
- Research
- Civil society
- Other government

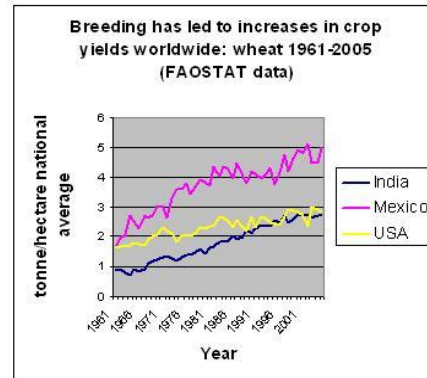


CGN and the Netherlands Government

- **Unique position of CGN - added value to the Netherlands Government through:**
 - Knowledge centre for development and dissemination of know-how on genetic resources;
 - National information centre for IT and CBD
 - Efficient Genebank management
 - Providing policy and technical support;
 - representation of the Netherlands in EU and other international platforms, at the request of government
 - Network of (inter)national stakeholders
 - 25 years history– acting as the government's *memory* on matters related to genetic resources for food and agriculture



Genetic resources in the context of global food security



- Moral imperative for plant breeders
- New system approaches, attention to minor food crops
- Min EL&I emphasis on food security: AFC conference, Nov 2010
- Future crop genetic characteristics, do we know these?
- Challenge for 2050....



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Eucarpia meeting

Thank you