

# Crop Genebank Knowledge Base

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## 1. Publication of paper about radish best practices

In the last update we told you about the release of the [radish best practices](#) on the CGKB.

This time we wish to inform you about the paper that has been published in Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution about the development of these best practices.

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10722-012-9916-5?LI=true#>

Reference: Thormann I, Qiu Yang, Allender C, Bas N, Campbell G, Dulloo E, Ebert AW, Lohwasser U, Pandey C, Robertson LD, Spellman O. Development of best practices for ex situ conservation of radish germplasm in the context of the Crop Genebank Knowledge Base. Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution. Published online 17 October 2012. DOI 10.1007/s10722-012-9916-5

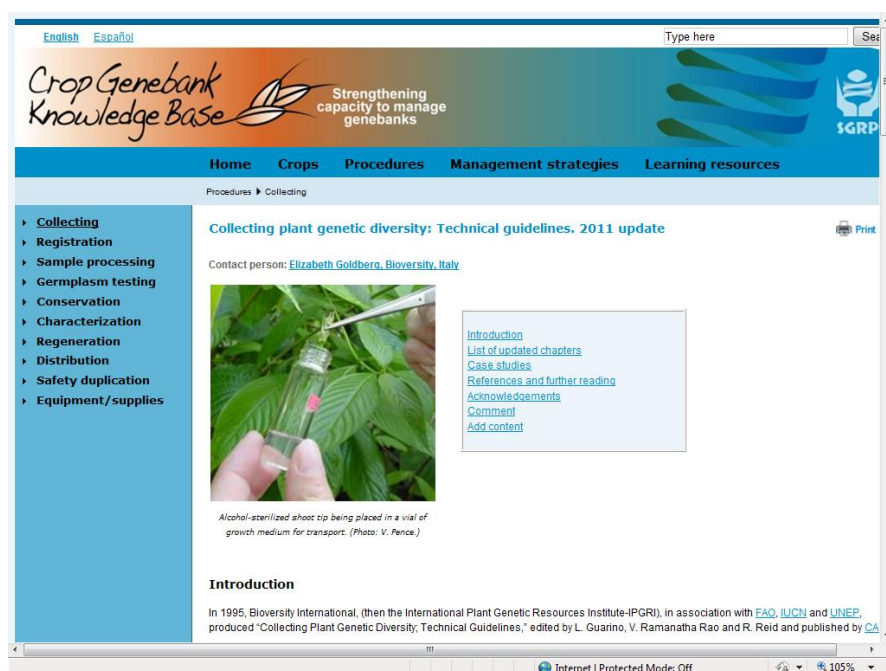
We hope that this paper will contribute to increase the awareness about the CGKB.

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## 2. Launch of collecting section

The new “collecting” pages in the ‘Procedures’ section, which we reported about as ‘under development’ in the last Update, have been launched earlier this year and updated knowledge since the 1995 edition of the collecting manual “Collecting Plant Genetic Diversity; Technical Guidelines”, is available for online reading and download, along with associated references and internet links, see:

[http://cropgenebank.sgrp.cgiar.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=390&Itemid=557&lang=english](http://cropgenebank.sgrp.cgiar.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=390&Itemid=557&lang=english)

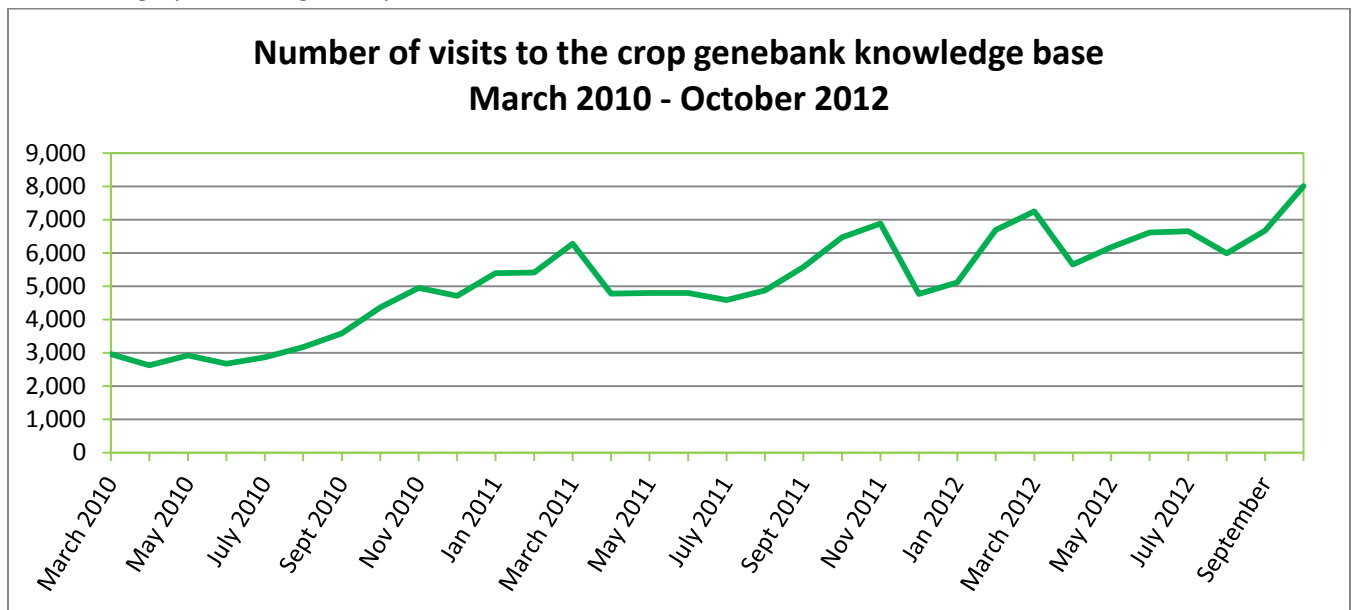


The screenshot shows the Crop Genebank Knowledge Base website. The header includes the logo and the tagline "Strengthening capacity to manage genebanks". The navigation menu includes Home, Crops, Procedures, Management strategies, and Learning resources. The main content area displays the article "Collecting plant genetic diversity: Technical guidelines. 2011 update" with a contact person, a photo of a hand holding a vial, and a list of links for further reading.

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### 3. Use of the CGKB

See here a graph showing visits per month to the web site since its launch in March 2010



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### 4. Your suggestions for extending the CGKB

The CGKB should remain a useful and informative resource. This requires to regularly update and also to extend it. Crop coverage is far from being complete and there are areas regarding ex situ conservation and gene bank management that are not dealt with yet, like genebank documentation for example.

Please share your thoughts about what according to you are:

- new sections that should be added
- important crops for which best practices should be developed
- learning resources you see missing

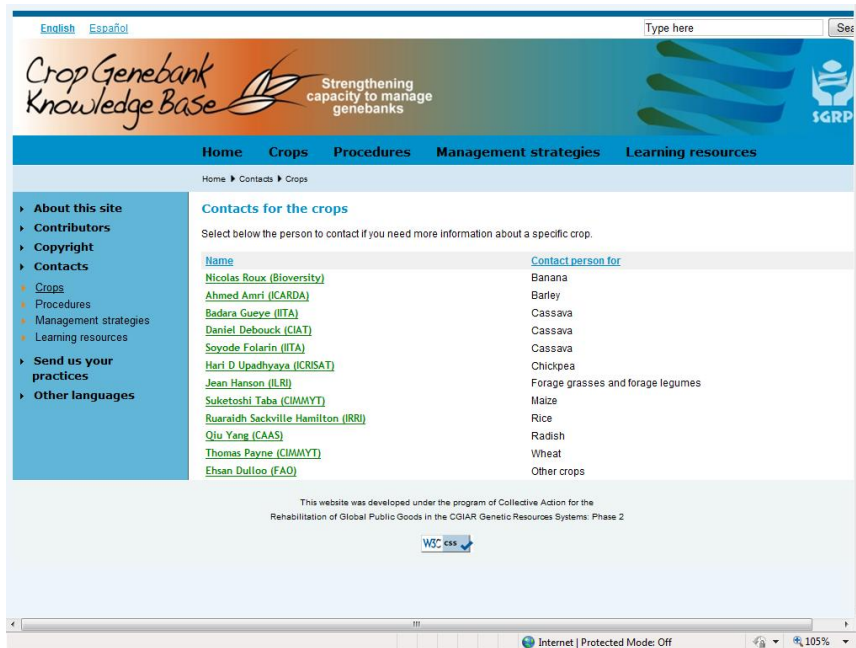
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## 5. Focal points

The CGKB team will be grateful if focal points communicate

- changes in their email addresses
- if they move to different organizations
- if they cannot act anymore as focal point, possibly suggesting a person who could take over that function.

See lists of current focal points in the [contacts](#) pages of the web site.



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Name	Contact person for
Nicolas Roux (Bioversity)	Banana
Ahmed Amri (ICARDA)	Barley
Badara Gueye (ITA)	Cassava
Daniel Debouck (CIAT)	Cassava
Soyode Folarin (IITA)	Cassava
Hari D Upadhyaya (ICRISAT)	Chickpea
Jean Hanson (ILRI)	Forage grasses and forage legumes
Suketoshi Taba (CIMMYT)	Maize
Ruaraidh Sackville Hamilton (IRRI)	Rice
Qiu Yang (CAAS)	Radish
Thomas Payne (CIMMYT)	Wheat
Ehsan Dulloo (FAO)	Other crops

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer that reads: 'This website was developed under the program of Collective Action for the Rehabilitation of Global Public Goods in the CGIAR Genetic Resources Systems: Phase 2'. There are also links for 'W3C' and 'css'.

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