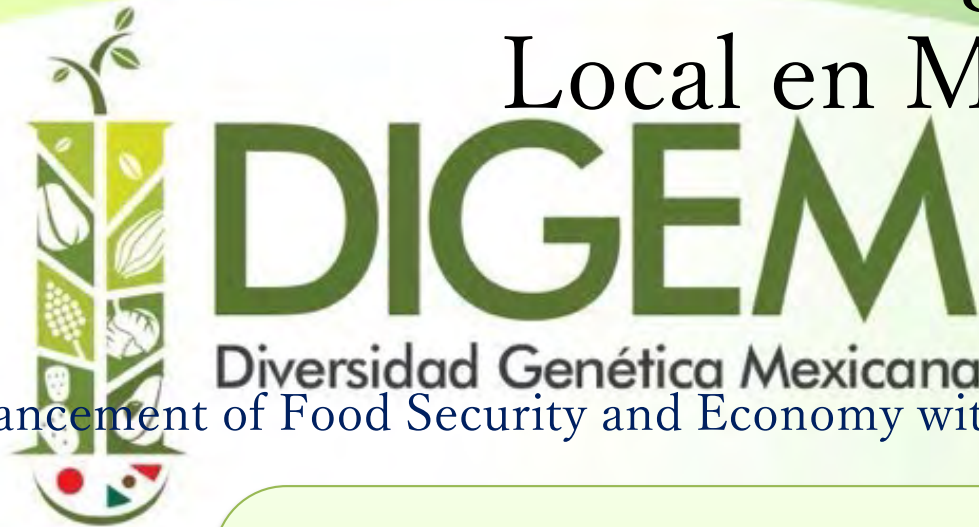


# Realzamiento de la Seguridad Alimentaria y la Economía con la Agrobiodiversidad Local en México



Enhancement of Food Security and Economy with Local Agrobiodiversity in Mexico

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# Mexico



Nopale in the  
National flag



## Agrobiodiversity in Mexico

- The 5<sup>th</sup> **Mega-biodiversity** country
- **Origin of crop species** such as : Corn, tomato, chili, beans, cacao criollo, nopale, chayote, avocado, amaranthus, flowers, etc.
- Origin of crop production and **civilization** in Meso-America
- Diversity in **indigenous culture** and people







# Global Potentials of Mexican Crops



- Support Food security under variable climate changes
- Sustainable uses
- Sharing Mexican Wisdoms with GLULAC
- Uses in other countries such as Japan
- New contribution to Asia and Africa

- **Quality commodity** export
- **New product** and industry development
- **New plant variety** as intellectual property
- **New exotic species** outside of Mexico



Dragon fruit in Asia



Nopale (Tuna) in  
CWANA



Amaranthus as healthy pseudo-grain



Chayote (*Sechium edule*) in Asia  
& Africa

# International Paradigms: Drastic Global Changes

Climate  
Politics  
Economy  
Resources  
Ownership  
Rights  
Conflicts  
Life

Unfavorable Changes?

# Climate Change: Unavoidable



OBVIOUS ON GLOBAL CLIMATES

LESS WATER

LESS VEGETATION

LESS ARABLE AND GRAZING LAND

**LESS BIODIVERSITY** (Genetic resources)

MORE DISSERTIFICATION?





How can we make a sustainable agriculture production with food security, economic growth and employment supports?

Do we have the basic resources?

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## Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development

To envisage their outcomes being applied to the benefit of broader society as well as in the developing country

To cover topics in developing countries for which research and development to resolve an issue is particularly necessary, and for which capacity building of researchers is required

To contribute to the resolution of global issues and scientific and technological progress



# SATREPS requires components of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) made in 2015





# SATREPS with Centro Nacional de Recursos Genéticos (CNRG)



- Since 2009, GRC UT had initiated collaboration to establish CNRG.
- Consultation and human resources development during 2009–2012 among INIFAP, CNRG, UT and NIAS.
- High segment diplomatic dialogue exchanges by Mexican government and Japanese government as science and technology diplomacy agenda.
- 2012–2018, project implementation by CNRG–INIFAP, UT and NIAS (NARO)



# Purposes



Establishment of diversity evaluation methods and sustainable uses on Mexican genetic resources at CNRG

1. Diversity evaluation, conservation and management in locally important species
2. Conservation methodology
3. General genebank management
4. Enhancing sustainable uses under new paradigm





# Main Target species

1. Mexico origin
  2. Food security
  3. Importance in culinary culture and economy
  4. Re3search experience and availability of materials in Mexico
  5. Put low priority on major crops with global efforts such with CGIAR
  6. Under-utilized groups
  7. Reproductive and genetic uniqueness (vegetative propagation, perennial, polyploidy etc)
  8. Technical difficulty: recultiant
- *Amaranthus* spp.: dioecious
  - *Physalis* spp.: self-incomaptibility
  - *Opuntia* spp.: Vegetative growth, hard seed, polyploidy
  - Cacao Crillo (*Theobroma cacao*): outcrossing & vegetative
  - *Persea americana*: hermaphrodite, outcrossing & vegetative
  - *Sechium edule*: outcrossing & vegetative propagation
  - *Vanilla* spp.: vegetative propagation
  - Potato: model for cryoconservation and management





# New generations of researchers and managers



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## ✓ Cacao?

- ✓ Genetic diversity studies performed in two collections (365 accessions with 11 SSR markers).
- ✓ Identification of cloned materials confirmed by MM.

	n	Na	Ne	Ho	He	F
TCH	60	6.36	2.69	0.57	0.63	0.08
TCN	60	5.18	2.27	0.58	0.55	-0.05
Mean		5.77	2.48	0.58	0.59	0.01



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# Avocado diversity

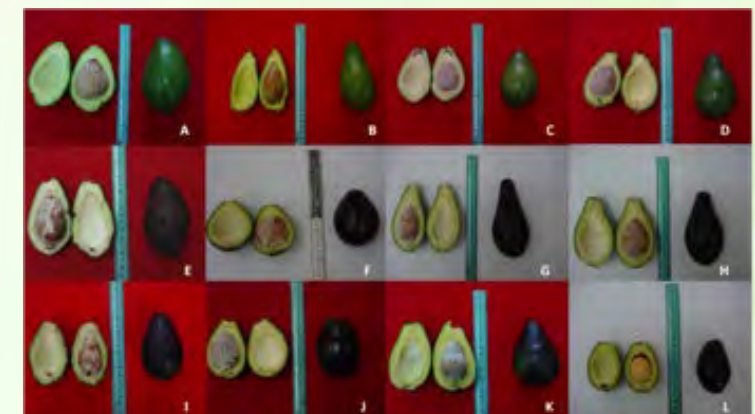


## Avocado genetic characterization

- ✓ Genetic diversity studies performed (399 accessions with 28 SSR markers).
- ✓ Two collections were characterized (Uruapan and Celaya).



Colección	N	Na	Ne	I	Ho	He
Celaya	318	18.9	6.2	2.0	0.59	0.75
Uruapan	81	12.5	5.7	1.8	0.58	0.73

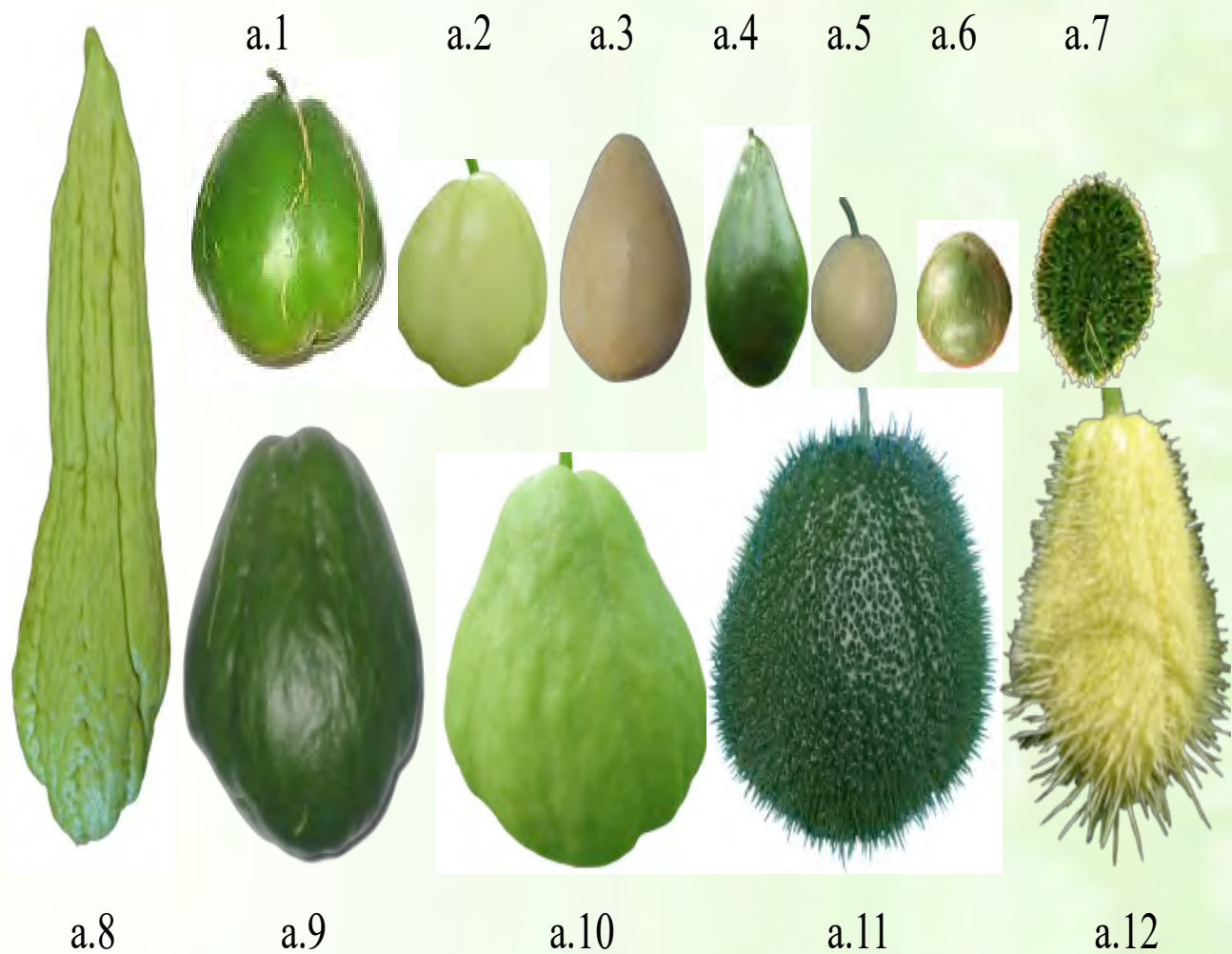
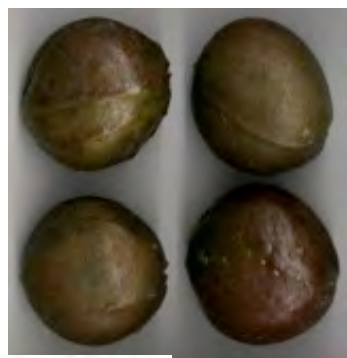


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Nuevo Leon  
collection



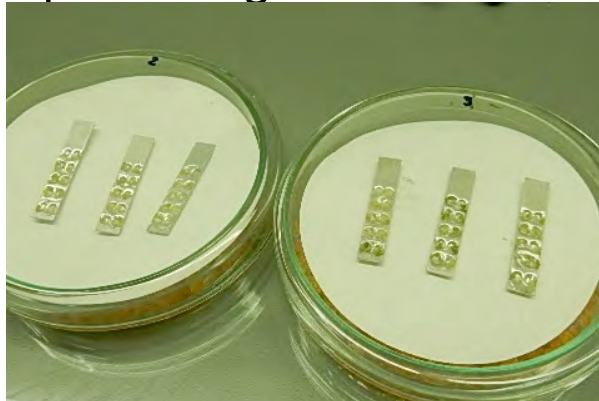




# Cryopreservation of *in vitro* shoot tips of chayote



Procedure by D cryo-plate (Dehydration to LN)  
with Liquid Nitrogen around – 160 C



Dehydration



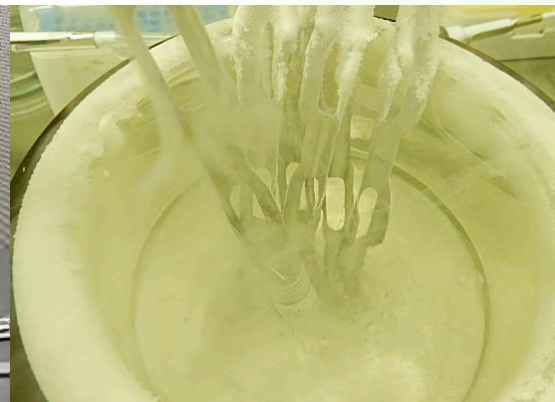
Dried shoot tips



Setting the cryo-plate



Immersion to LN



Storage



Long term storage





# Field to lab conservation: choice depending on species

## Expected Output 2:

- Establishment of long-term conservation methods for target species and preparation of relevant manuals.





# The book “Manual of Cryopreservation Methods using Cryo-plate”















Cacao Criollo: Rojo Samuel,  
Fungal disease resistance

# Linking SATREPS Experiences and Mexican Agriculture sectors



- INIFAP Nation-wide Network with CNRG
- SADER with SEMARNAT
- Universities such as COLPOS, Chapingo, and Guadalajara
- Experiences in local farms in different states such as Chiapas, Michoacan, Guadalajara, Guanajuato, Veracruz, Zacatecas
- Japanese private sector in Mexico such as seed and food importing companies

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# Agriculture and Export Value in Mexico



## AGRICULTURE IN MEXICO



**50%** of Mexico agriculture output comes under crops account.



**15%** of the land is occupied by agriculture in Mexico.



**50%** of that total occupied land, fifty per cent is used for livestock.



**Important crops**  
wheat, sugarcane, peppers, corn, bananas, sorghum, blue agave, avocados, beans, and others.



2020 first half	Value in USD Billion
Avocados	1.8
Tomatoes	1.4
Tequila and mezcal	1.04
Sugar and sweeteners	0.949
Peppers and chiles	0.873

Export to U.S., Canada, Germany, China, Brazil, Japan, Colombia, the United Kingdom, South Korea and the Netherlands.

<https://www.freightwaves.com/news/mexicos-agri-food-exports-top-20-billion-in-first-half-of-2020>

<https://www.tractorjunction.com/blog/top-10-agricultural-producing-countries-in-the-world/>

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# Proven Achievements in Mass Production



- **International export records:** avocado, tomato, chili,, tuna fruit, daily and meats
- **Tropical fruits** with more potentials: pineapples, bananas, mangos, and vanilla
- Processed items: Corn syrups and Tequila
- **New opening** with: local species such as chayote, cacao criollo,
- Decent **local supply chains** on appropriate planting materials such as agrochemicals and seeds with scientific knowledge
- Meet with **foreign (safety) requirements** such as USDA-APHIS, JAS and EFSA.
- **Scale up** for low production cost and geographic identification
- Production **integration** with large enterprises.

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# More Opportunities with?



- Encourage **domestic production** rather than imports such on horticulture products (temperate zone fruits)
- **Quality improvement** to compete with international competitors such on citrus
- Enforcement of **supply chains**
- **Employment** stability and more **wages**

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# Challenges



- **Variable climate and natural disasters** such as frequent hurricanes, drought and floodings.
- **Conservation of landscape architecture**, not destroying the original vegetation for a scale up production such as avocado.
- **Water supply**: amount and quality, and global headaches
- Emerging **pest and disease** problems on all crops.
- **Less pollinating insects** and other creatures
- Large scale production: pest and disease control is **essential with agrochemicals**
- But **appropriation of agrochemicals** for sustainability
- Small scale producers do not have sufficient **labor supports**
- Instability of the **product prices**

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# Alleviation I: More Domestic production



- Reduction of imports by enhancing major production areas: Examples ->

**Citrus:** Veracruz

Apples : Chihuahua, Puebla, Durango

Pear: Puebla, Michoacán, Morelos

**Cherry:** Durango, Chihuahua

Table Grapes: Sonora, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes

# Alleviation II: More exports

- Increase more exports:

Strawberries: Baja California, Michoacán, Zacatecas

-> Quality control with safety appropriation

-> New national varieties (INIFAP & COLPOS) based on genetic resources

-> Incentive on workers

-> More support to Family managed farms, especially with Female owners

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# Alleviation III: System



- Enforcement of **global supply chains** and contract farming:

Example: cacao criollo with a Japanese company

- Product **promotion** by major events

Example: FOODEX in Japan

- **Stewardships and labelling** on the products

=> Consumer recognition on sharing resources and difficulty in production

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# Alleviation IV: Production

- **Water** :water saving technology and social system => need infrastructure
- Emerging pest and diseases: **IPMs** with producers' choices on what to use the technologies. => New and effective items with extension efforts, yet agrochemicals are core of the system.
- **Insect pollinator** protection
- **New varieties from local genetic resources** and variety protection



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