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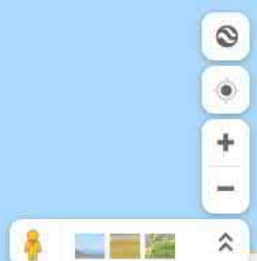
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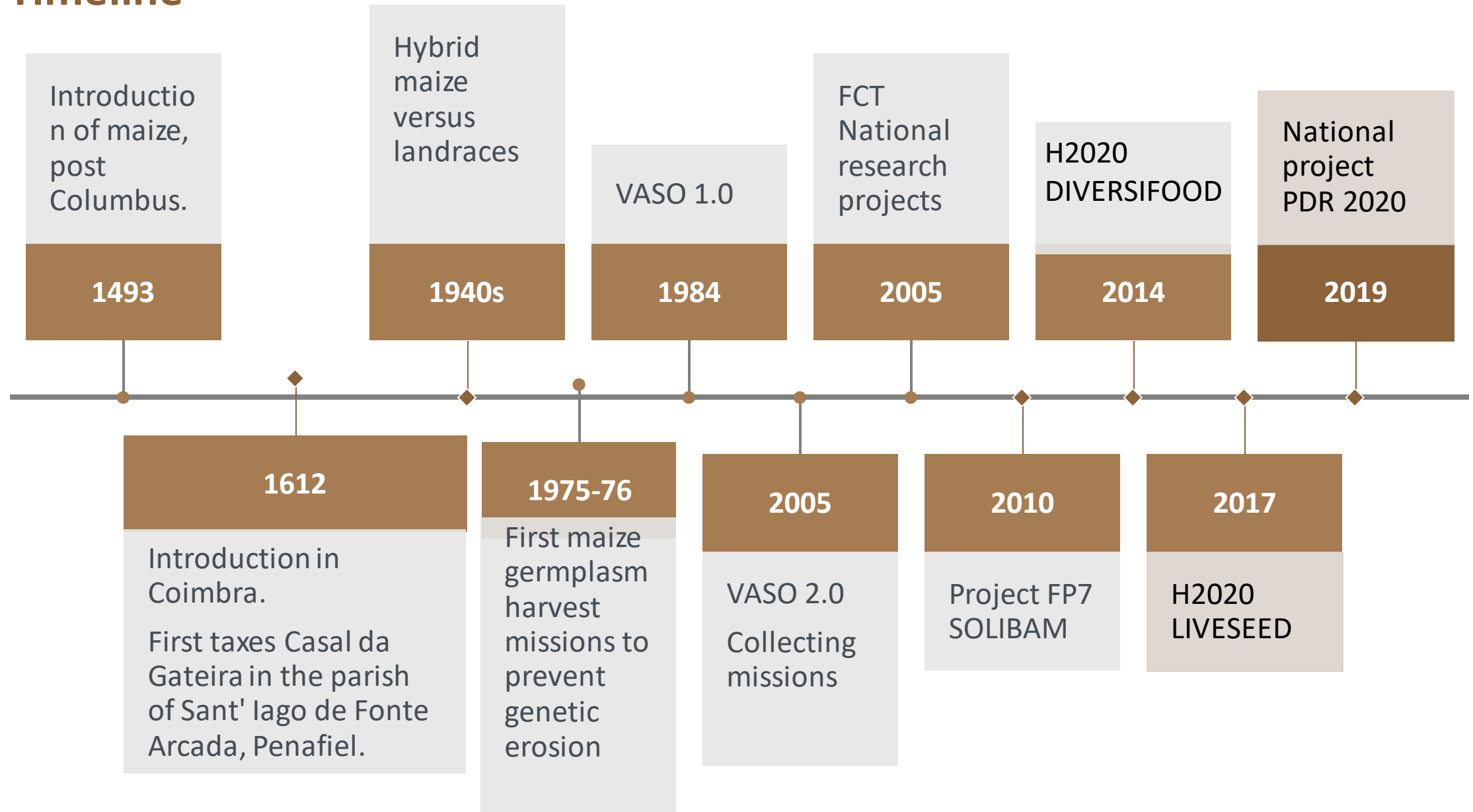
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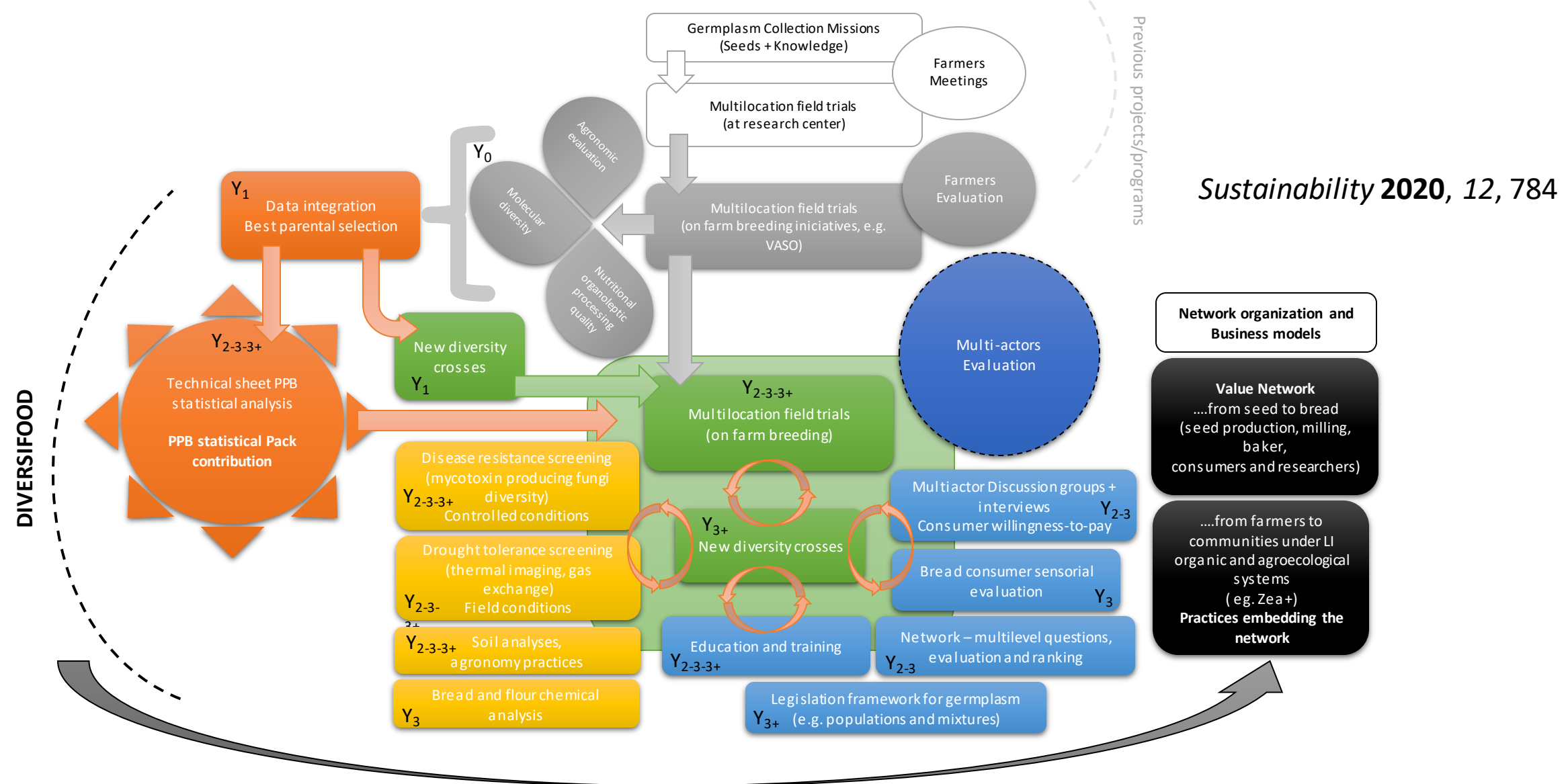


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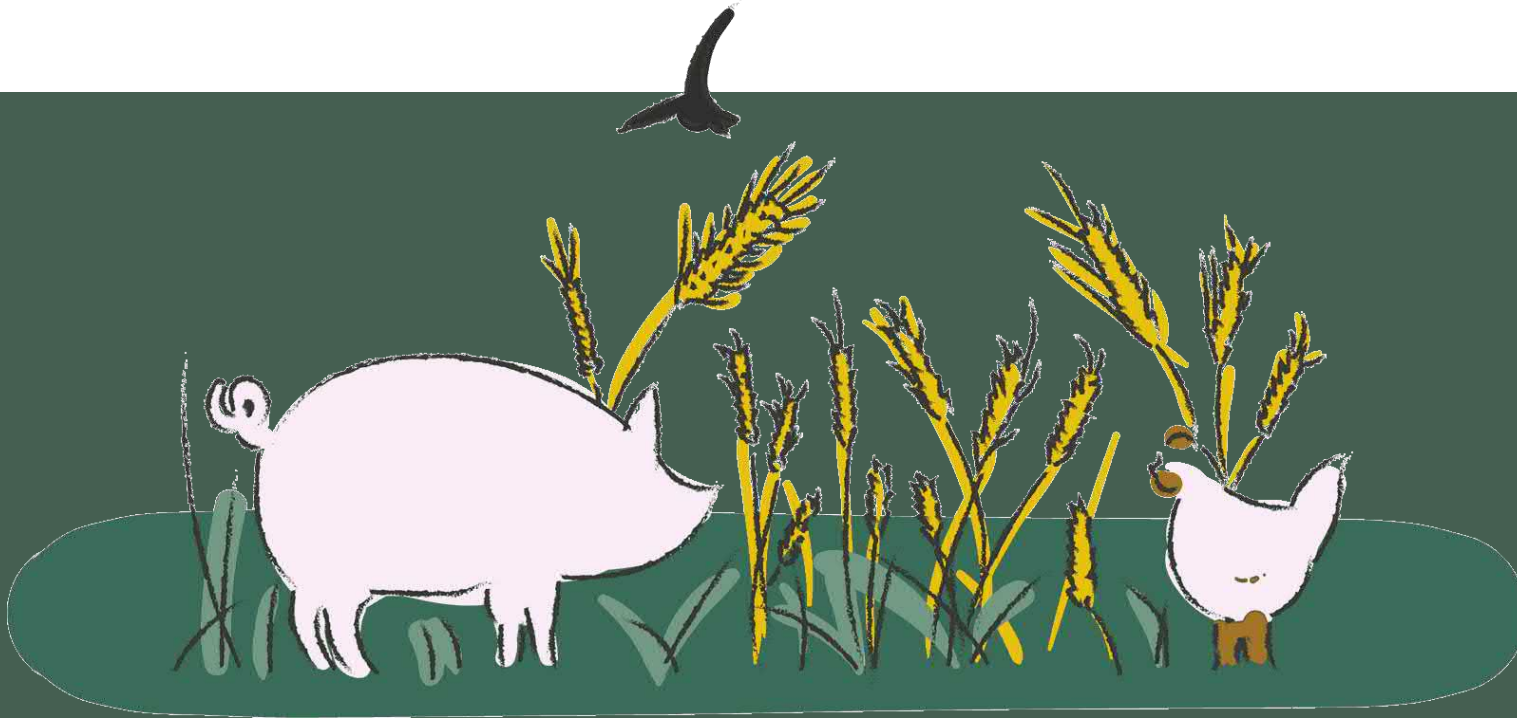


Research operationalisation of participatory agronomic and quality data integration on the development of innovative, more resilient diverse maize populations with “breadability”

challenge is to improve production traits
maintaining diverse and rare qualities



E-Compendium



Initiating valorisation projects for plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture

E-Compendium of valorisation projects

Animals

28

Plants

28



VASO - "Vale do Sousa"

The Vale do Sousa (VASO) program is a long-term program, of on farm maize landraces biodiversity management and valorisation by participatory breeding. In this project, local maize landraces, with quality for bread production - "Pigarro" and "Amiúdo" - among others, were

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1. VASO 1.0



VASO 1.0

- Reasons for the genesis of the VASO project?
- The creators?
- The innovative implicit philosophy – PPB

VASO 1.0 - REASONS FOR THE GENESIS

- Solving the problem of small Portuguese farmers where there is a shortage of land and a high population density, where the productivist model is not the answer and where the large multinationals have no market



Moreira, P. M. R. M. (2006). Participatory maize breeding in Portugal. A case study. *Acta Agronomica Hungarica*, 54(4), 431-439.



THE ABC OF RECURRENT PHENOTYPIC SELECTION

Two parental control selections:

in the field

- before the anthesis
- before harvest

- In the storage





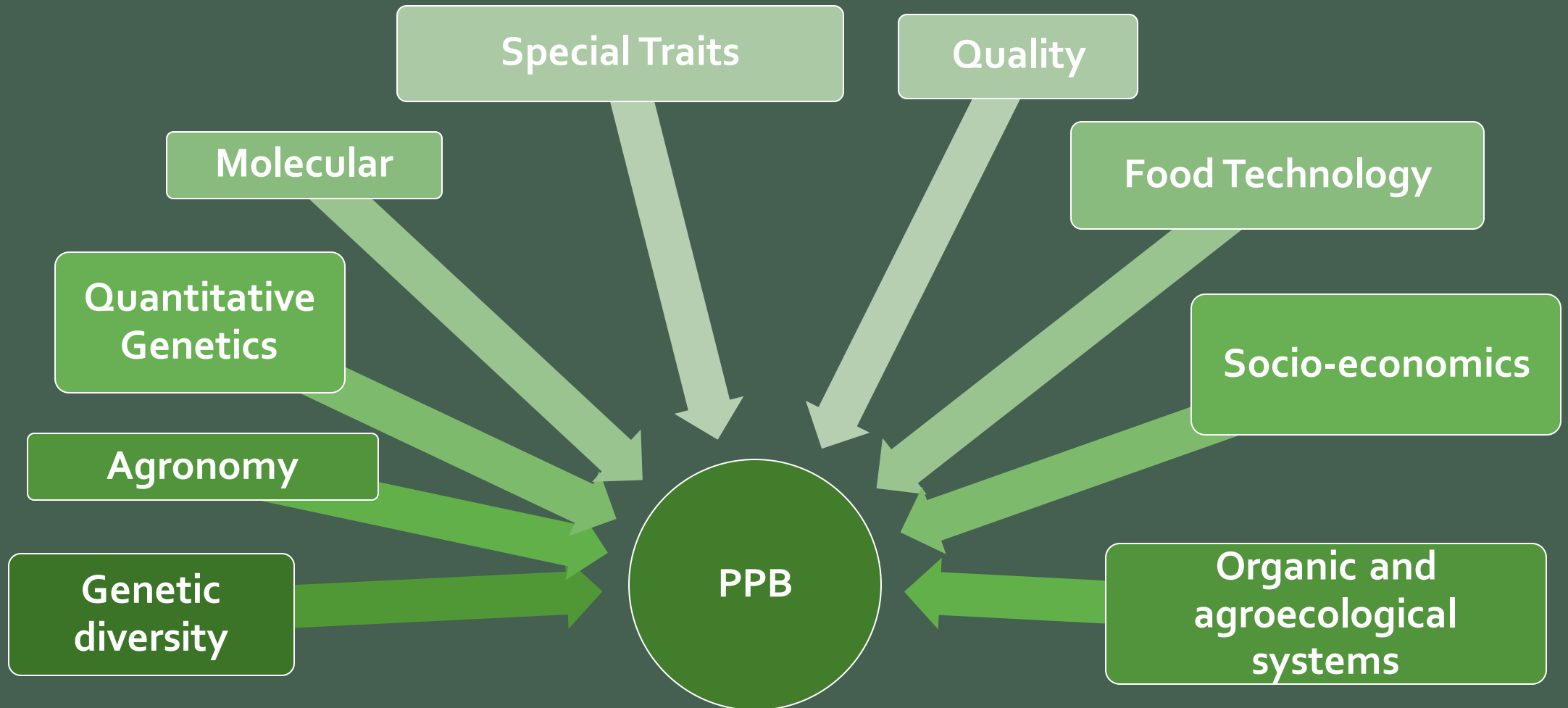
2. VASO 2.0



VASO 2.0

- Transdisciplinarity, multiactor
- Appreciation of genetic and other resources
- Issues and challenges

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Genetics



2. Soil
3. Socioeconomics



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Multidisciplinarity



Winter
nursery



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Transdisciplinarity

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Quality
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PARTICIPATION, "FROM SEED TO PLATE"



Multidisciplinary

Transdisciplinarity



PPBM
Mixcropping

Food quality
and genetics



Genetic diversity

AGRONOMY AND QUANTITATIVE GENETICS

Harvesting

Tests

Pre-breeding

Dialel

Hybrid populations

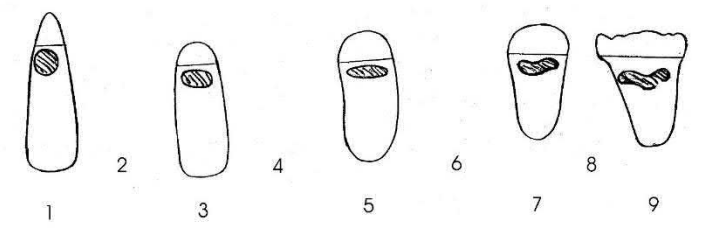
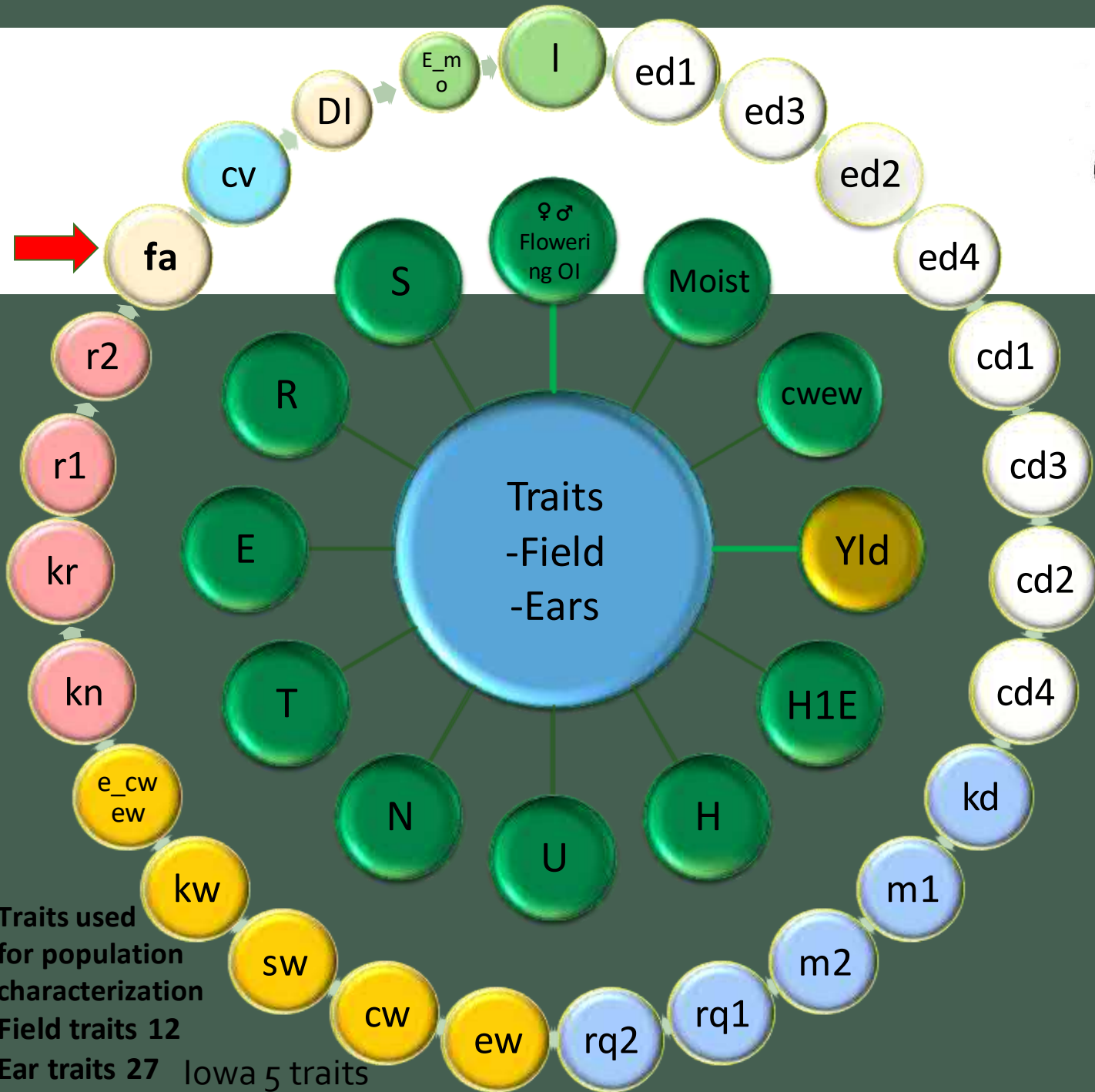
Evolutionary Populations

Composite populations

Co-improvement in polycrop systems and Agroforestry Systems

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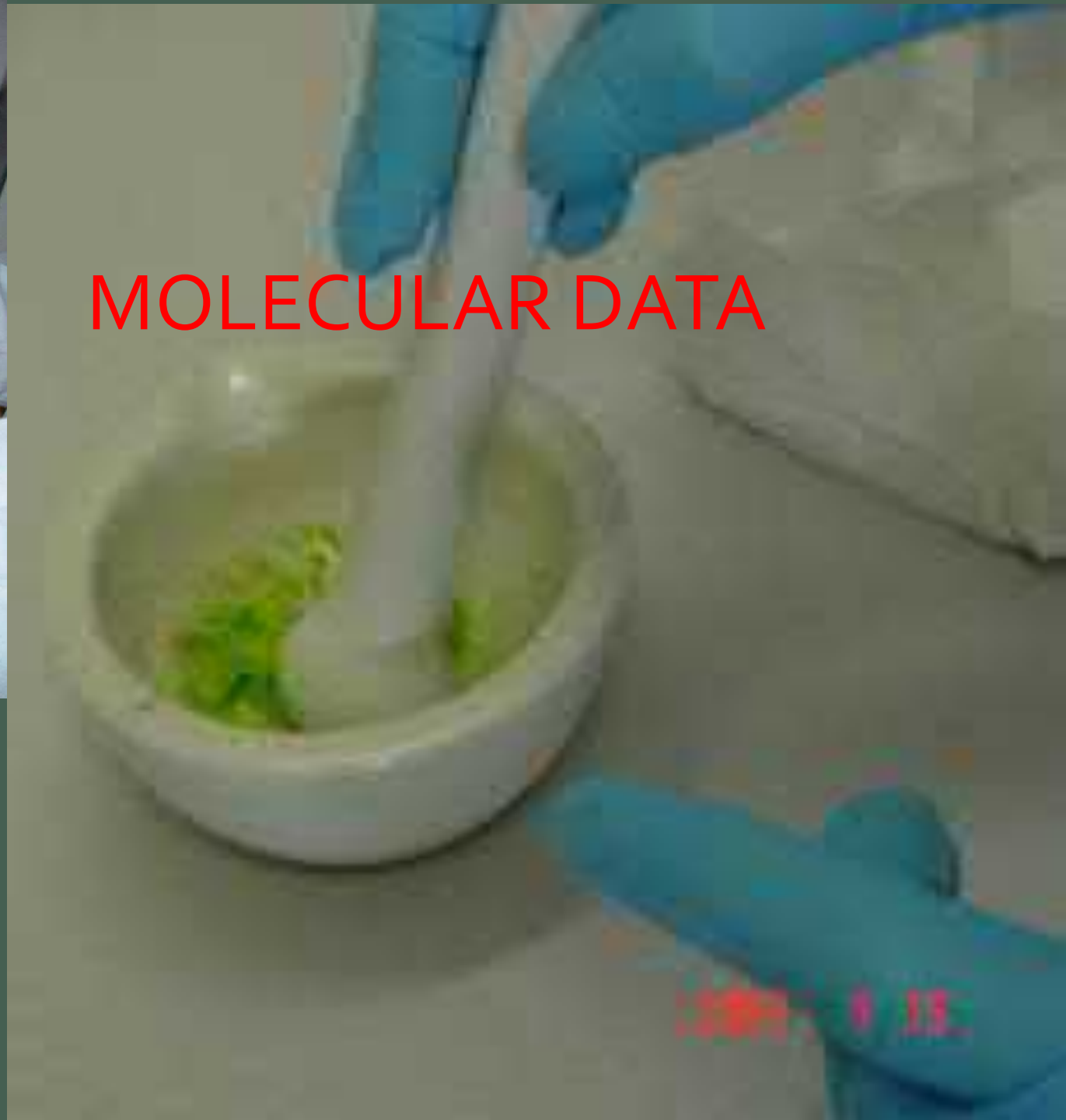


Traits used for population characterization
 Field traits 12
 Ear traits 27 Iowa 5 traits

Análise Estatística
 ANOVA
 Sheffé test
 Response to selection
 BS vs FS for Iowa and Pt

Pollinations





MOLECULAR DATA

Genome-wide association study for kernel composition and flour pasting behavior in wholemeal maize flour

BMC Plant Biology

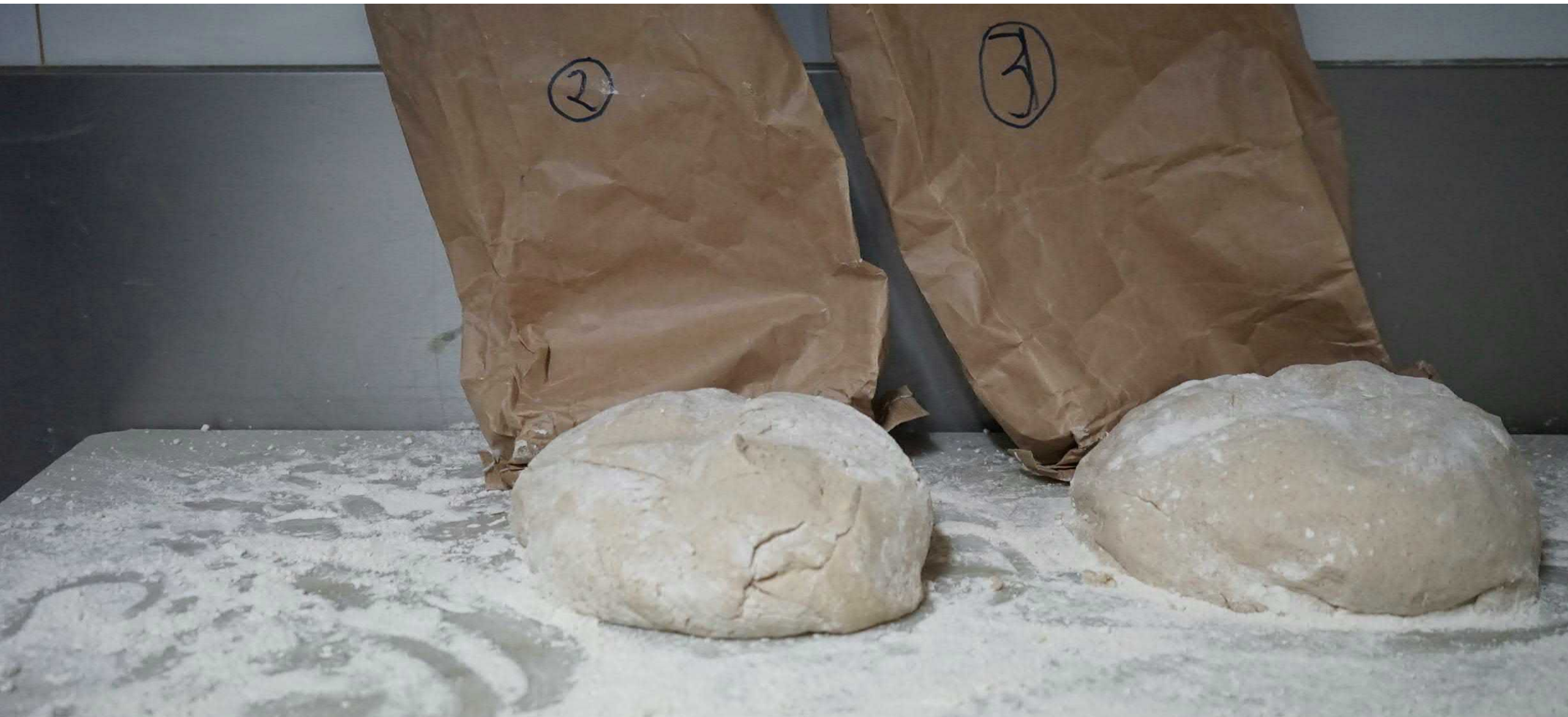
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The Portuguese free pollination varieties showed significantly higher levels of protein, lower amylose content and lower viscosity than the commercial hybrid varieties, Vaz Patto *et al.* (2009)



SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Multiactor approach in
defining objectives



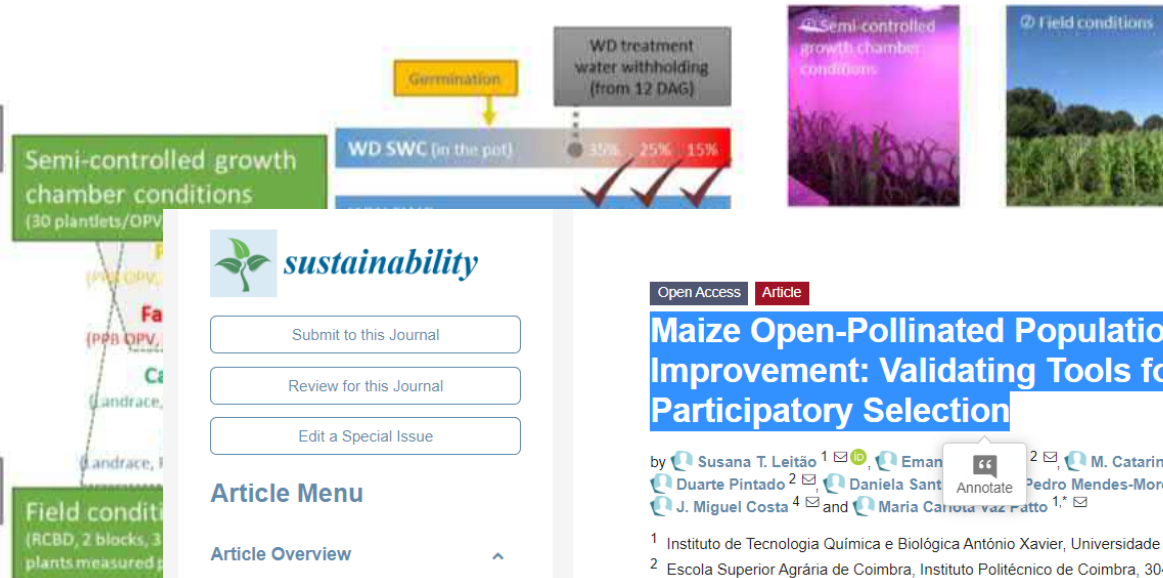




Maize Open-Pollinated Populations Physiological Improvement: Validating Tools for Drought Response Participatory Selection

Objectives and Approach

Objective: Development of rapid screening approaches for drought responses



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Abstract

Participatory selection—exploiting specific adaptation traits to target environments—helps to guarantee yield stability in a changing climate, in particular under low-input or organic production. The purpose of the present study was to identify reliable, low-cost, fast and easy-to-use tools to complement traditional selection for an effective participatory improvement of maize

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Multi-stakeholder approach
in defining objectives,
individual and structured
interviews

Publication in the Proceedings of the Rural
Development 2017 Conference

Dinis, I; Mendes Moreira, P. Padel
S.Developing marketing strategies for food
diversity: a case-study in northern Portugal







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- Contribution to local initiatives that can help in the recognition of participatory improvement
- “Best Ear of Sousa Valley competition” providing adequate measurements, indicate best traits for selection and prediction

Mendes-Moreira, P. M., Mendes-Moreira, J., Fernandes, A., Andrade, E., Hallauer, A. R., Pêgo, S. E., & Vaz Patto, M. (2014). Is ear value an effective indicator for maize yield evaluation? *Field Crops Research*, 161, 75-86. doi:10.1016/j.fcr.2014.02.015



E as espigas vencedoras, nas diversas modalidades, aguardam a recompensa para os seus donos...

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VALORIZATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES AND NOT ONLY...

- Empirical knowledge
- Education and training
- Knowledge sharing
- Plant improvement
- PPBM Tests





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3. CONCLUSIONS



CONCLUSIONS

- There is a discontinuity of the production network gaps that prevent the connection between actors such as the farmer and the consumer;
- Prebreeding are quite important and tools such screening in different locations, heterotic groups and molecular associations can be very important;
- Economic models that have to be created and adapted;
- Need for innovation projects and their national and international connection (e.g. LIVESEED) (Organic Seed Production);
- The VASO programme seeks to improve germplasm and its use so that varieties are attractive to consumers, the processing industry and farmers, responding to public concerns related to health and the environment, increasing the sustainability of agricultural systems and contributing to the short chain and well-being of farmers, but needs greater involvement of national and local actors. (GO)

WE NEED INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND LOCAL SUPPORT

- Placing the importance of maize on the European agenda as a food alternative (vegetarianism can help)
- Legislation that follows from variety to consumer
- Pilot projects that can gain scale
- Projects to gather information and disseminate it
- Recognition of farmers who value diversity and prepare us for climate change, including direct support measures for farmers using traditional varieties under agri-environmental measures.
- Sustainable Feeding Systems - Support the creation of short circuits for the production and marketing of maize in Agroecological and organic systems.




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