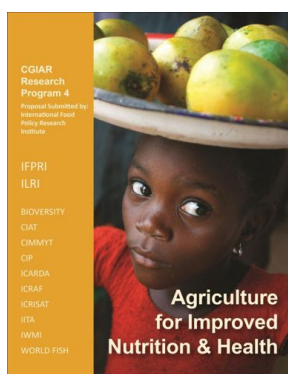




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GlobalHort Briefing Note: Tropical Fruit Research for Development Needs Fortification



The Second Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD2) will be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, 29 October – 1 November 2012 where discussions will take place aimed at charting a roadmap for the agricultural research for development system that can lead to greater global impact. How much will research on tropical fruits figure into this discussion? Likely very little considering some recent decisions taken by the CGIAR! The latest one is the official closing of the Tropical Fruit Program at CIAT at the end of 2012. Thus, the present challenge is to get tropical fruit research on this roadmap. Optimistic scientists had held out the hope that the [CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health](#) (CRP4) would be fully supportive of tropical fruit and its diversity, given the contributions that these crops make to better nutrition, health and livelihoods. However, and despite the cover photo of a child with nutritious fruits illustrating the document proposal, fruit will not be included in the CRP4 value-chain of activities until year three of the program.

Tropical fruit researchers around the globe need and deserve secure funding to maintain and improve their programs. The GCARD roadmap must recognize and support these efforts that have great relevancy to the health and wellbeing of smallholder farmers. Donors must be found to strengthen the crop diversification approach to improving health and livelihoods. This should be a prominent avenue on the agriculture for development roadmap. The aim of GlobalHort is “to create wealth and improve human health and wellbeing in the world’s poorest countries through increased production, consumption, processing and marketing of fruits and vegetables and other horticultural crops.” GlobalHort will continue to lobby GFAR, CGIAR and other leaders of the GCARD process to secure a brighter future for tropical fruits research.

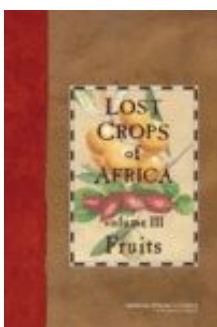
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Lost Crops of Africa: Fruits



This book is the third in a series evaluating underexploited African plant resources that could help broaden and secure Africa's food supply. The volume describes 24 little-known indigenous African cultivated and wild fruits that have potential as food- and cash crops but are typically overlooked by scientists, policymakers, and the world at large. The book assesses the potential of each fruit to help overcome malnutrition, boost food security, foster rural development, and create sustainable land care in Africa. Each fruit is also described in a separate chapter, based on information provided and assessed by experts throughout the world.

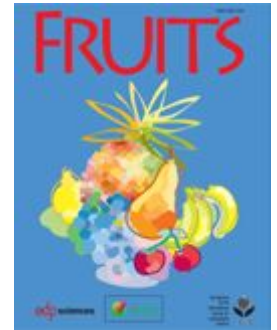
FAO is coordinating the production of a new book, "Africa Agro-biodiversity Vol. 1: Fruits and Vegetables."

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/partners/fao/#news-359>

Fruits Journal Impact Factor Rises

There was an impressive rise in the impact factor for Fruits journal in 2011 from that of 2010. Fruits now places amongst the best journals with the theme "horticulture" as ranked by Thomson Reuters. The impact factor is now 0.764 for the year 2011. This result is a net increase from the previous year, bringing it from the fourth to the second quartile of the journals within the horticultural theme. Quality editorial work has paid off.

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/network-communities/tropical-fruits/#news-343>



CTA newsletter focuses on Innovations in Tropical Fruit Processing

Tropical fruits offer a significant opportunity for agricultural and economic growth for many ACP countries. However, while production, processing and marketing of some better-known fruits such as citrus, mangoes, avocados and bananas, have benefitted from significant investments including in research and development, primarily to service export markets; this has not been the same for many other tropical fruits. This dossier comprises two lead articles by ACP and EU experts and provides links to relevant documentary resources on tropical fruit processing. It seeks to highlight the challenges and opportunities in adding value to tropical fruits and provides policy guidelines to support industry development.

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/network-communities/tropical-fruits/#news-337>

Promotion of Vegetables and Fruit Conference (PROVAF 2012) held in Ghana



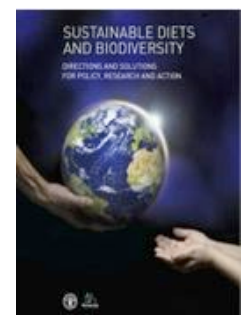
The Ghana Institute of Horticulturists (GhIH) held a conference on “[Production and Consumption of Vegetables and Fruits: The Wealth and Health of a Nation](#)” to dialogue, share experiences and provide economically viable solutions to issues that will improve the vegetables and fruits industry in Ghana. This conference was held in concert with The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), The World Health Organization (WHO) and The Global Horticulture Initiative (GlobalHort).

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/network-communities/horticulture-health/#news-351>

Sustainable Diets and Biodiversity: Directions and Solutions for Policy, Research and Action

This new book published by FAO presents the current state of thought on the common path of sustainable diets and biodiversity and addresses the linkages among agriculture, health, the environment and food industries.

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/network-communities/horticulture-health/#news-355>



11th Meeting of the GlobalHort Board, Angers, France July 4-6, 2012

The meeting of the GlobalHort Board of Directors was held in Angers, France in conjunction with the 2nd Symposium on Horticulture in Europe (SHE2012). Several Board members contributed to the pre-SHE international seminar, "Higher Education for Development in Horticulture." Others joined SHE2012 as speakers or discussion leaders. One SHE2012 'Open Space' event dealt specifically with horticulture for development.



GlobalHort is at a crossroads with respect to both management and leadership. Remi Kahane's term as Executive Secretary will finish at the end of February 2013 and the Board Chair, Norman Looney, representing ISHS, has indicated that he will also be stepping down in 2013. The search for candidates for the Executive Secretary position is to commence immediately. The terms of reference for this position will be updated and posted on the GlobalHort website. The next Chair will be elected by the Board at large at the next Board meeting. Decisions about renewal of several Board positions, taken during this July Board meeting, are likely to have a bearing on this election.

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/news-events/news/#news-335>

A Recent Seminar Aids in the Preparation for an EDULINK II Submission



"[Higher Education for Development in Horticulture: An International Seminar](#)" was held at the AgroCampus Ouest, centre d'Angers, France, 29-30 June 2012 in synergy with the 2nd Symposium on Horticulture in Europe (SHE2012). In attendance were 30 participants from 23 countries and 5 continents. This network agreed to cooperate in helping to draft a joint proposal, to improve capacity building in horticulture. The proposal is called Hortlink2. A number of priority recommendations and joint actions were also established.

For more information <http://www.globalhort.org/activities/capacity-building/#news-332>

Vacancy announcement for the post of Executive Secretary of the Global Horticulture Initiative

The Global Horticulture Initiative is seeking candidates for the position of Executive Secretary that will become vacant in late February 2013.

For the job description and application information <http://www.globalhort.org/about-globalhort/secretariat/vacancy-announcement/#news-354>

Coming Events



Making The Connection

Value Chains for transforming smallholder agriculture

6–9 November 2012

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

<http://makingtheconnection.cta.int/>



6–9 November 2012

New Delhi, India

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<http://www.hsihc12.com>

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CORE ACTIVITIES

- Advocating for greater support of 'H4D' initiatives worldwide
- Connecting and informing the diverse and dispersed community of 'H4D' professionals
- Coaching funded research projects addressing key constraints to achieving the GlobalHort mission
- Building the indigenous human capacity required to support smallholders investing in horticultural enterprise

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