

# Preservation of traditional varieties in the region of Valencia

## Problems

The Mediterranean region has a rich traditional agriculture with many crop varieties. We need to recover their use in the fields to ensure the future of the agrarian sector and stop the loss of biological diversity in the agrarian systems.

## Solutions

### Valorization of traditional varieties

Valencia's Agriculture Department aims to valorise local traditional non-commercial varieties via consumer awareness and a Traditional Varieties' Catalogue and a seed loan system.

The Catalogue is a participatory online tool, where farmers can find information on the whole range of already identified traditional varieties of the Region of Valencia and can also add information on cultural and growing aspects and share information on varieties that still haven't been included.

### Multiplying, saving and exchanging organic seeds

Public experimental stations in collaboration with organic farmers multiply and exchange organic seeds.

CATÀLEG  
VALENCIÀ  
DE VARIETATS  
TRADICIONALS  
D'INTERÉS  
AGRARI



Figure: Catalogue of traditional varieties in the region of Valencia

## Practical recommendations

- Inform local farmers about the catalogue and loaning services.
- Encourage producers to multiply and produce these seeds organically.
- Inform consumers about on the importance of traditional varieties.
- Create a regional traditional plant varieties' register to include also those that are in process to be registered in the National Plant Variety Office.

## Further information

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