COUNTRY REPORT FOR 2008-2009 of CROATIA

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

Actions undertaken during the past year
Establish National Coordinating System for Monitoring of AnGR in frame ‘National program of preservation autochthonous and protected breeds of domestic animals in Croatia’. Monitoring of autochthonous breeds (situations, endangerment, trends and risks). Adjustment of endangerment status of some cattle, sheep and donkey breeds. Reconstruct operational and strategic guidelines according to monitoring and characterization. Special attention is consecrated on critically endangered autochthonous breeds (Ruda sheep, Turopolje pig, Croatian Hen, Murinsulaner horse, Northern-Adriatic donkey, Busha cattle, Slavonian-Syrmian podolian cattle). Continue with characterization of exterior, production and genetic characteristics of autochthonous breeds. Characterization accent of autochthonous breeds are focused on production characteristics, adaptability traits, specific characteristic which are usable in traditional production systems, organic and/or ecologic production. Continue characterizations of genetic characteristics in interest of effectiveness protection of genetic variability.

Actions planned for the next year
We planed continue of work on characterizations of our autochthonous breed, especially with regards to production traits, adaptability fitness and genetic characteristics. Special attention will be focused on autochthonous horse, donkey and cattle breeds. We planed finish the complete inventory list of domestic animal genetic resources. We would verify some indication about two potential autochthon genotypes (preserved in relative small number). We would make inventory of three donkey populations and establish separate breeding programmes. We planed make inventory of Grey Dalmatian cattle population, establish ‘preliminary’ Herd book and breeding program for this breeds.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year
Develop the programmes of economic affirmation/exploitation of autochthonous breeds (increase their competition - profitability). Developing (improve) of programmes of sustainable use autochthonous breeds (horse, donkey, cattle, pig, sheep and poultry). Responsible institutions support the programmes of sustainable uses of autochthonous breeds through the stimulation production, standardizations, marketing and sale of recognizable food products. We remark on several such programmes: Istrian cattle – »Beef meat of Istrian cattle«, Dalmatian pramenka – »Kastradina«, Pag sheep - »Pag sheep cheese«, Black Slavonian pig - »Kulin« and Littoral-Dinaric donkey - ass milk production program. We are stimulating development of traditional processing potentials, traditional product standardization and connections of breeders, producers and consumers.

Actions planned for the next year
Develop of new programmes of economic uses (competitiveness) of autochthonous breeds. Finance support for creating new programmes for sustainable use of autochthonous breeds. Develop of traditional products, theirs standardizations, marketing promotion and support for sales. Develop of production capacity, processing and marketing, acquiring the signs of special characteristics of food quality.
STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

Actions planned for the next year

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year
Harmonization of legislative regulations which are in relate with protection of autochthonous breeds. Finance support for breeding organizations which participate in breeding work. Organize some workshops, scientific and expert meetings on which discusses about actualities in protection programmes of autochthonous breeds. Meeting organization (DAGENE association) with international participation (Zagreb, 20.-21.05.2009). A part of this meeting have been kept ERFP Project meeting (Management of traditional transboundary breeds on the example of a nearly forgotten breed, the Murinsulaner) on which four national coordinators participated. Develop the cooperation on regional and international level.

Actions planned for the next year
Additional harmonization of legislativ e regulations which are in relate with protection AnGR. Develop of support measurements for breeding associations which are active in conservation of AnGR. Harmonization of institutional cooperation in framework - improve programmes of competitiveness and sustainable uses of autochthonous breeds. Adoption of »National program of preservation autochthonous and protected breeds of domestic animals in Croatia«. Preparations and adoption plans for crisis situations, especially for critically endangered breeds. Developing the cooperation on regional and international level.