

## UK PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES GROUP (UKPGRG) – 2024-2027 TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The UKPGRG is an informal group concerned with the conservation and utilisation of plant genetic resource (PGR) within the UK. It consists of those with direct interests in *ex situ* and *in situ* genetic resources. The Group aims to meet at least three times a year and may invite representation from government Departments, NGOs and other interested organisations.
2. The Group will work to the following terms of reference (which are periodically reviewed):
  - i. to act as the forum for discussion on PGR issues and exchange of information within the UK PGR community, industry and other interested organisations within the UK, European and global context;
  - ii. to provide advice (on both technical and policy matters, whether domestic or international) as appropriate to Defra, DAERA, WAG, SGRD and other interested Government departments;
  - iii. to provide advocacy in relation to UK PGR related issues at the national, European and global levels;
  - iv. to address and exchange information on scientific and technical issues relating to PGR. primarily within the UK, but as required at European and global scales also;
  - v. to encourage the co-ordination of PGR conservation through networking of collections, *in situ* sites, policy initiatives and other appropriate fora;
  - vi. to encourage the utilisation and support of *ex situ* and *in situ* genetic resources by industry and other stakeholder groups;
  - vii. to coordinate the provision of *ex situ* and *in situ* genetic resources conservation data to the National Inventory, European and global documentation systems periodically;
  - viii. to be instrumental, via Group and/or member actions, in the delivery of the UK's commitments under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the FAO State of the World report, the PGR issues of the Convention on Biodiversity and the European Cooperative Programme on Plant Genetic Resources;
  - ix. to develop contacts and co-operation with other formal and informal groups which pursue a common aim of PGR conservation and use;
  - x. to promote PGR conservation and sustainable use more widely through co-ordination of public and NGO engagement initiatives

- xi. To help develop a better understanding and promotion of the natural capital value of PGR, particularly with respect to its socio-economic importance at UK, European and global scales.
3. The Secretariat to the UKPGRG is provided by Defra a Chair and Deputy Chair are elected from the Group's membership by members every three years.

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