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Globally Important
**AGRICULTURAL
HERITAGE**
Systems



INTRODUCTION TO *GLOBALLY IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE SYSTEMS* PROGRAMME

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What GIAHS stands for?



Remarkable land use systems and landscapes which are rich in globally significant biological diversity **evolving from the co-adaptation of a community with its environment** and its needs and aspirations for sustainable development



Context

GIAHS' goal is to identify, designate and promote the **dynamic conservation** of **remarkable agricultural systems** around the world





GIAHS operational framework



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1. International:

Global recognition of the contribution of traditional agricultural communities in GIAHS sites



2. National:

Integration of the GIAHS approach in national policies + direct support to countries/local areas



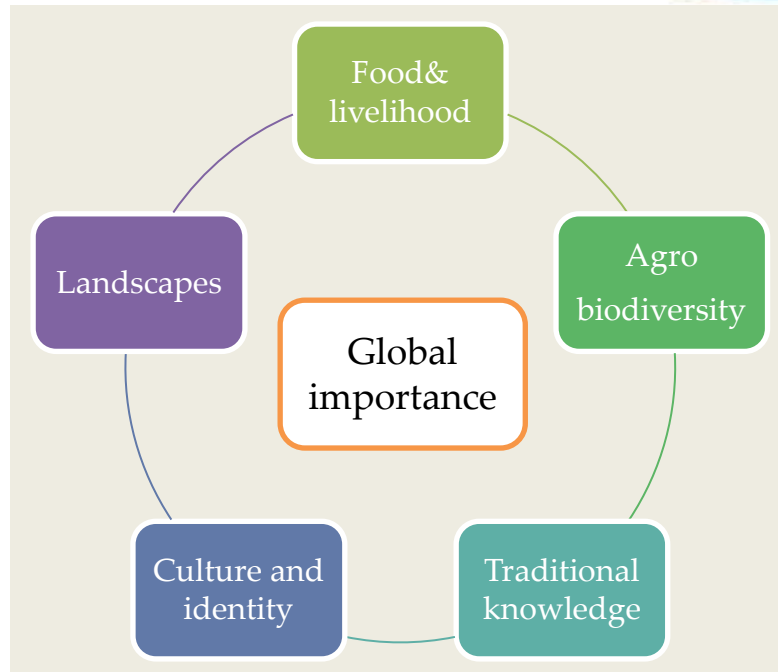
3. Local:

Sustainable development actions designed and implemented through participatory processes



GIAHS concept

1. Food and livelihood security
2. Agrobiodiversity
3. Local and traditional knowledge systems
4. Cultures, Value systems and Social organizations
5. Landscapes and seascapes features



Dynamic conservation



Blends conservation and development

- Avoid freezing system as museum
- Making the site and its community sustainable in our changing context:
developing without eroding culture, knowledge, biodiversity, etc.
- Bottom-up approach

Example of actions implemented

- Development of laws adapted to the area
- Restoration of degraded areas
- Setting up of public-private partnerships
- Network development
- Technical & knowledge transfer
- Enhancement of products and labelling
- Development of agro- or gastro-tourism
- Cultural enhancement and communication

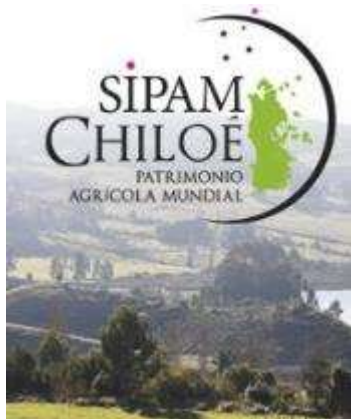


Technical and knowledge transfer





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Cultural enhancement and communication



URGENTE

El Supremo rebaja la condena a los ocho acusados de Alsasua »

SIPAM

Estos dos lugares de España son tesoros de la agricultura

La sal del valle de Añana (Álava) y la uva pasa moscatel de la Axarquía (Málaga) han sido nombrados patrimonio agrícola mundial. Son los dos primeros sitios de Europa en obtener este reconocimiento de la FAO





A GIAHS application is made of

Site description
Global
importance &
5 Selection
criteria



Action plan
for
dynamic
conservation



How to apply?

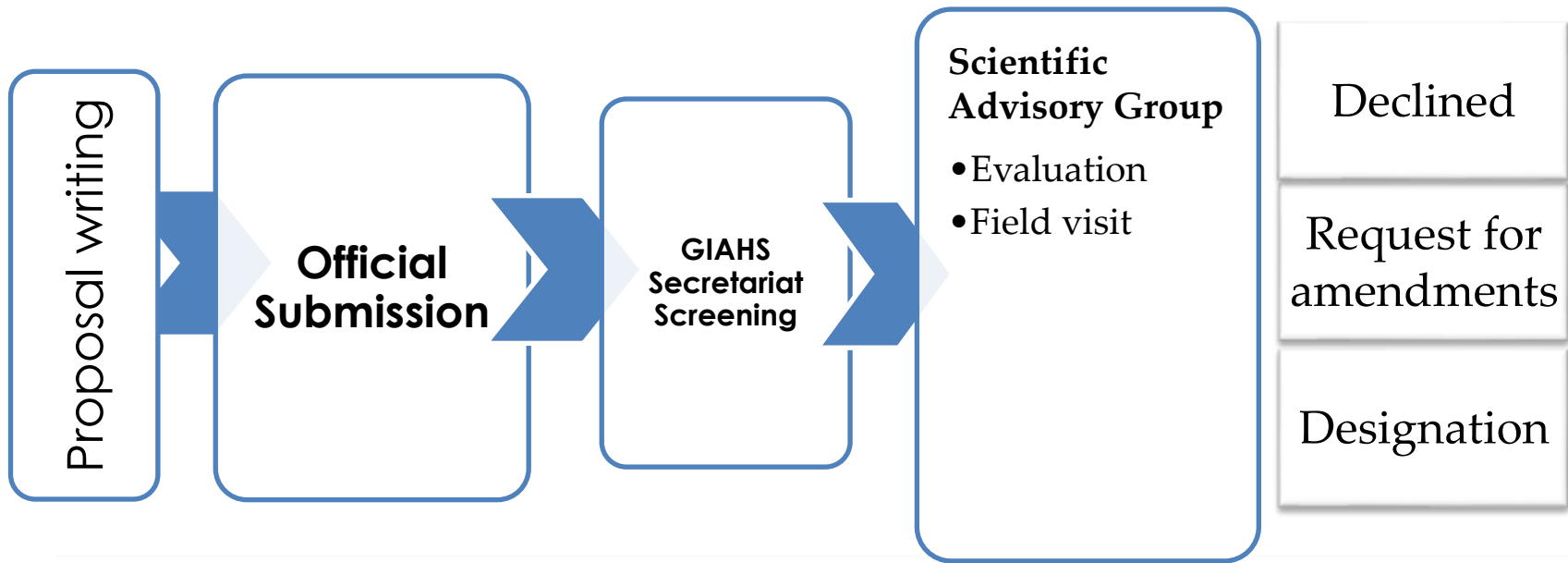
Each candidate is evaluated based on:

- The study of proposal document
- A field visit

Led by the GIAHS Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)



Evaluation process



Thank you for your attention
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