



Alternatives
Agroécologiques et
Solidaires

MAISON DES SEMENCES PAYSANNES MARALPINES

OBSERVATION



TERRITORY THREATENED
BY CROP BIODIVERSITY
EROSION AND CLIMATE
CHANGE

The **Alpes Maritimes** department, such as many other territories, suffers from important genetical erosion, land abandonment, loss of agronomical expertise and land pressure. At the same time, the department is particularly affected by climate change consequences in France (days of sunshine, dryness, etc.). To deal with these increasing issues in ecological transition context, only farmer seeds can work. They are climate change resilient and locally adapted, so no additional water or fertilisers are needed.

PURPOSE



KEEP FARMER SEEDS
AT THE CENTER OF A
RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL
AND FOOD SYSTEM

It is necessary to act collectively and mobilise all actors "from the crop to the plate", in order **to preserve and save crop biodiversity, which guarantees food security and insure a resilient, healthy and suitable agricultural system for everyone.**

- Preserving crop biodiversity;
- Valorising local food;
- Promoting farmer seeds, as cornerstone of the agroecological transition.

TESTIMONY

« Forming bonds between farmers, between consumers and producers and also between human and vegetal, with the farmer seeds and the related know-how is kind of the « breadcrumb trail » of our mission. « At home », at the Maison des Semences, local seeds can have a better future, they are maintained in the live cycle thanks to the local farmers' work. »

Maxime, network coordinator at Maison des Semences Paysannes Maralpines, Nice

SEMENCES
MARALPINES

OUR MISSIONS BETWEEN 2019 AND 2022

WHERE ? Alpes Maritimes French department

CROP DIVERSITY PRESERVATION

WHAT ?

- **Network a group of farmers**, gardeners, chefs, consumers and research workers;
- **Prospect and collect** the seeds and related local expertise;
- **Participative selection and multiplication** of farmer seeds;
- **Diffuse selected seeds** among other farmers from the region;
- Make the greatest number of people aware of the importance of local seeds heritage.

FOR WHAT?

- **Ensure a sustainable scattering of the seeds and of the know-how that are associated** to their reproduction and saving, to ensure local farmers' autonomy and to guarantee a healthy, fair and accessible food.
- **Mobilise citizens – consumers** – on these issues to allow a systemic change of our agricultural and food system.

LOCAL FOOD VALORISATION

WHAT ?

- **Involve** chefs and consumers in the valorisation process of farmer seeds
- **Raise awareness** among citizen during public tasting events with the help of the chefs engaged in the project and their restaurants;
- **Reinforce** the bond between consumers, chefs and farmers.



FOR WHAT ?

- **Make professionals and consumers aware of the nutritional and gustative properties of local seeds**, which are adapted to local needs and culinary traditions..

AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION PROMOTION

WHAT ?

- **Initiate actions** to raise awareness among farmers, distributors, elected representatives and general public;
- **Identify and remove the brakes** encountered by gardeners when using farmer seeds;
- **Examine consumers' perception** of farmer seeds when they are to buy and consume;
- **Progressively guide farmers** and consumer towards an agroecological transition based on farmer seeds reappropriation.

FOR WHAT ?

- **Remove** the technical, economical, organisational, logistical, cognitive, social and environmental brakes to use farmer seeds;
- **Reintroduce in farming practices seeds varieties** that are adapted to local distribution channels and organic agriculture;
- **Encourage the consumption of farmer** seeds-produced food in order to promote a global agroecological transition.

LOCAL PARTNERS

Agribio Alpes-Maritimes, GRAB, ADEAR 06, Amap de Provence, Permacultive association, 21 farmers, Association des Paysans et Jardiniers Maralpins, Association des Artisans Cuisiniers Maralpins, Jardin de Rocambole



For 40 years, SOL Alternatives Agroécologiques et Solidaires has been supporting long-term initiatives created by and for local organisations in India, France and Senegal. The association aims at contributing to the satisfaction of the farmers' essential needs and the valorisation of their role in society. SOL's action plan rests on two aspects : accessing to farming agroecology and protecting natural resources and biodiversity.

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