



## Objective

**The project's goal is to provide interim funding to support transitional arrangements for passing on the hosting of the COGENT program from Bioversity International to the International Coconut Community and evolve COGENT into a sustainable entity.**

The objectives are to:

- Achieve an orderly transfer of the COGENT Secretariat from Bioversity to International Coconut Community.
- Establish the foundation and provide technical support for the initial implementation of the Global Strategy for Conservation and Use of Coconut Genetic Resources.
- Conduct individual appraisals of the five international gene banks and provide initial support for the long-term conservation and evaluation of the conserved germplasm and integration of the collected data into the COGENT database.
- Foster income-generating components and international research collaborations that will help sustain the COGENT program and the national and international coconut collections in the longer term.

## Expected scientific results

- Production of a status report on coconut genetic resources held in trust in the five multi-site international gene banks and in the national collections in 19 coconut growing countries.
- Recommendations for restoring a functional international multilateral system to effectively share coconut germplasm for the benefit of breeding programs, as a strategy to improve coconut productivity.

## Expected impact/outcomes

- A functioning and sustainable COGENT program coordinated by a financially accountable International Coconut Community, with a full-time coordinator based in Indonesia and supported by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and support staff.
- An implementation work plan and budget for the Global Strategy for Conservation and Use of Coconut Genetic Resources.
- Development of income-generating components and international research collaborations that will help the long-term sustainability of the COGENT program and the national and international collections.
- More effective conservation and use of coconut genetic resources will contribute to building coconut stakeholders' capacity and resilience across the value-chain.
- Improved coconut-based livelihoods for coconut growing households and communities.
- Contribute to the long-term rejuvenation of the coconut industry in the Pacific, and globally.

