

13th EAPVP forum annual Meeting

REPORT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN UPOV

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November 25, 2020 (Hanoi, Viet Nam, by virtual means)



International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Preview

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- Evolution of the UPOV system
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COVID-19 pandemic measures

- March 17, 2020
 - UPOV premises closed except for essential personnel
 - Remote working (excellent WIPO IT support)
 - Official travel cancelled
- June 2 – Sep. 30, 2020
 - No official travel outside Switzerland
 - Phased return by all UPOV staff (except vulnerable staff)
 - Remote working option for up to 3 days/week
- November 2, 2020
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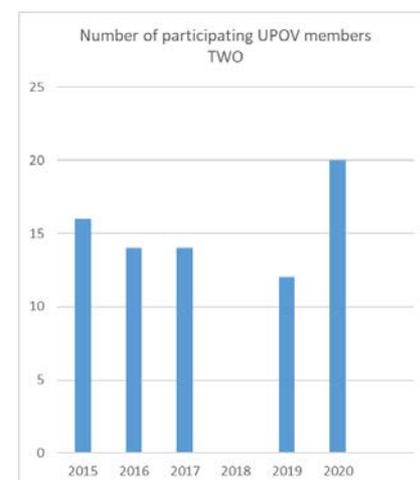
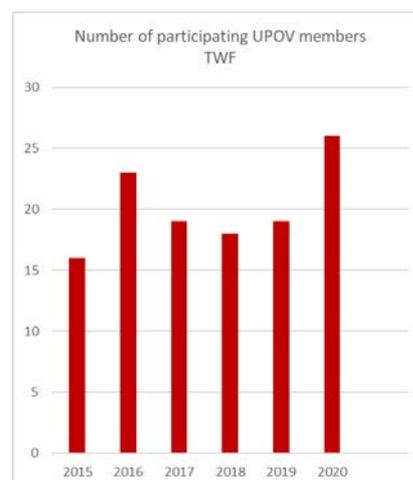
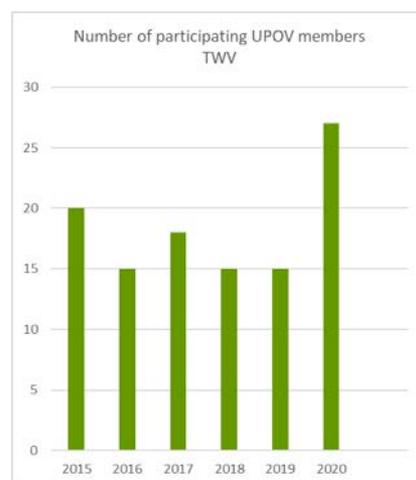
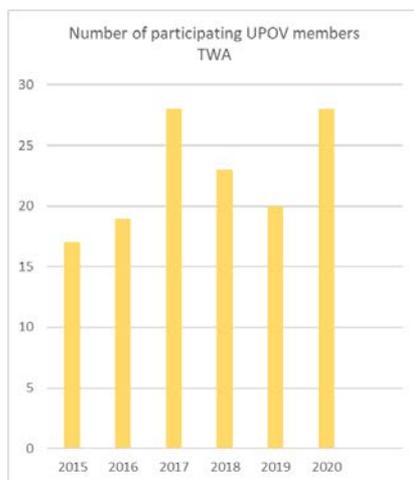
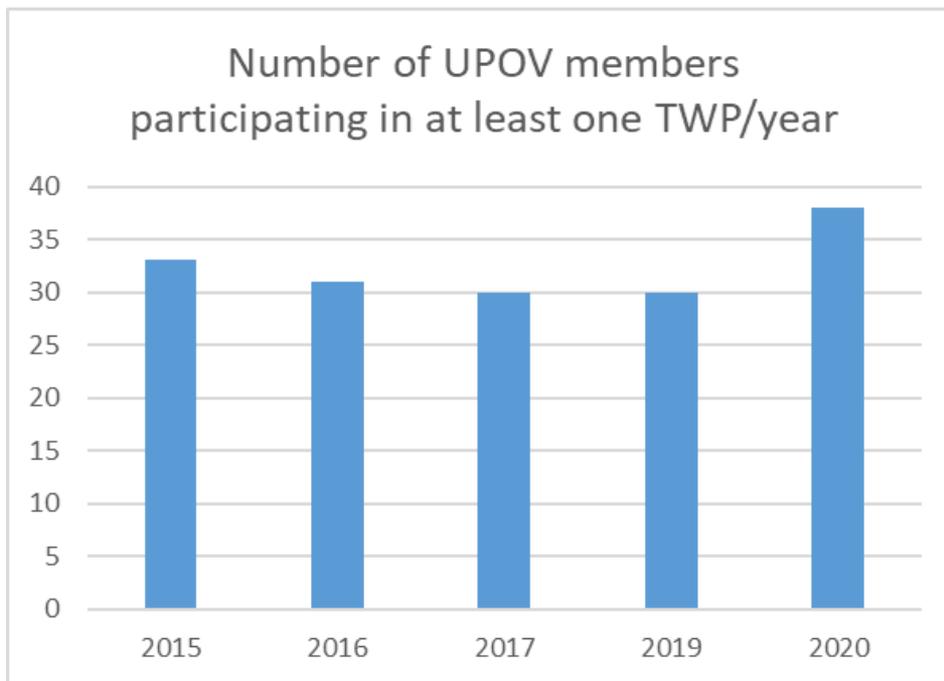
COVID-19 pandemic measures

- UPOV meetings since March 17, 2020
- Virtual meetings as planned
 - Enlarged Editorial Committee (March 24)
 - Fifteenth Meeting on the Development of an Electronic Application Form (EAF/15) (March 26)
- Technical Working Parties
 - agreed by TWP Chairpersons, after consultation with the TWP hosts and the TC Chairperson, to hold the TWP sessions by electronic means
- UPOV Sessions in October 2020 held in the form of **virtual meetings**, in combination with **prior consideration of documents by correspondence**:
 - Technical Committee: TC/56, (October 26 and 27)
 - Administrative and Legal Committee: CAJ/77, (October 28)
 - Consultative Committee: CC/97, (October 29)
 - Council: C/54, (October 30)

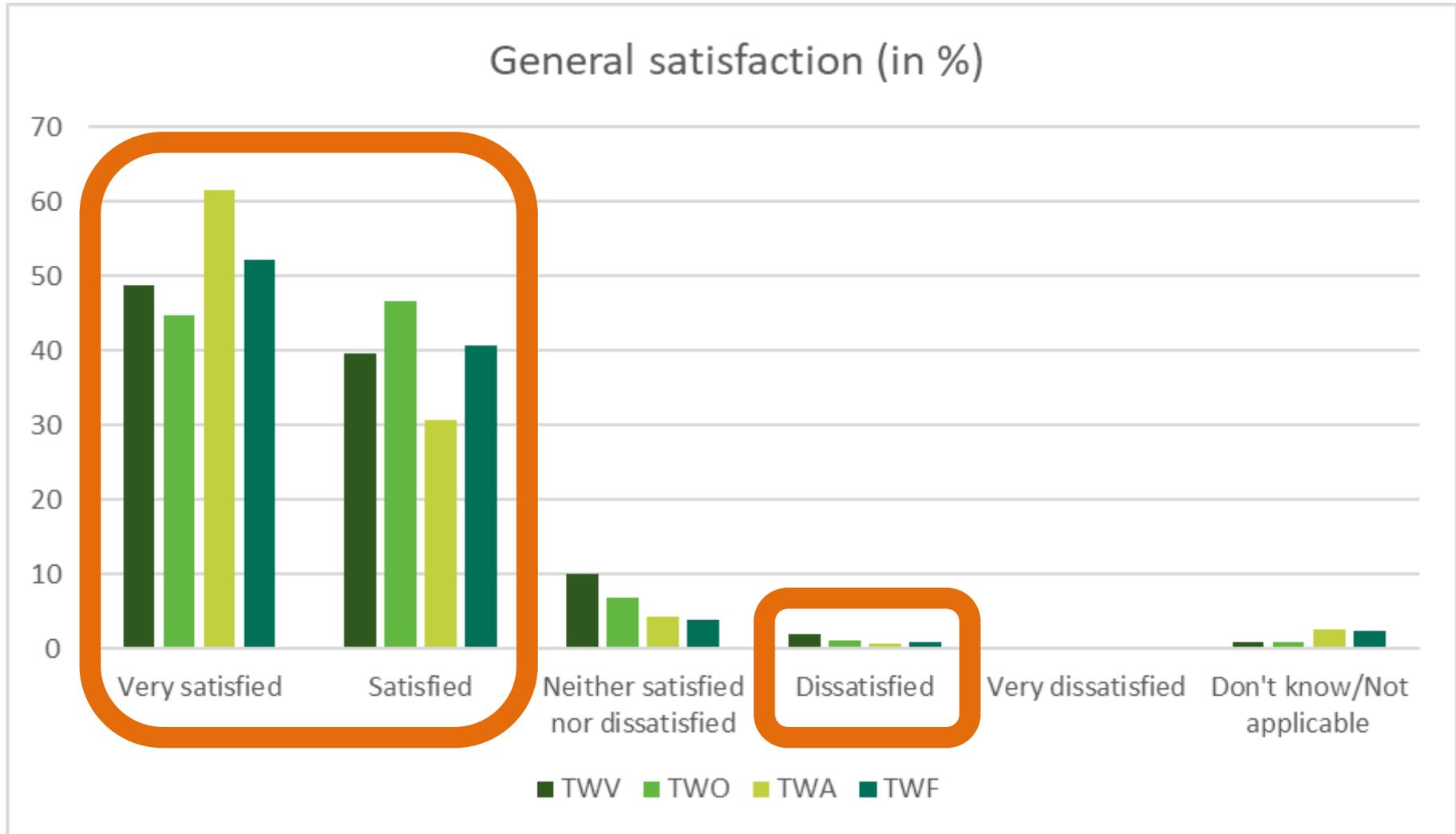
Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings



Technical Working Party (TWP) meeting participation: Number of members of the Union



Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings: satisfaction



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UPOV STATUS

on September 25, 2020

New UPOV member: Egypt (December 1, 2019)



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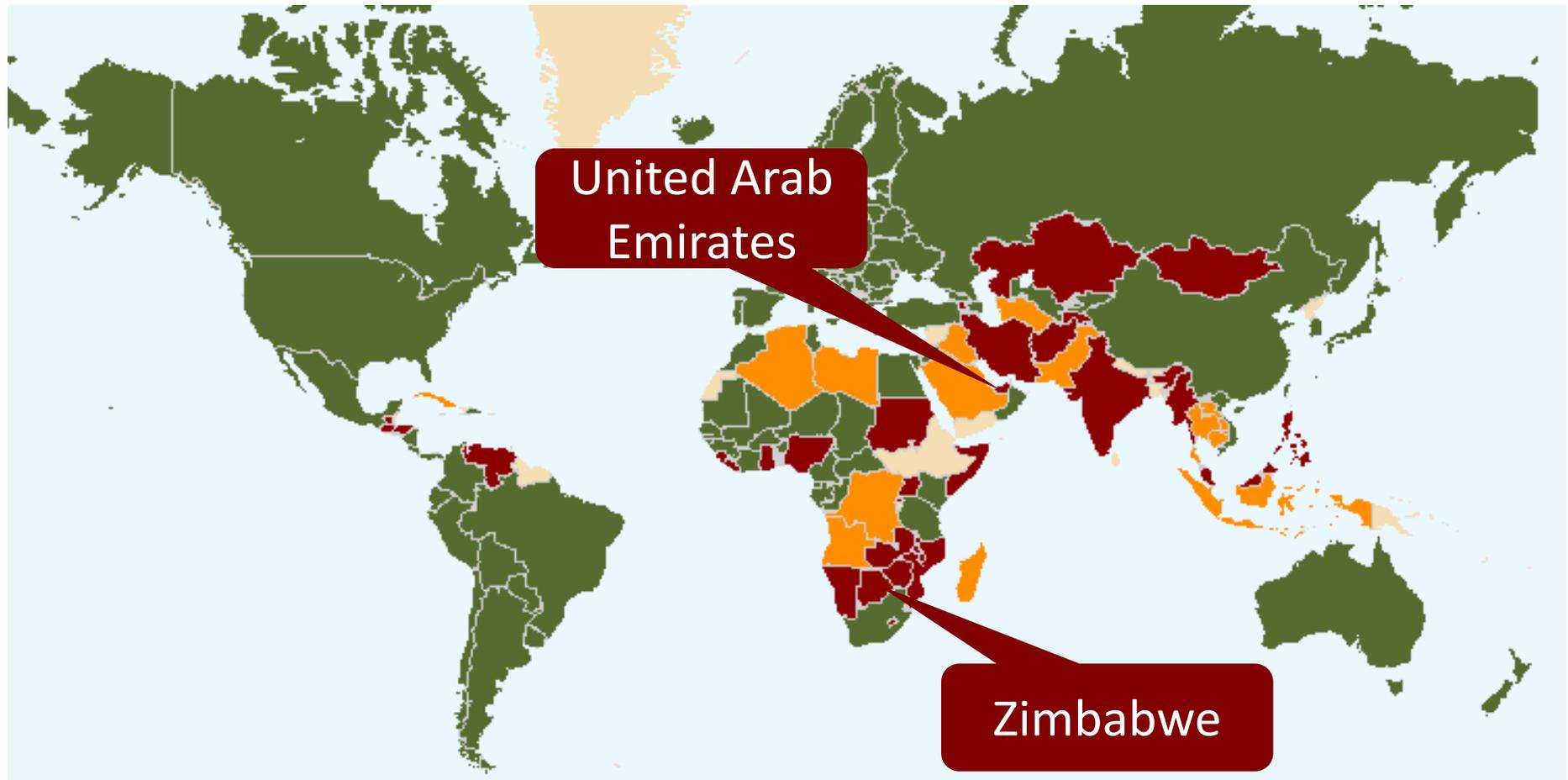
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- Initiating States (20) and Organization (1)
- States (23) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

UPOV MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

- **Policy decision** to draft legislation in accordance with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention
- **Contact the Office of UPOV** for assistance provision of the Drafting Guidance Document **INF/6** and consultations
- **Finalize the Draft Law** for its examination by the Council of UPOV
- **Ask advice** of the Council of UPOV
- If **advice positive** and **Law in force** deposit instrument of accession to become a UPOV member

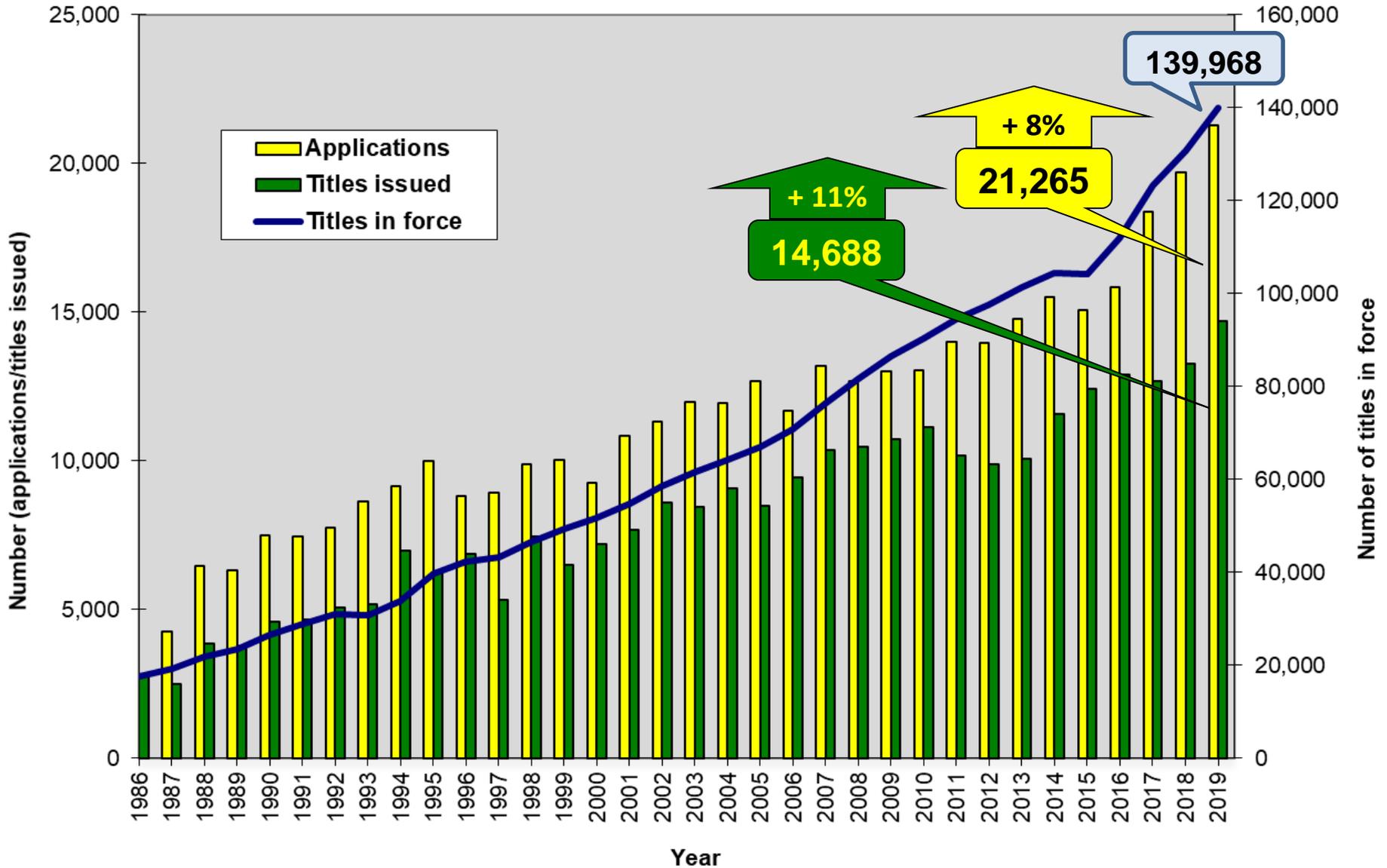
Examination of draft laws in 2020 (positive decisions)



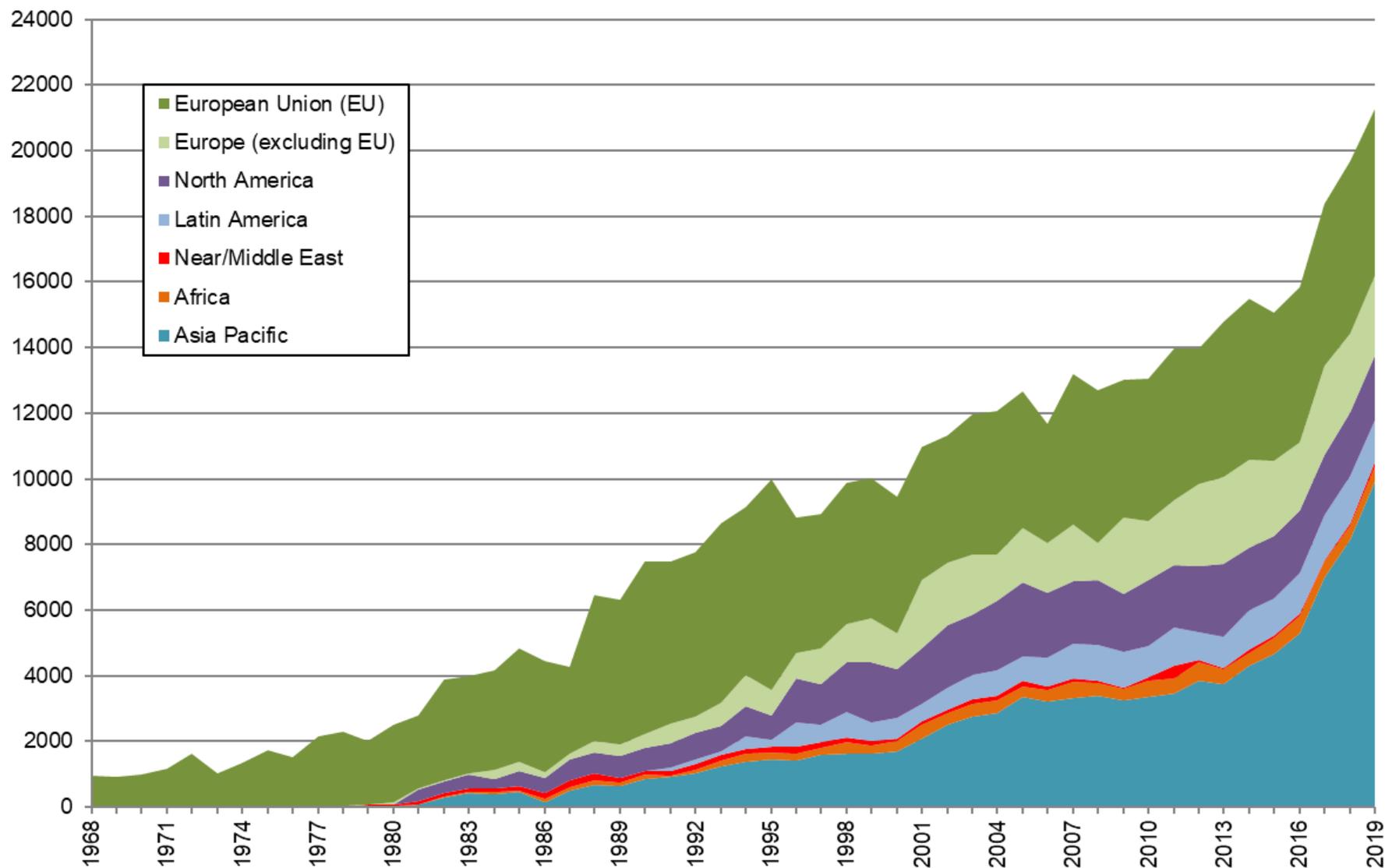
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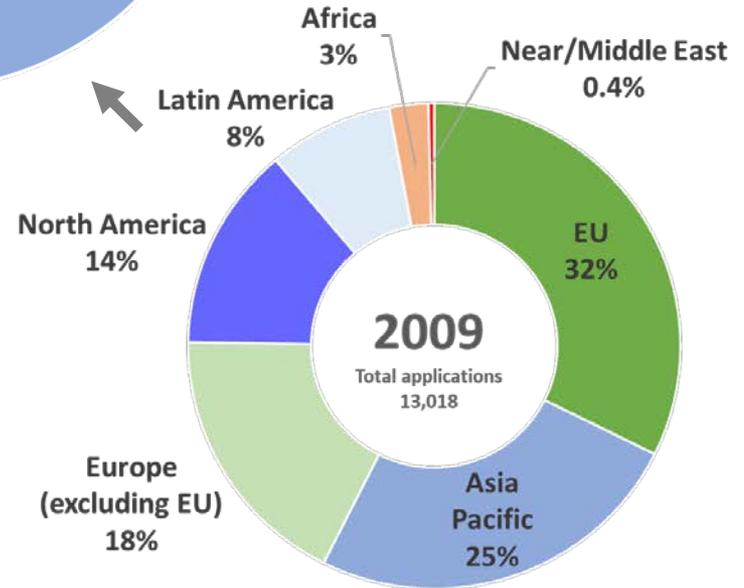
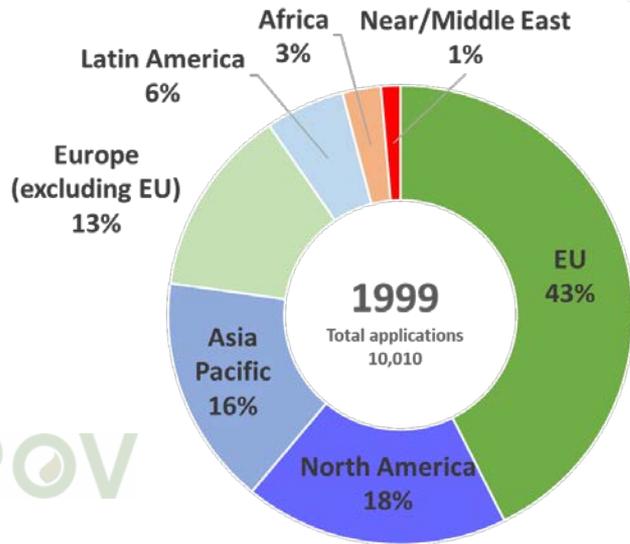
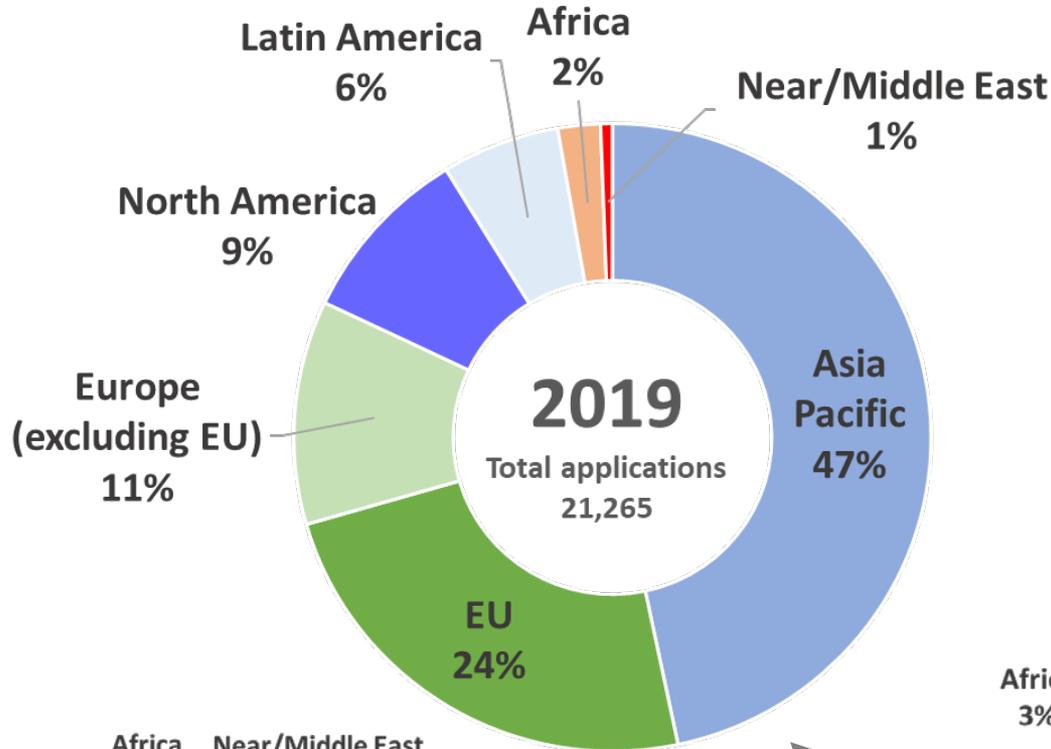
Total Applications filed and Titles issued



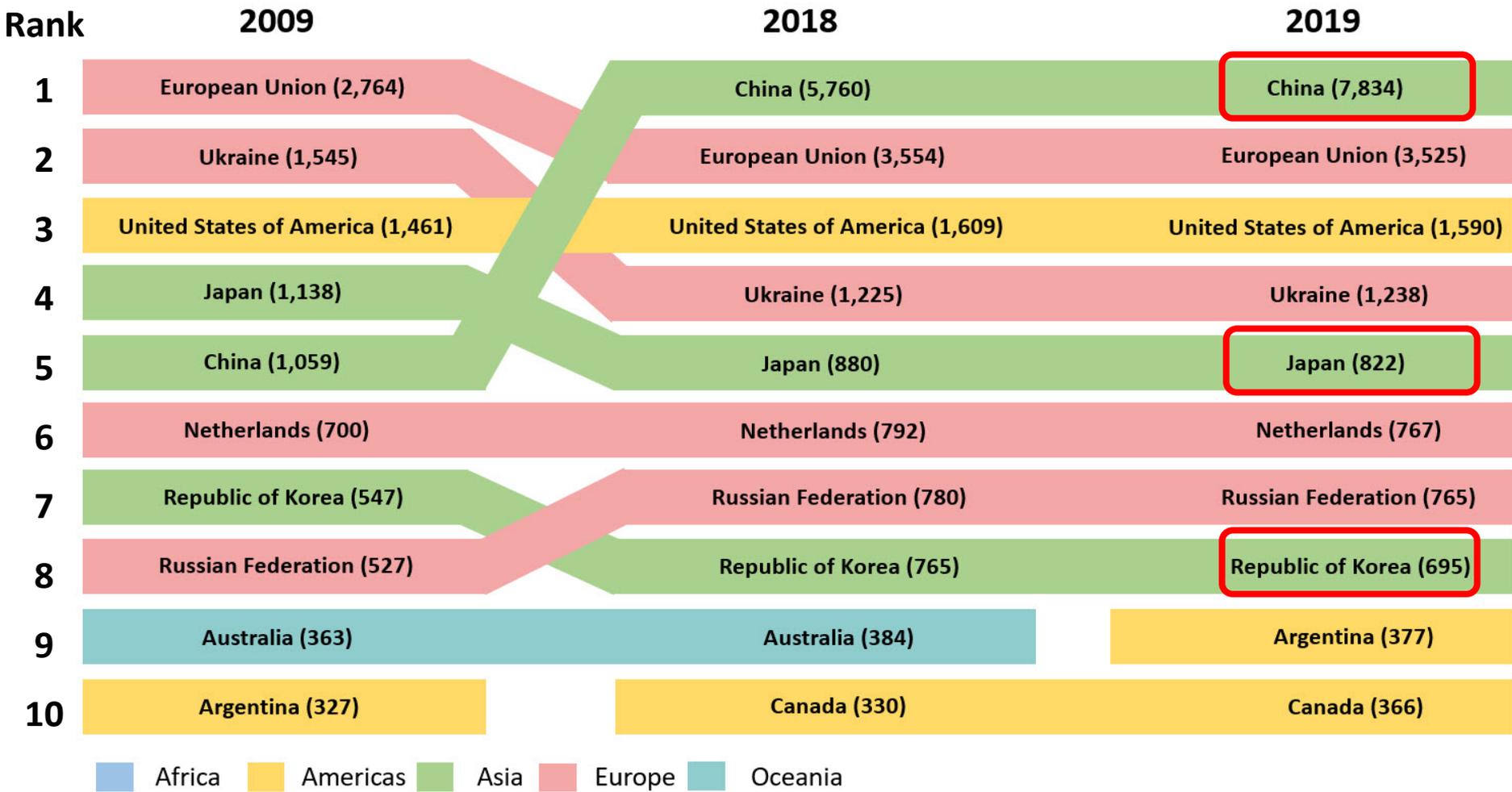
Applications received by Region



Applications received by Region – 1999 to 2019



Top 10: UPOV members by number of plant variety protection applications received



Office of the Union

Mr. Francis Gurry
UPOV Secretary-General

*October 30, 2008, to
September 30, 2020*



Mr. Daren Tang
UPOV Secretary-General

*October 25, 2020
(Acting UPOV SG from October 1, 2020)*



Thanks and farewell to

Tomochika Motomura
Technical/Regional Officer (Asia)



Wen Wen
Fellow



Welcome to

Manabu Suzuki
Technical/Regional Officer (Asia)

June 1, 2020



Amit Sharma
IT Support Officer

November 1, 2020



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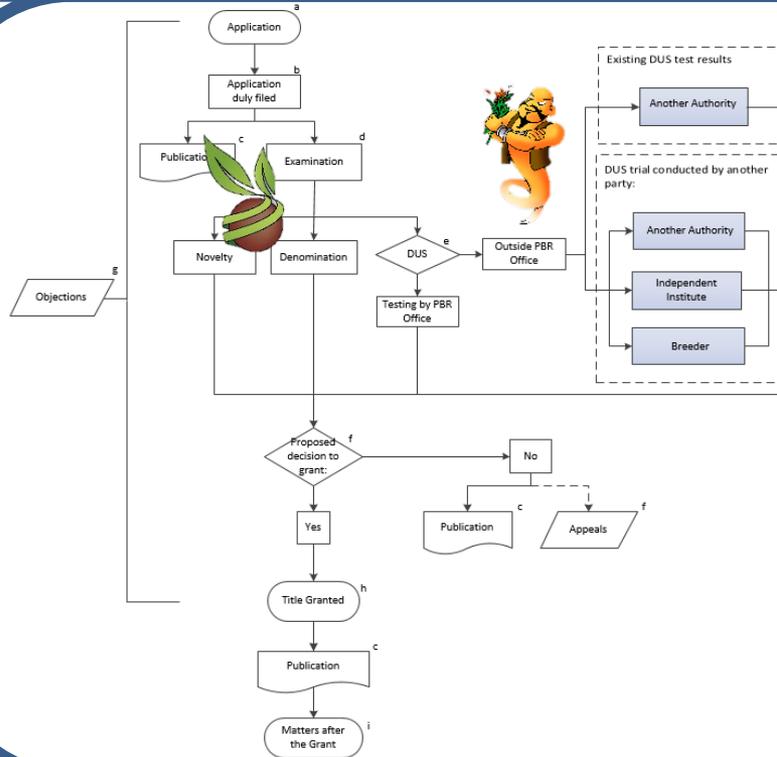
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UPOV resources - past

Applicant

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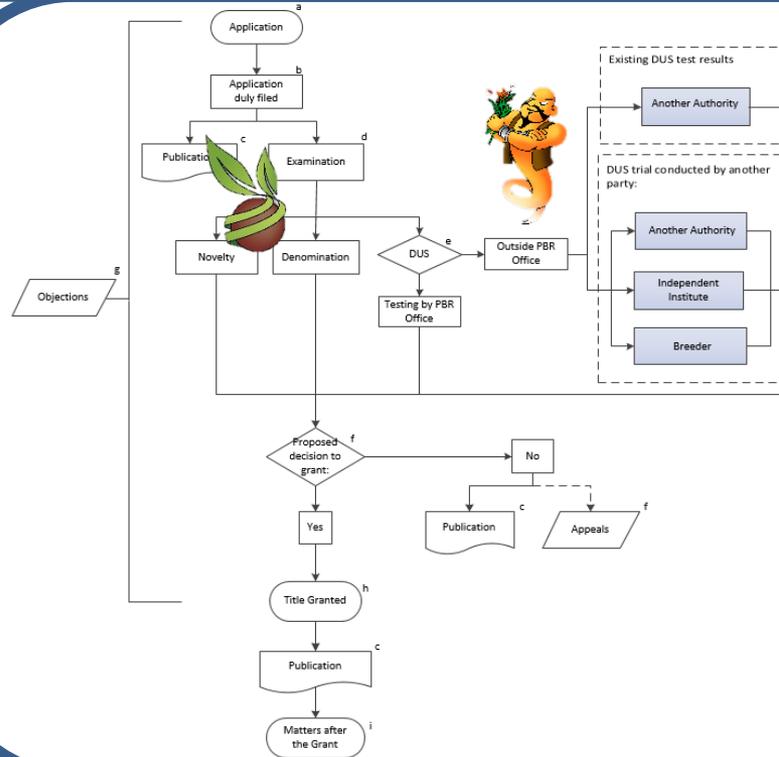
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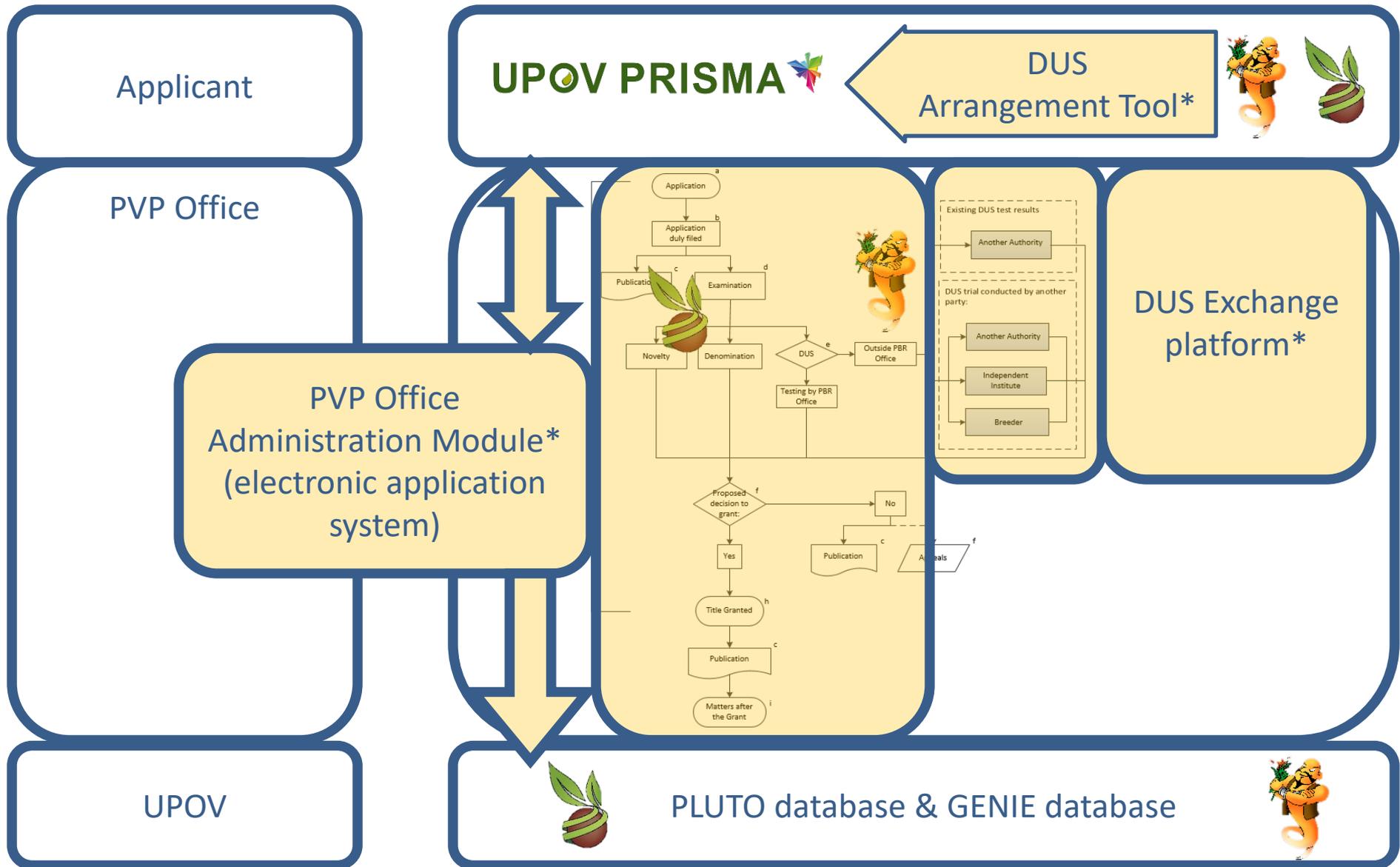
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PLUTO database & GENIE database



UPOV resources – future?



*Under development for the EAPVP Forum Pilot Project

PLUTO SERVICES ARE CHANGING
As from November there will be two levels of service:
Free service: users will be able to search the PLUTO database and display
Premium service: there will be no restriction on the amount of data that can
have the possibility to try the premium service for free during the month of O
(Note: UPOV members and data contributors will have free access to all PLUTO database "premium" features.)

PLUTO Free service

- ✓ Search and display results
- ✓ Save and Upload search criteria
- ✓ Print results

PLUTO Premium service CHF 750 /year

- ✓ Search and display results
- ✓ Save and Upload search criteria
- ✓ Print results
- ✓ Unlimited data download

Free for UPOV members,
data contributors and cases approved
by UPOV members

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Examination of Draft Laws by the Council

Welcome

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental organization with headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

UPOV was established by the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants. The Convention was adopted in Paris in 1961.

UPOV's mission is to provide and promote the protection of plant breeders' rights with a view to encouraging the development of new plant varieties.

Benefits of UPOV

Stakeholder features

- Breeders
- Farmers and Growers
- Policy makers
- General Public



UPOV PRISMA
PBR Application Tool

GENIE Database



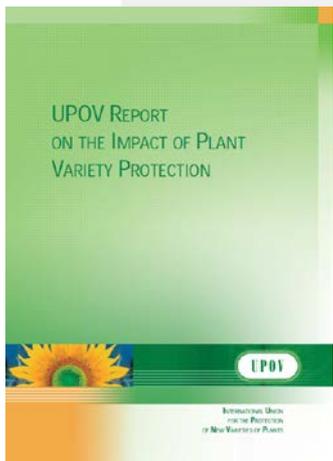
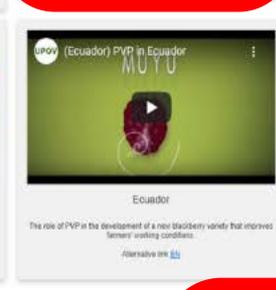
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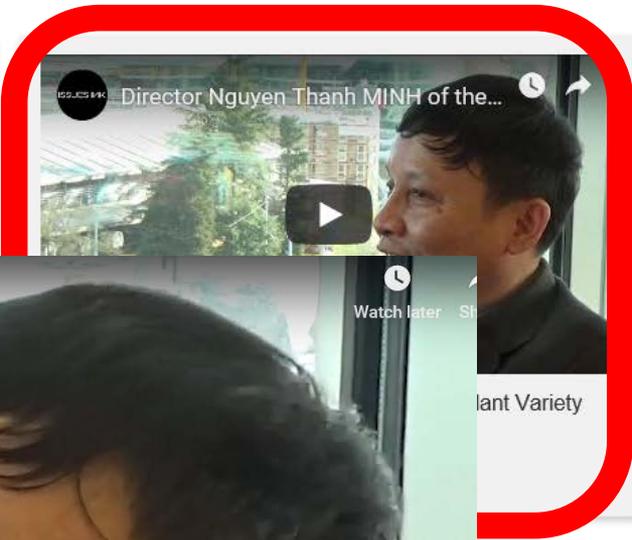


Plant Variety Database (PLUTO)

Quick Links

- ✦ COVID-19 measures for breeders
- ✦ Introduction to UPOV
- ✦ Benefits of UPOV
- ✦ UPOV Collection





Director Nguyen Thanh MINH of the Viet Nam PVP office explains importance of UPOV



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Nguyen Thanh MINH

Director,
Viet Nam PVP office

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Training activities

Increase use of virtual means for training activities

Approaches to training and assistance

- Avoid the need for travel, while maintaining and enhancing training

Virtual events

- **APSA Train the Trainer course on PVP of UPOV Convention**

Organized by APSA in cooperation with UPOV (October, 2020)

Pre-work, interactive sessions, post-training support (DL-205, DL-305 courses)

- **IP Key SEA Webinar Series on Plant Variety Protection**

Awareness raising Webinars, (November, 2020)

PVP Offices, private Stakeholders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and other SEA countries

Cooperation with different training partners

- Awareness raising seminars with IP Key, Japan-FIT
- Workshop for Laws with the assistance of the USPTO

UPOV on Social Media



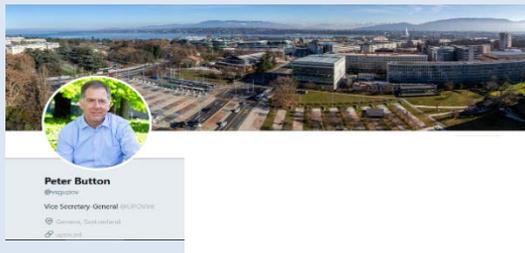
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