



East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

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INDIVIDUAL IMPLEMENTING STRATEGY OF THAILAND

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1. National goal (for next 10 years: 2018 to 2027)

- 1.1 Thailand serves as a center for tropical seed production, with seed exports valued at no less than 15 billion baht ("World Tropical Seed Hub" Policy). Farmers have sufficient access to high-quality seeds, contributing to sustainable food security.
- 1.2 Thailand's Plant Variety Protection Act is in accordance with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

2. Objectives with analysis of challenges (for next 3 years, 2025 – 2027)

2.1 To support Thailand's policy of becoming a global hub for tropical seed production, the Department of Agriculture (DOA) is undertaking the amendment of the Plant Variety Protection Act B.E. 2542 (1999) to align with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention, because certain provisions regarding the protection of new plant varieties in the existing Act are not consistent with the UPOV 1991 framework.

2.2 To conduct stakeholder consultations in order to develop appropriate secondary legislations (Ministerial and Department Regulations) that suits the agricultural context of Thailand, ensures that small-scale farmers are not adversely affected by the legal amendments, and preserves the traditional agricultural practices of Thai farmers.

2.3 To raise public awareness of the new Plant Variety Protection Act through outreach and communication initiatives.

3. Planned activities and Road map (for next 3 years, 2025 – 2027)

- 2025-2026 - Draft legal provisions for the new Plant Variety Protection Act to ensure alignment with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.
- Conduct stakeholder consultations and disseminate knowledge to promote understanding of the UPOV system.
- 2027 - Submit the draft legislation to the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives for consideration and subsequent approval in principle by the Cabinet.

4. Proposal of Cooperation Activity (Members who submitted proposals ONLY. The proposals will be presented with explanation of relevance to its 10-YSP.)

Organizing meetings/seminars/workshops, both in public and focus groups, on the UPOV 1991 Convention, focusing on crucial issues such as the scope of breeders' rights, farmers' privileges, essentially derived varieties (EDV), and suggestions for amending the law, with English-Thai interpretation.

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