

# **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR SEEDS:** THE BRC GAMÈT IN MONTPELLIER

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#### Contexte

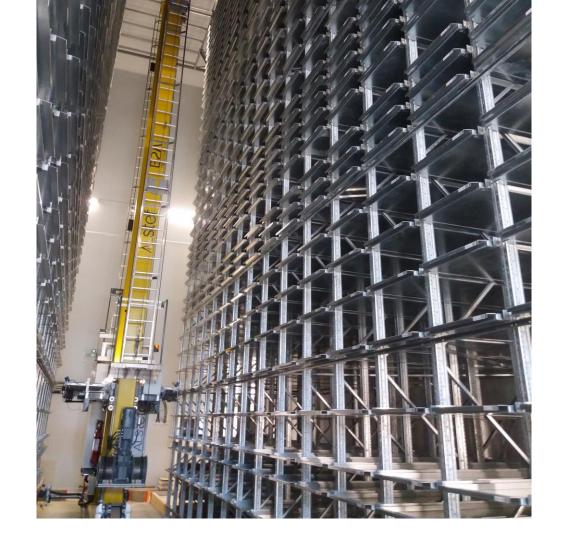
The BRC GAMèT (Biological Resource Center: Graines Adaptées aux conditions Méditerranéennes et Tropicales) gather together since April 2019 within the new ARCAD building, three CRBs managing and storing seed genetic resources from INRA and Cirad institutes: CRB Zea, CRB *Medicago* and CRB-Tropical.

### Building





Builded all around a cold chamber Total volume of storage inside a stacker-crane 280 m3 (76 000kg of seeds)





Cotton









Rice

Sorghum



Fonio







Forest trees Groundnuts



### Tasks

• Acquisition of biological resources to enrich existing collections or meet the needs of research projects.

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- Conservation of biological resources in air-conditioned rooms (4°C) or in freezers (- 18°C).
- Multiplication of biological resources to renew stocks.
- Distribution of biological resources to researchers, in France and abroad, and to professionals.

## **Know-how and services**

- Support for researchers: phytosanitary certificates, customized multiplication and preservation.
- Distribution following international rules (Nagoya Protocol and/or TIRPAA)
- Training for professionals or scientists (management of collections, quality).
- Audits to prepare for certification.
- CRB-Tools software to guarantee the traceability of collections and AQ-Tools software to facilitate compliance with the requirements of standards ISO 9001 and NF S96-900.

### National and international networks and databases

- French Infrastructure RARE (<u>http://www6.inra.fr/agrobrc-rare/</u>)
- ECP/GR Maize network
- French national maize genetic resources network
- Eurisco and GBIF databases.
- Siregal (<u>http://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/siregal/siregal/grc.do</u>) CGIARs
- Different institutes : Cirad, INRA, IRD

http://umr-agap.cirad.fr

### A unique place

- To reinforce links between:
  - Conservation and Research
  - Biological and social sciences
  - Conservation approaches
  - Major and underutilized crops
  - Cultivated and wild diversity
- Future: Enlarging to other plants







