

Plant Variety cooperation in the CARIFORUM Region

Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention

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Program

- ✓ Importance of new varieties of plants
- ✓ The role of UPOV to promote the development of new varieties of plants
- ✓ Efficient ways to implement the UPOV system (e-PVP)

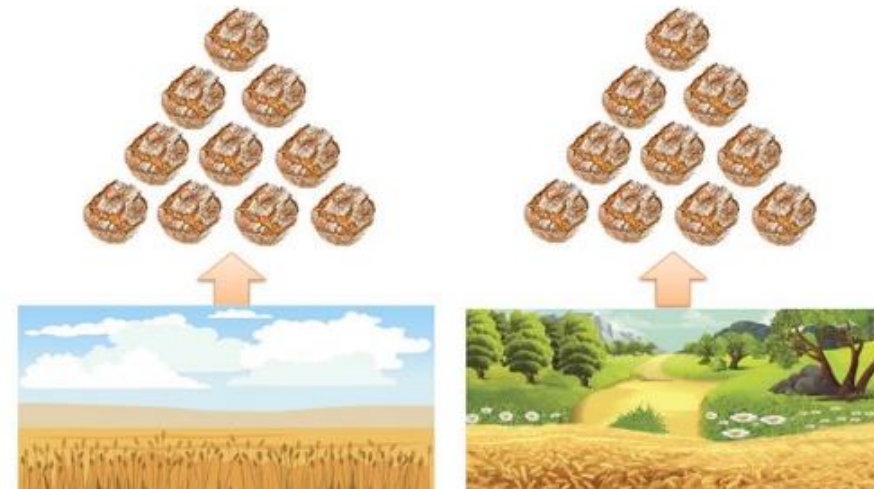
Importance of plant breeding and new varieties of plants





Producing more... with less

And in more challenging conditions

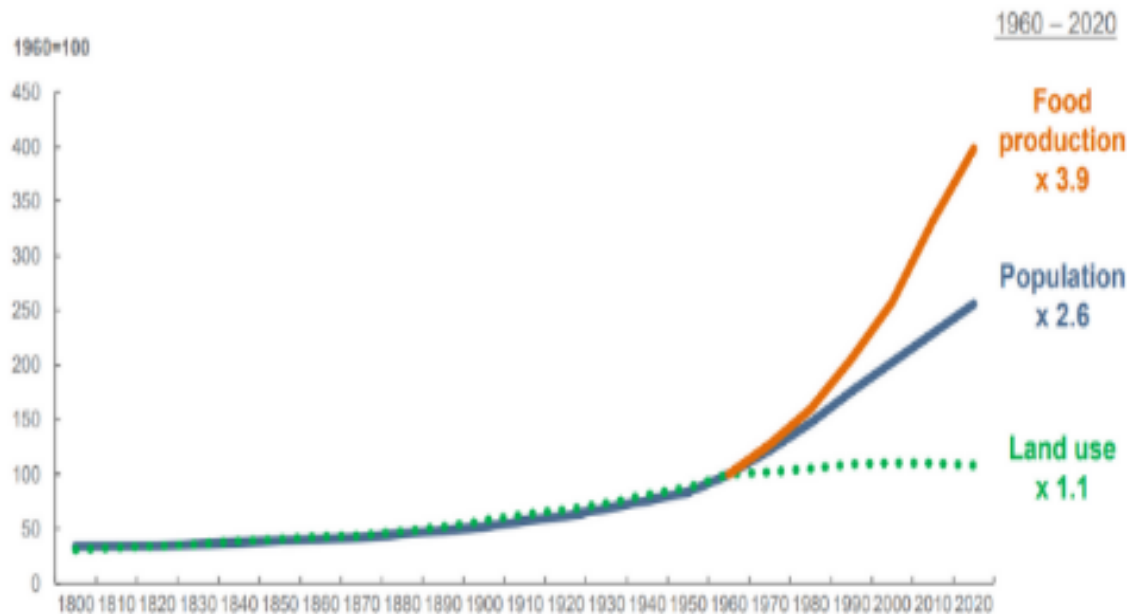


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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants



Historically, greater food production meant greater land use; but there has been a “decoupling” since about 1960



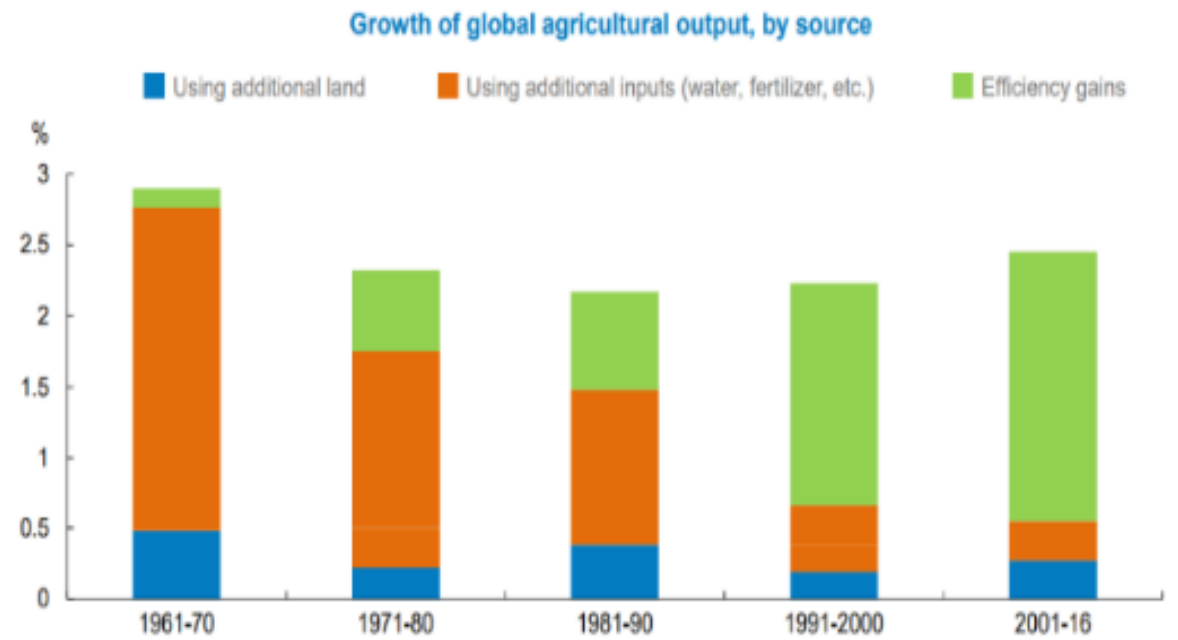
Source: Population data from Maddison's historical statistics for 1820-1940; UN Population Division for 1950-2030; 1890 and 1810 extrapolated from Maddison. Agricultural (crops and pasture) land data for 1800-2010 from the History Database of the Global Environment (HYDE 3.2); Klein-Goldewijk et al. (2017). Global agricultural production data for 1860-2010 from FAOSTAT (Net Agricultural Production Index). 2020 value from the OECD/FAO Agricultural Outlook.

www.oecd.org/food-systems

Source: Koen Deconinck, Food Systems Webinar, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate



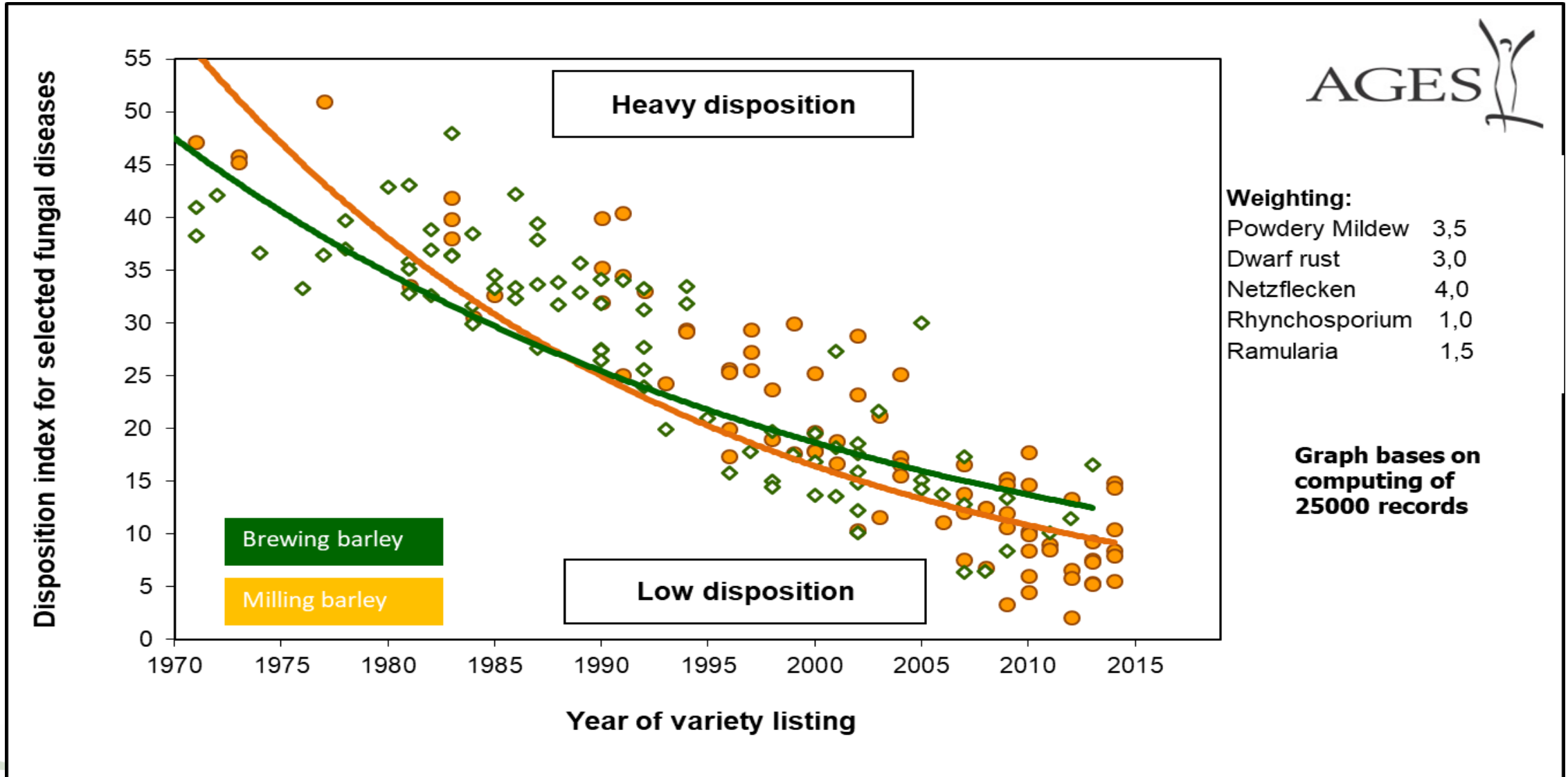
This “decoupling” was initially driven by greater use of inputs, but production growth increasingly comes from efficiency gains

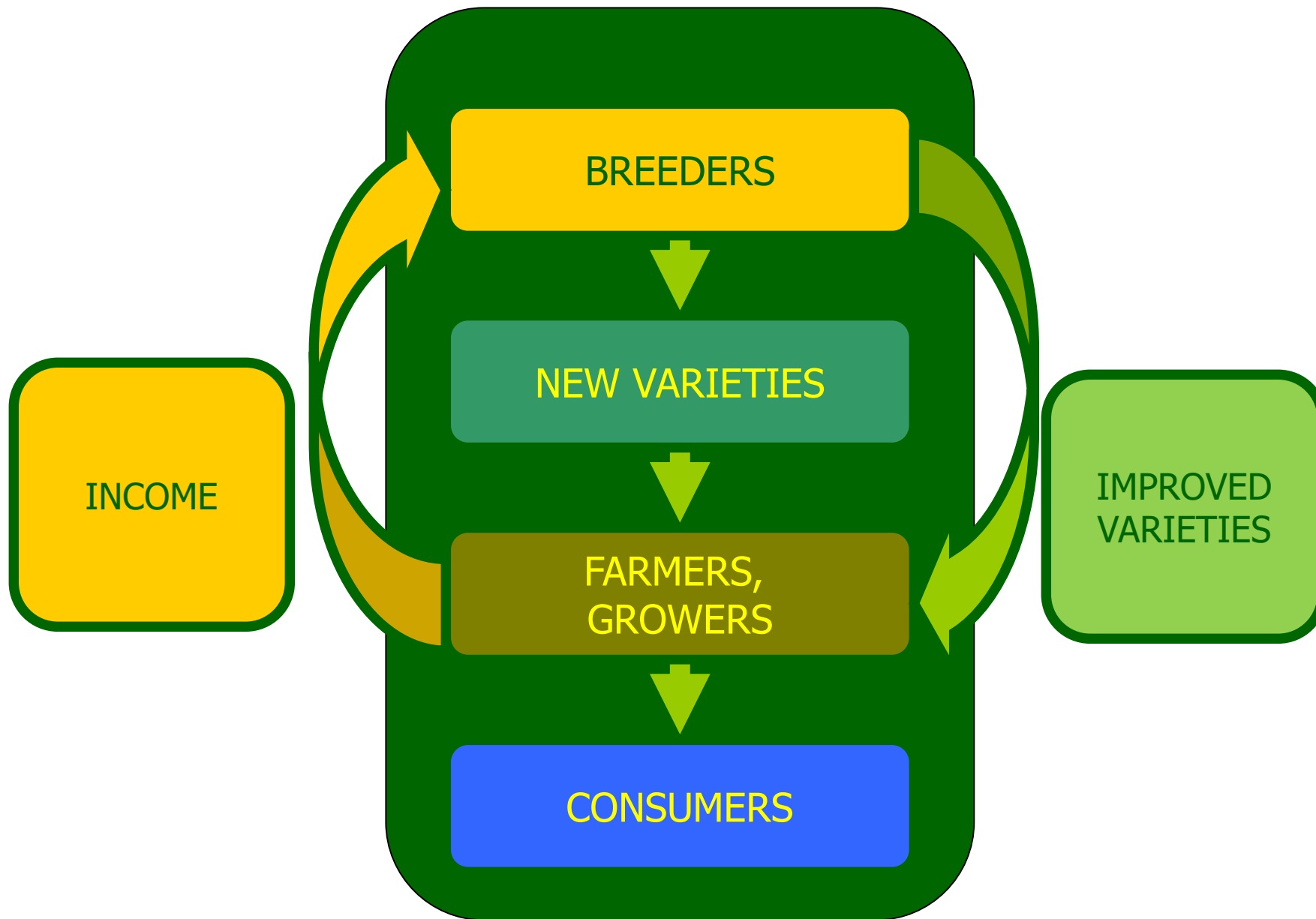


Source: USDA Economic Research Service, International Agricultural Productivity estimates (November 2019 revision)
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Importance of improved new varieties for brewing and animal feed industries







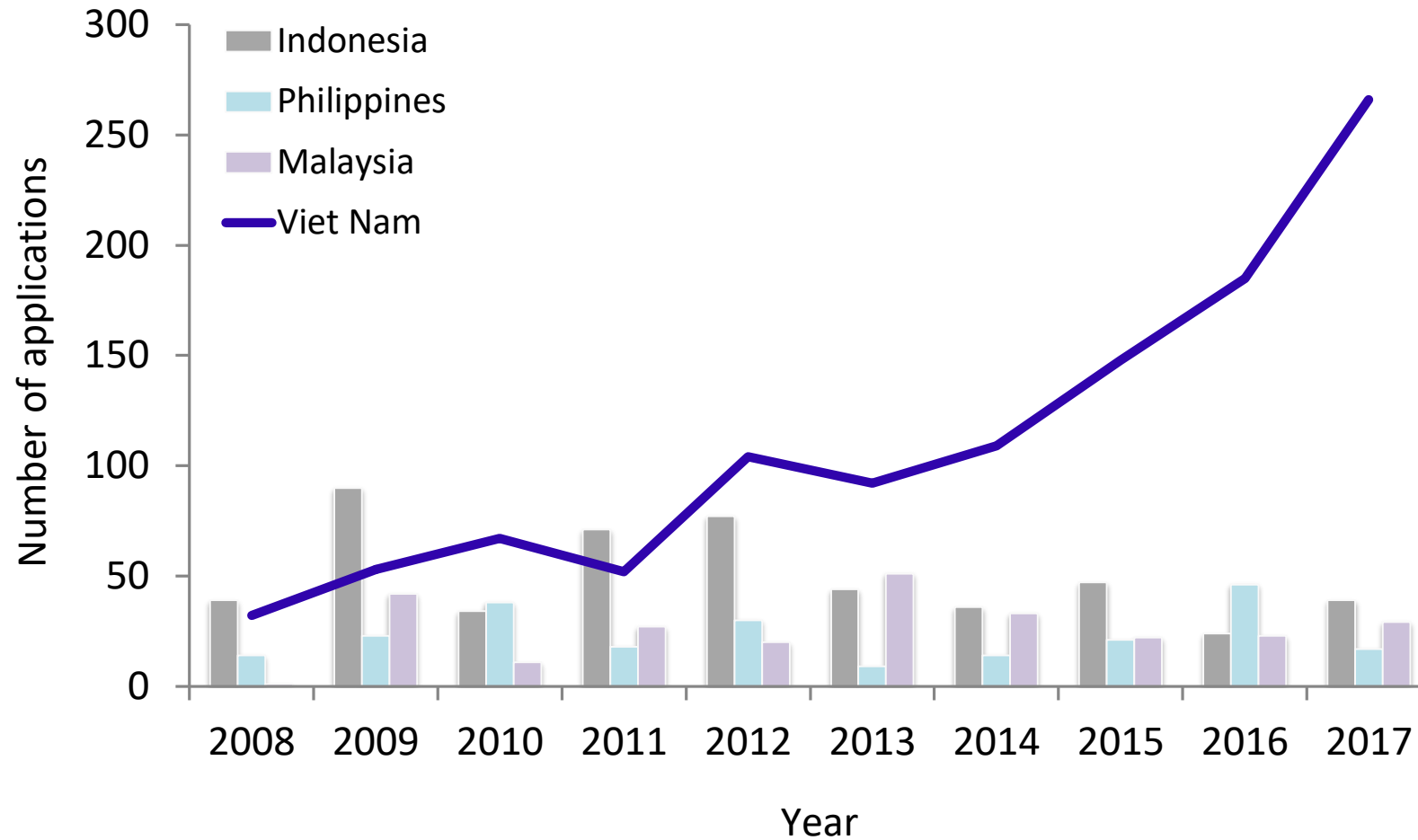
MISSION STATEMENT

**“To provide and promote
an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of
encouraging the development of new varieties of plants,
for the benefit of society”**

UPOV membership is associated with...

- (a) increased plant breeding activities and diversification of types of breeders (e.g. private breeders, researchers);
- (b) greater availability of improved varieties for farmers;
- (c) improved access to foreign plant varieties and enhanced domestic breeding programs;
- (d) encouraging the development of a new industry competitiveness on foreign markets.

Applications for Plant Breeders' Rights



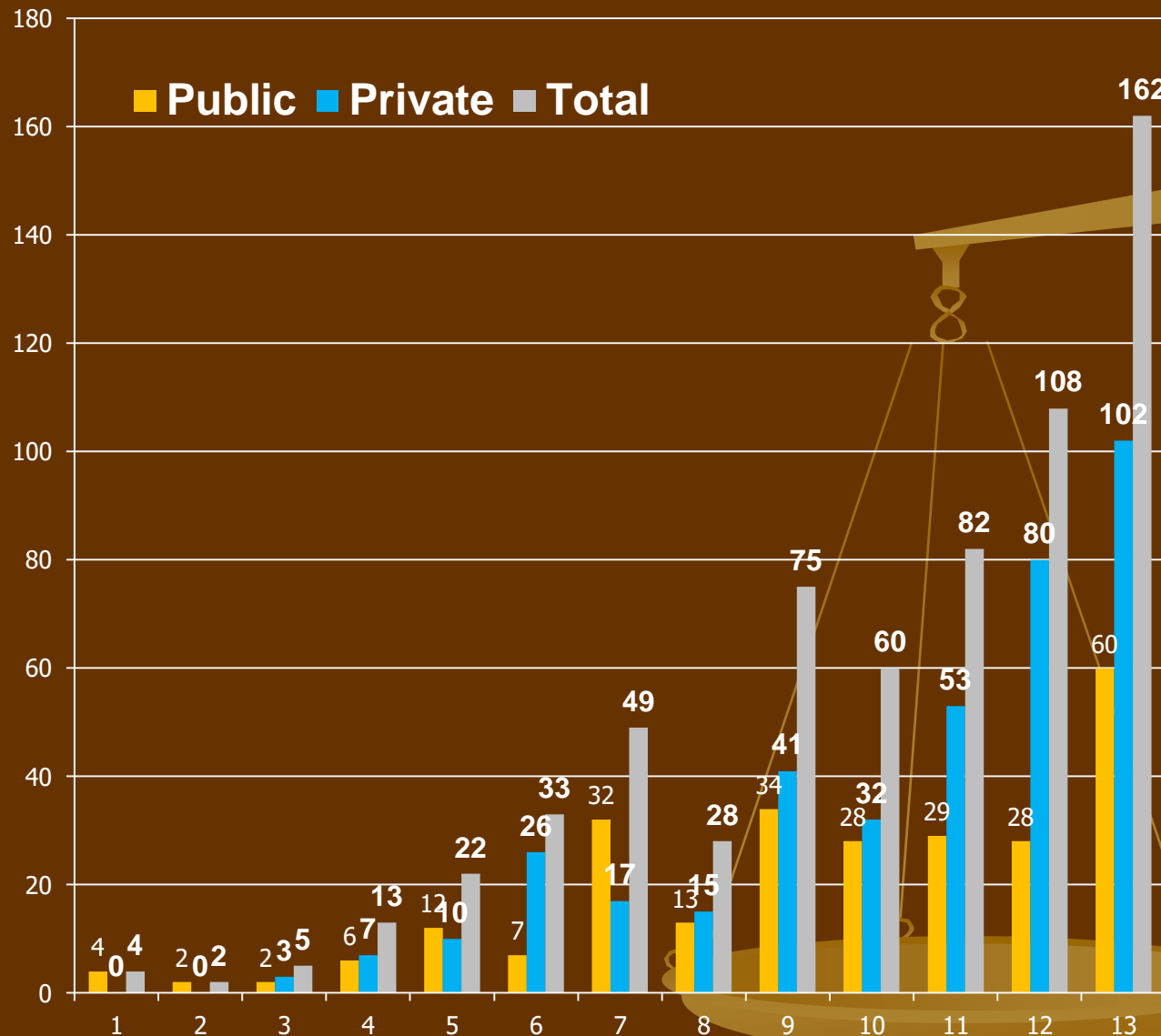
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IMPACT OF PVP/UPOV SYSTEM ON VN'S AGRICULTURE

**NGUYEN THANH MINH, PVPO, MARD/VIETNAM
PHILLIPINES, August - 2018**

Vietnam's applications: Private and Public sectors



➤ Public sector

(Government Budget):

- ✓ Research Institutes
- ✓ Universities
- ✓ Research Centers
(Central Government and provincial level)

➤ Private sector:

- ✓ Individual
- ✓ VN's Seed Company

ABOUT UPOV

Mission Statement

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Office of UPOV

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HFFA Research GmbH

The socio-economic benefits of UPOV membership in Viet Nam:

An ex-post assessment on plant breeding and agricultural productivity after ten years

Corresponding author: Steffen Noleppa



HFFA Research Paper 03/2017

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[Technology Transfer: The Benefits of Public-Private](#)

[Protection for Farmers and Growers](#) (2012)

[Protection](#)



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STUDY in VIET NAM*

Annual land productivity developments since Viet Nam joined
UPOV in 2006 in

Rice, Corn (maize) and Sweet Potatoes

- **1995-2005:** increase in yield mainly through increased level of inputs – no detectable increase due to plant breeding
- **2006-2016:** annual land productivity increase due to plant breeding
 - Rice 1.7 %
 - Corn 2.1 %
 - Sweet potatoes 3.1 %

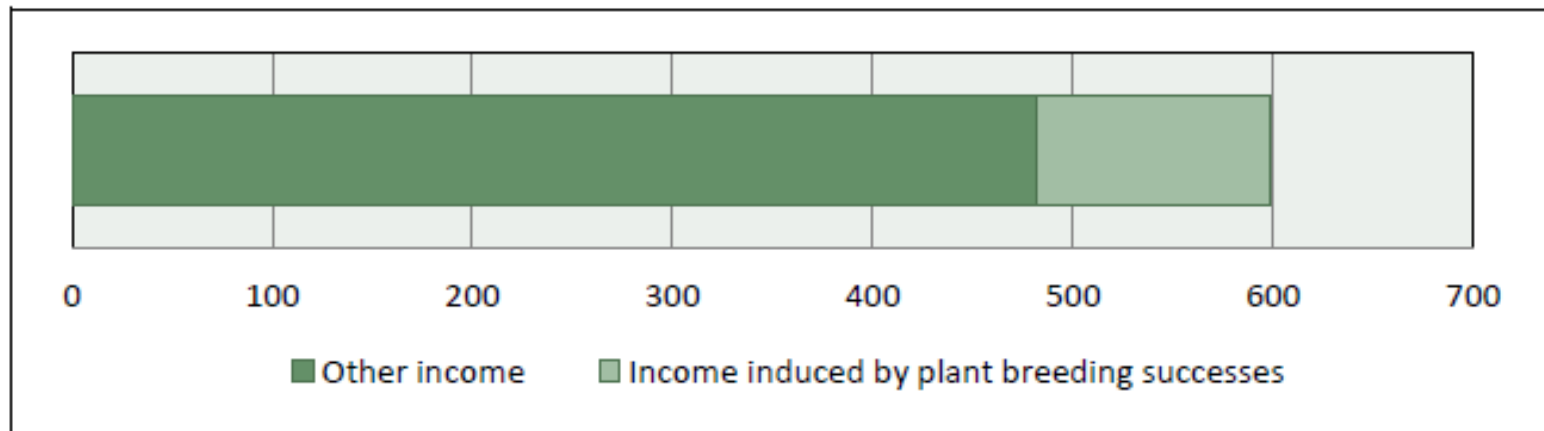


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STUDY in VIET NAM

INCOME of Vietnamese farmers has increased by 24% since 2006

Figure 4.6: Income of a Vietnamese farmer induced by plant breeding successes for major arable crops since UPOV membership vs. other income in arable farming (in USD)



Source: Own figure and calculations.

STUDY in VIET NAM

Annual value added:

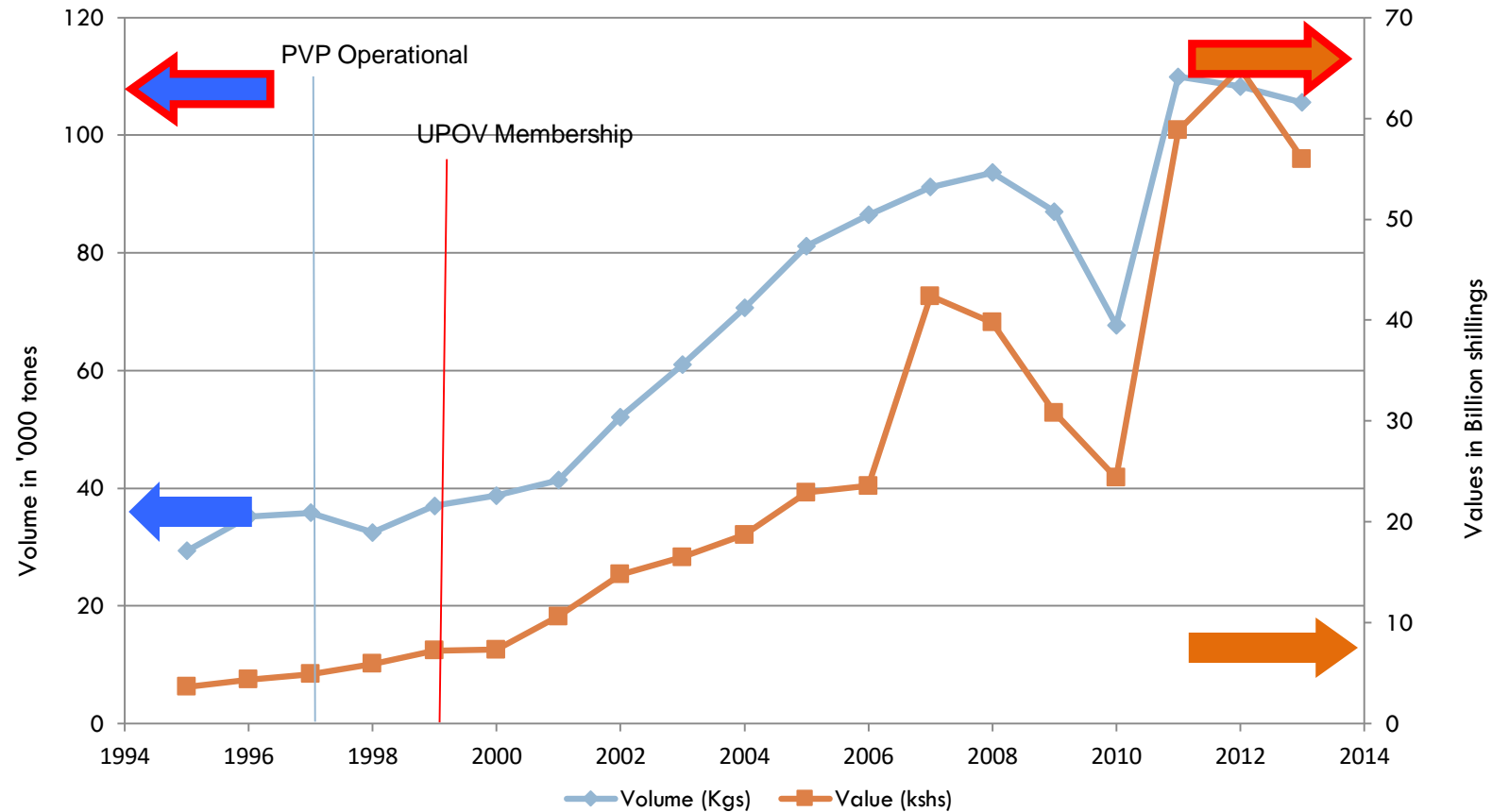
- Arable farming \$2.3 billion
- Horticulture \$1.0 billion
- Floriculture \$ 0.2 billion

- GDP added upstream/downstream (value chains)
\$1.5 billion

TOTAL ADDED: \$5 billion

(> 2.5% GDP)

Impact of Plant Variety Protection in Kenya



CUT FLOWER EXPORTS 1995 - 2013



Source: HCDA

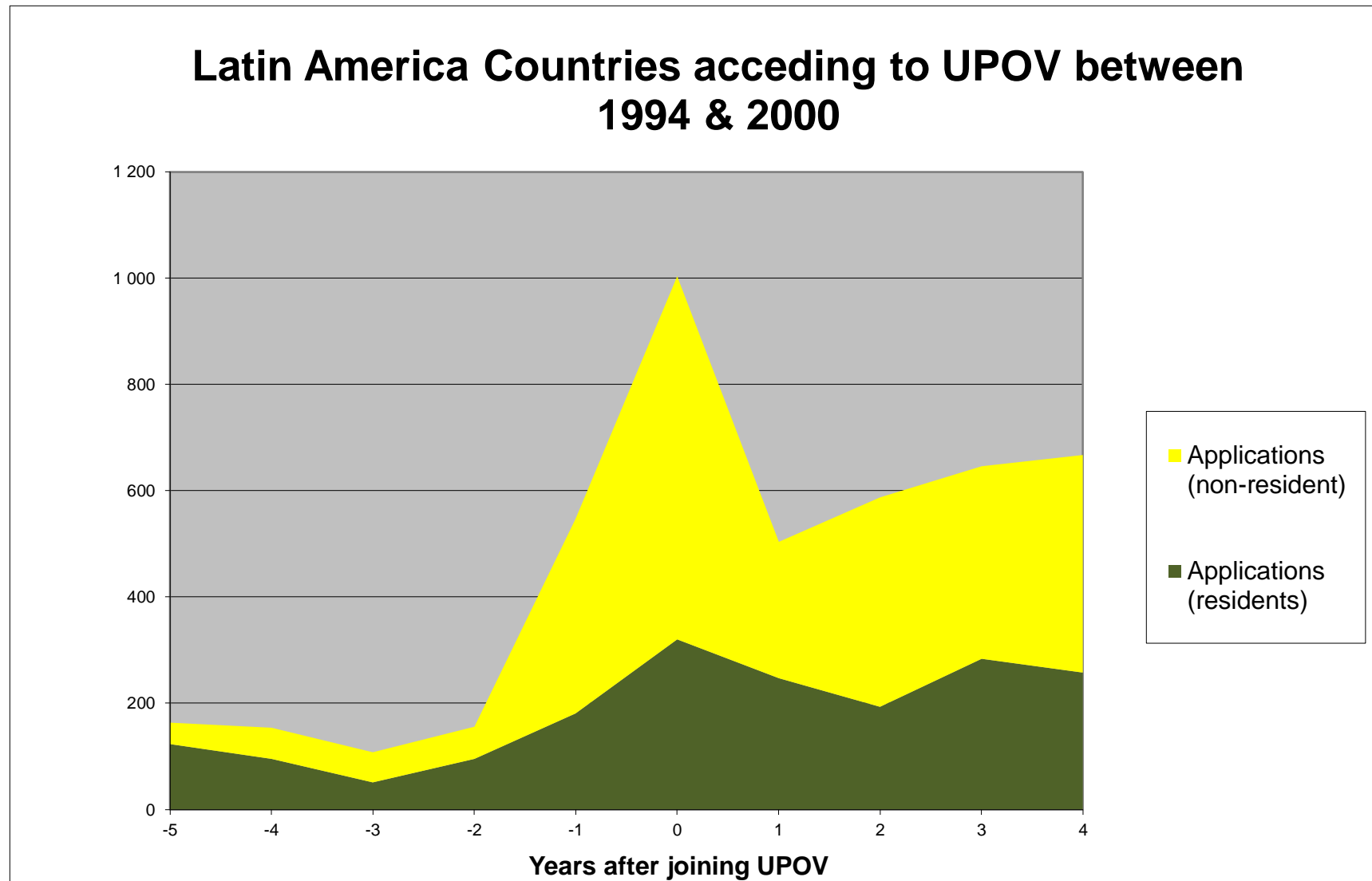
Successes/Impact Resulting from PVP cont'

Employment creation

- It is estimated that over 500,000 people (including over 90,000 flower farm employees) depend on the floriculture industry.



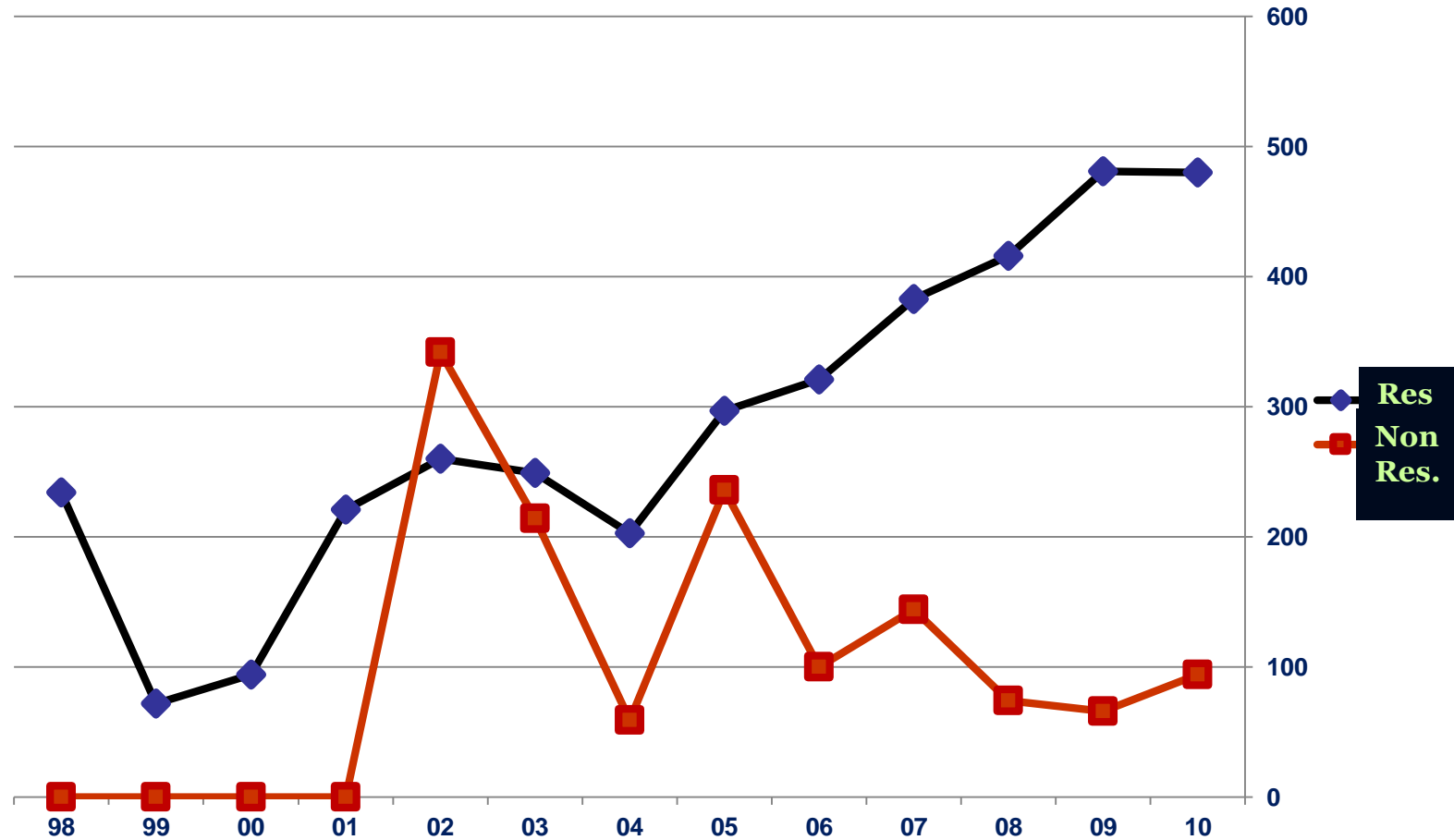
Improved access to foreign varieties



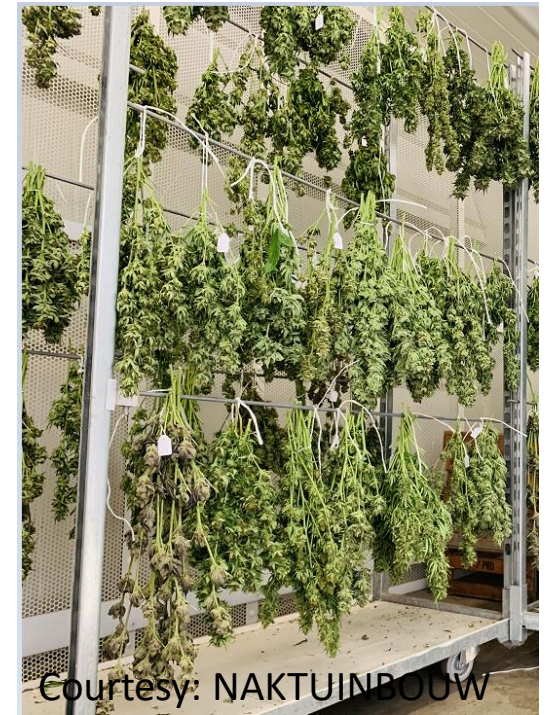
Enhanced domestic breeding programs

Republic of Korea

Application Ratio of Residents/Non Res.



Developing New Industries



Competitiveness in Foreign Markets



“New varieties would be developed here in British Columbia and would go all over the world. They would actually be used to compete against our BC growers. Our growers would be competing against varieties they paid to develop here.”



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Confederazione Svizzera
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Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Economic Affairs DEA

Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG

Certification, Plant Protection and Plant Variety Rights Section

UPOV Webinar

19. April 2021



**How to organize DUS examination and international cooperation
Experience in Switzerland**

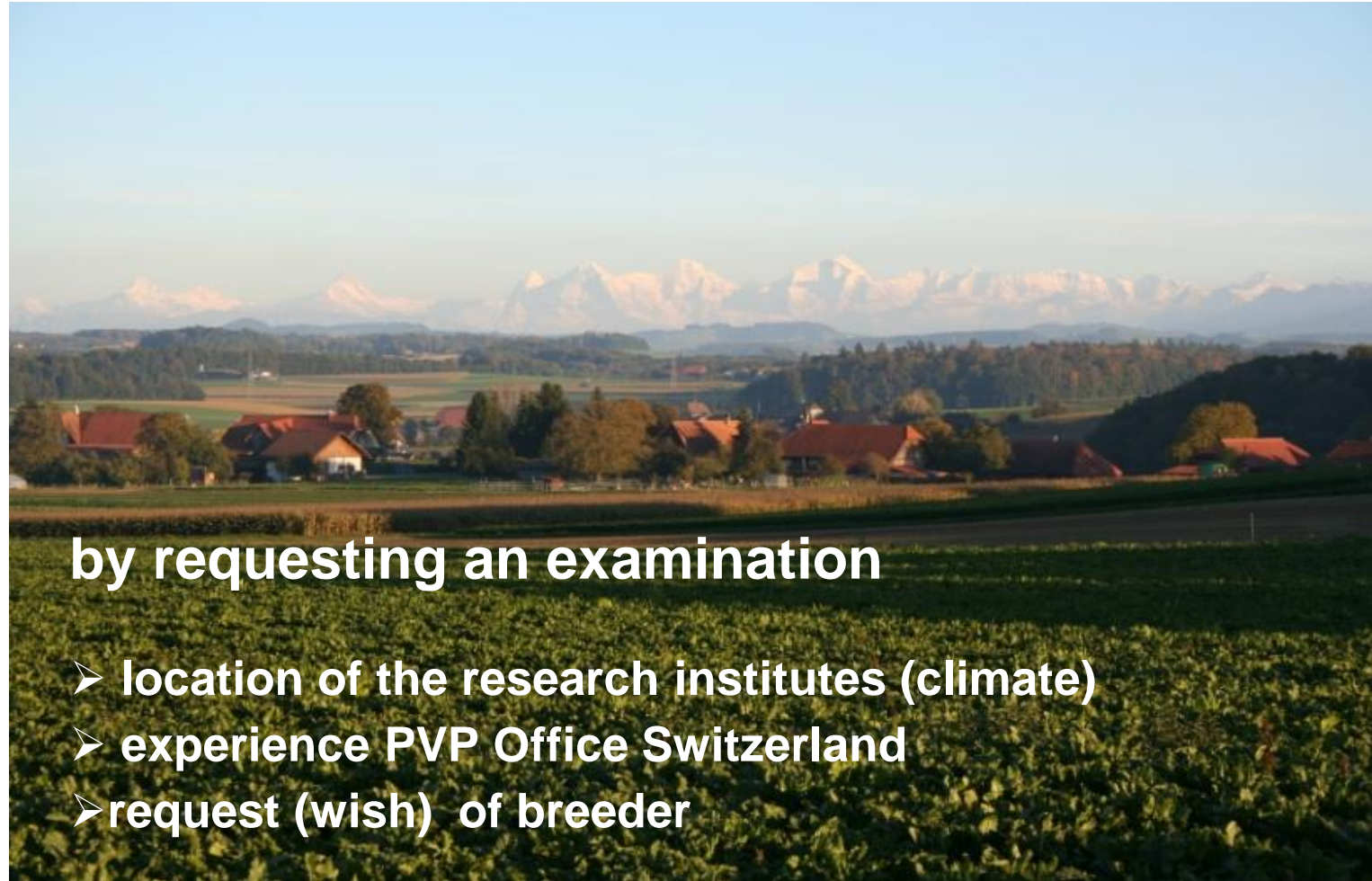


PVP in Switzerland in a nutshell





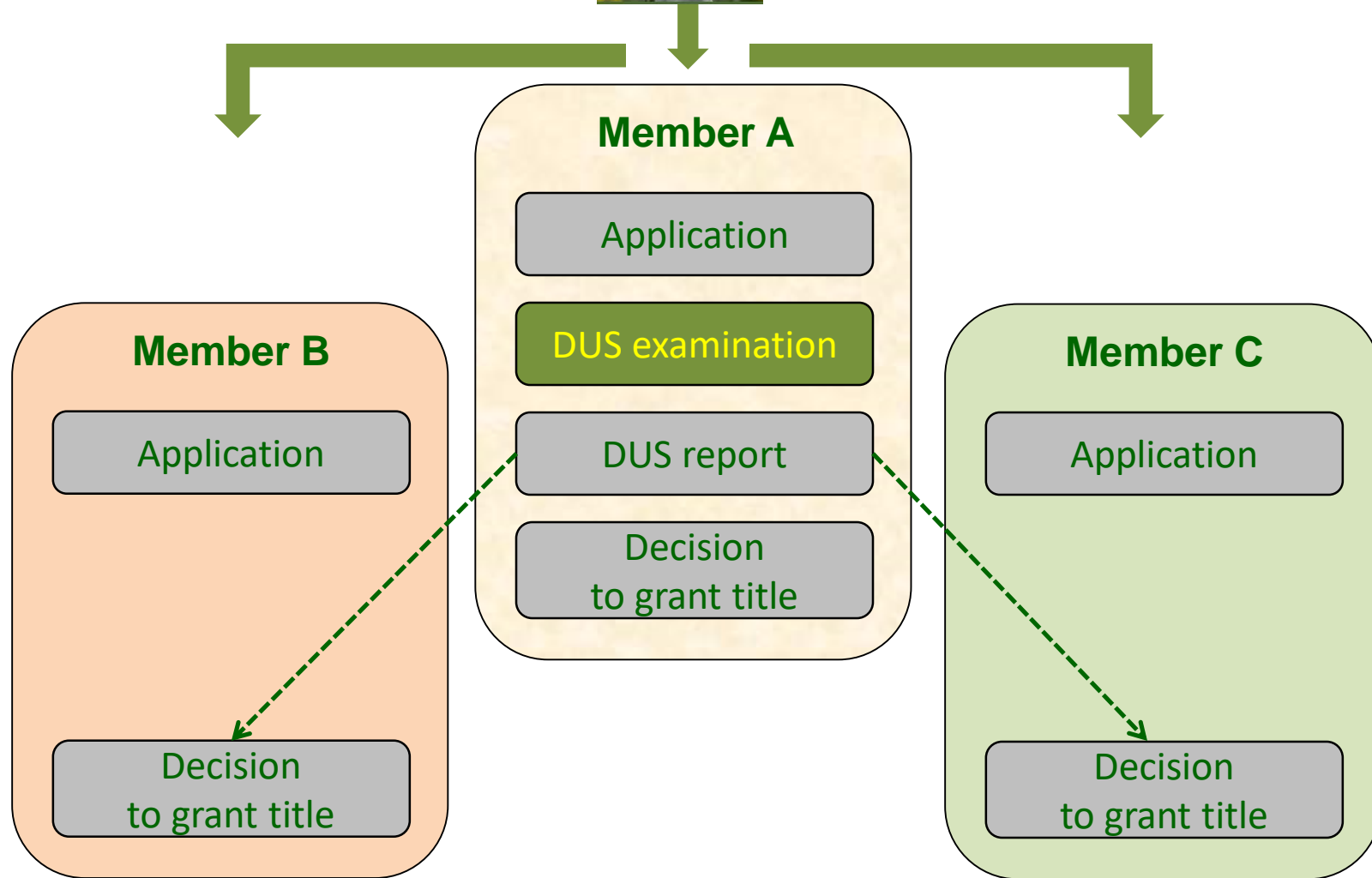
Selection of a testing place



by requesting an examination

- **location of the research institutes (climate)**
- **experience PVP Office Switzerland**
- **request (wish) of breeder**

COOPERATION, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE



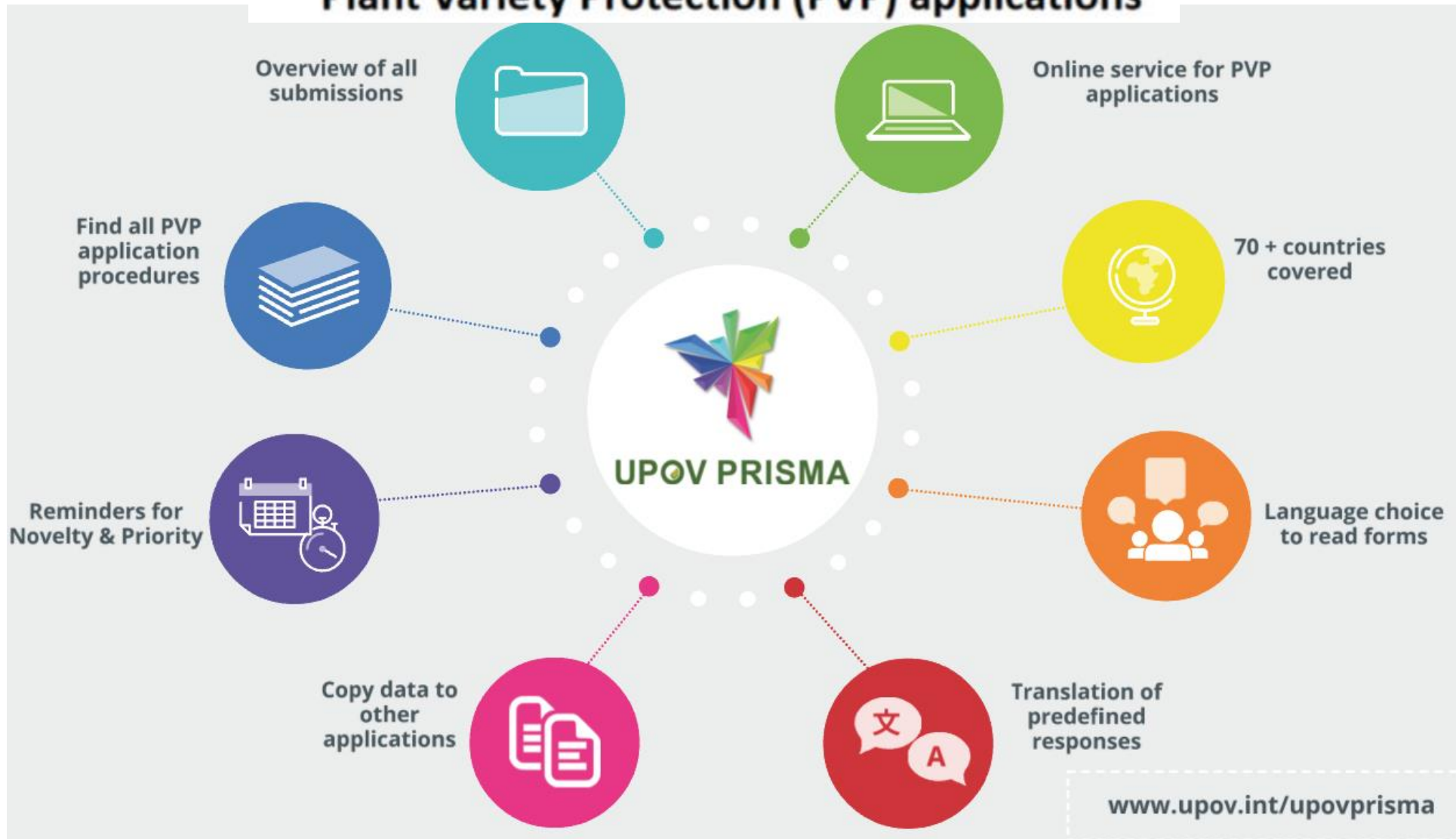
Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention

Support and resources for cooperation among UPOV members
(e.g. online application system; databases; software)



UPOV PRISMA

The on-line service for making
Plant Variety Protection (PVP) applications



e-PVP

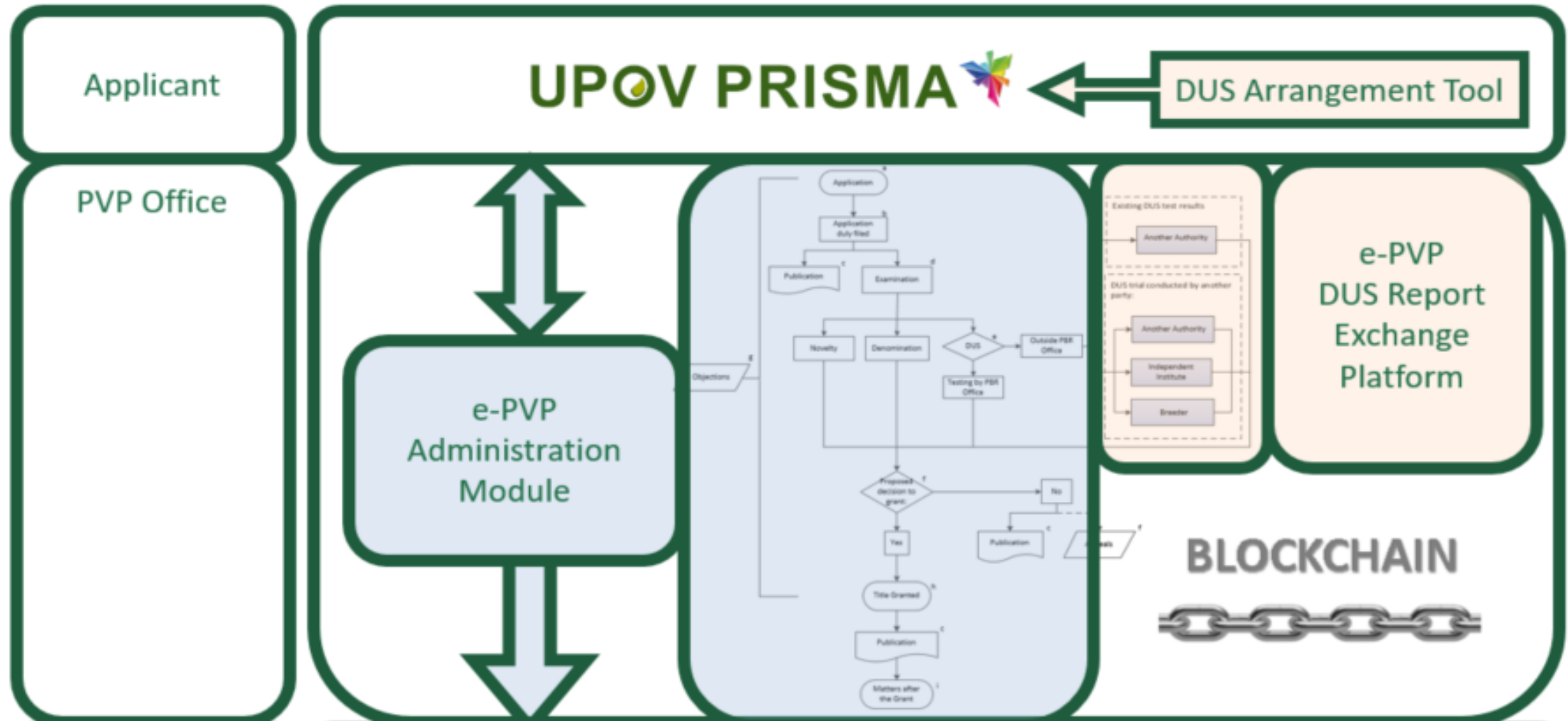
Applicant

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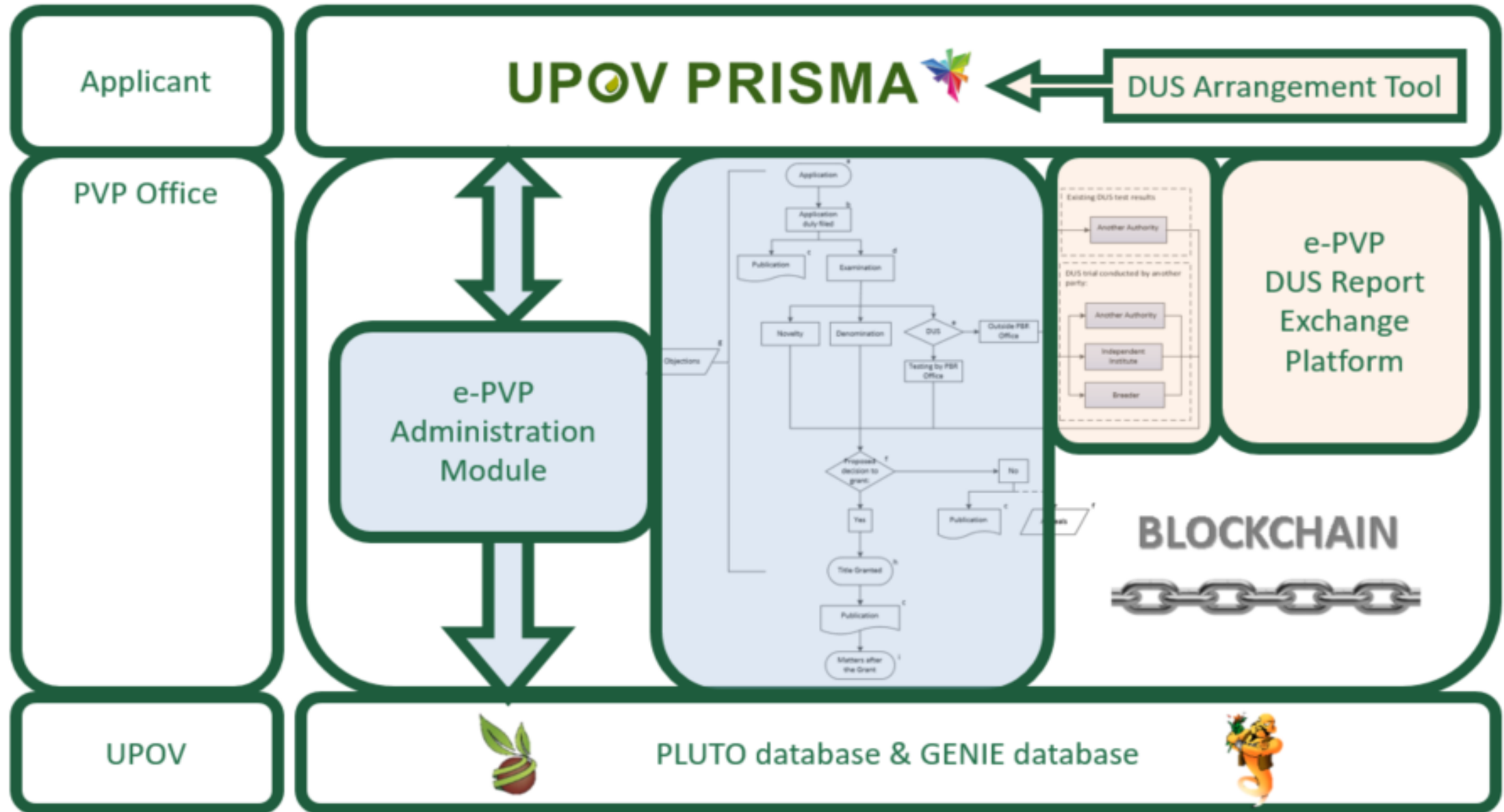
DUS Arrangement Tool



e-PVP



e-PVP



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 in 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

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