STEP BY STEP FLOW DIAGRAM

1. Formalizing AEGIS membership

COUNTRY SHOULD:

Become or already be member of ECPGR

Be Party to the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (or otherwise willing to make plant genetic resources for food and agriculture under its jurisdiction available under the conditions of the Treaty)

Sign the MoU on an adequate level

(the level should be able to carry the commitment of the Government for the establishment of AEGIS and the fulfilment of the responsibilities set out in the MoU)

Return a true copy to Bioversity International (ECPGR Secretariat)

(and/or the original can be signed at any time by a duly authorized official at the Headquarters of Bioversity International.)

Extend the Mandate of the National Coordinator and provide appropriate support (ECPGR National Coordinator has to act also as National Coordinator for AEGIS at the national level)

Country receives status as member of AEGIS

National Coordinator identifies Associate Members within the country (possible Members: appropriate public, private and civil society institutions)

Both National Coordinator and Associate Member institution sign the Associate Membership Agreement (in the form set out in the Annex to the MoU)

A copy of each Agreement is sent to Bioversity International (ECPGR Secretariat)

Country can start idenfitying accessions for the European Collection

2. Identification and management of Accessions for the European Collection

How to add Accessions to the European Collection:

National Coordinator promotes and coordinates with the Associate Members the designation of European Accessions

Use of "Revised simplified procedure" for selection of Accessions

Associate Members propose to the National Coordinator selected Accessions for registration as European Accessions

National Coordinator ensures registration in EURISCO through the National Inventory System (This simply consists in flagging the descriptor "Part of AEGIS" with YES)

the country (Check the old name of the country!)

Accessions originating within

- Accessions collected or received from collecting missions outside the country and considered unique (after verification that legal status allows distribution with SMTA)
- 3. At the discretion of each country is the option of considering additional criteria



New AEGIS accessions are reflected on the map of the European Collection

(http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/aegis/european-collection/european-collection/)

- a) Identified Accessions are free from any third-party obligations or registrations
- b) Identified Accessions meet the selection requirements adopted by the ECPGR Steering Committee

Responsibilites of AEGIS Associate Members:

Ensure long-term conservation of European Collection according to FAO and crop-specific agreed standards (as part of the AEGIS quality system - AQUAS)

Ensure safety-duplication in agreed conditions

(under black-box arrangements as appropriate and as appropirate for vegetatively propagated material, at another Associate Member genebank, possibly in a different country, and/or at the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. See <u>saftey duplicate policy</u>.

Record public domain accession-level information through the National Inventory System and EURISCO

(including available non-confidential characterization and evaluation data)

Facilitate access to and availability of European Accessions (with use of SMTA)

Provide conservation-related services to other AEGIS members (optional)

(e.g. regeneration/multiplication facilities, genotyping, taxonomic expertise, safety duplication space, cryo-conservation, laboratory screening for diseases, etc.)