

Empowering Plant Breeding.



The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1961 that provides a globally recognized effective system for the protection of new plant varieties.

UPOV turns innovation in plant breeding into concrete benefits: driving food security, economic growth, and international cooperation.

WHY UPOV?

Our mission is to promote the development of new plant varieties for the benefit of farmers, growers and society.

The UPOV Convention supports plant breeders by providing a special intellectual property right: the breeder's right, within a harmonized international framework.

This system enables countries to cooperate, building the cross-border trust essential for agricultural innovation.

To receive protection, breeders apply to the PVP offices of UPOV members.

Protection can be granted when a variety is:

- New
- Distinct
- Uniform
- Stable
- Has a suitable denomination

We need new plant varieties to feed a growing population, and breeders deserve to be rewarded for the years of innovation and investment that make this progress possible.

OUR SERVICES



UPOV PRISMA

The online tool for making applications to Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Offices globally.



UPOV PLUTO

The UPOV Plant Variety Database (PLUTO) provides comprehensive information on plant varieties from all UPOV members.



UPOV TRAINING

Discover training programs and certification opportunities in plant variety protection to enhance your expertise and knowledge of UPOV international standards.

