

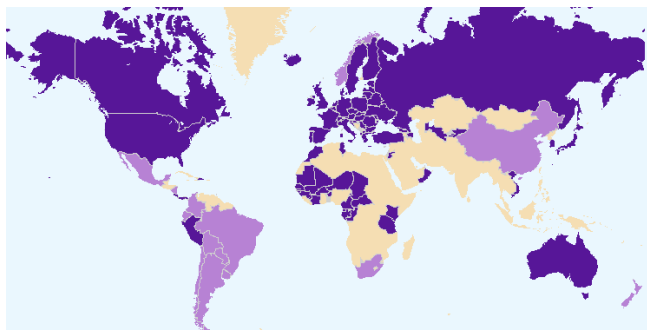


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## UPOV – How to increase participation of new Members

## UPOV Membership, territories covered

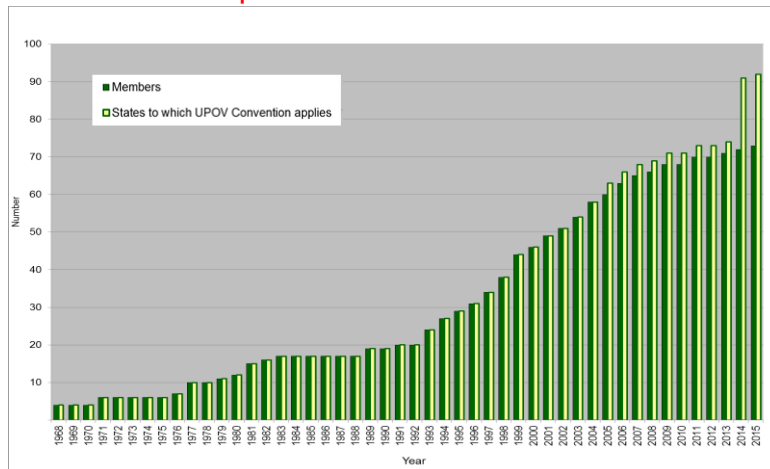
**1991 Act: 56 members – Other Acts: 18 members**



UPOV: Global approach; one 'family' sharing the same principles, working together



## Development of UPOV



## Growing UPOV brings new challenges

Historically: UPOV was started by countries that already had existing PVP – infrastructure

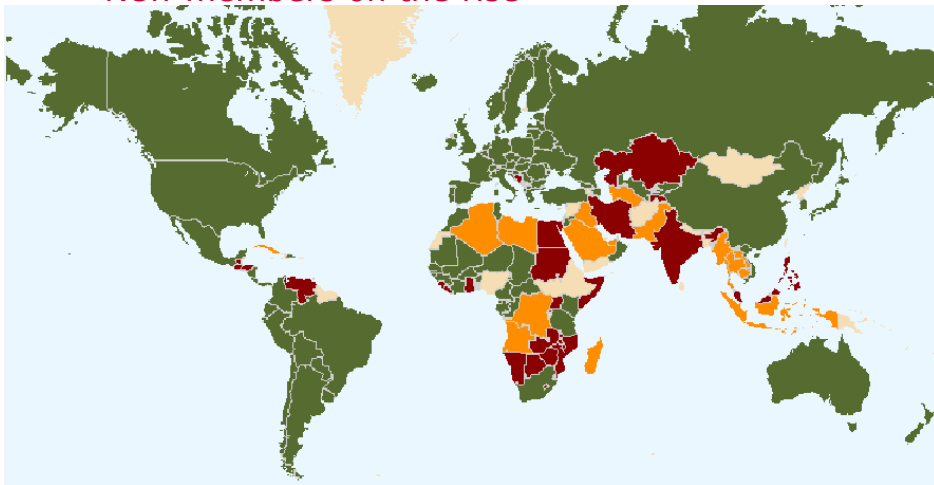
- adjustments of their law usually enough to qualify
- already existing applications, testing

Since last decade many new members that started almost on zero

- Much more effort needed to build up a system
  - Politically
  - Technically
  - Financially

How can we help them?

## New members on the rise



Members of UPOV (74) covering 93 States

Initiating States (16) and Organization (1)

States (24) and Organization (1) in contact with the UPOV Office

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The boundaries shown on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UPOV concerning the legal status of any country or territory



## Why do we need to increase participation of new members

Every member builds to "the family"

New members may have evolving views and needs

UPOV should not be static and respond to its members needs

New members might help UPOV to develop important area's as:

- importance of PVP for agricultural productivity
- PVP and climate change
- links to biodiversity?
- links to farmers rights?

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## What are problems new members face

New members are confronted with many challenges:

- priorities: not only PVP law, but also execution of it
- establish institutions (PVP-office? DUS-station?)
- usually many costs in the beginning, but no income
- cost of participation in meetings;
- usually only interest in a limited #species;
- perceived high threshold (these TWP's are for experts)
- where to get technical expertise? Where to learn?
- and more

Overcoming these challenges is not easy



## Tools that the UPOV-family offers

UPOV:

- Distant Learning Courses
- Train the trainer Courses
- Special project with special funds

Different members:

- Courses, special projects

Is it enough?



## Help wanted: assignment for TWP's / TC

Question to all TWP's and the TC: How can we increase participation of new Members ?

Please discuss this topic; is it a problem or a non-problem?

On TWP-level: organise a brainstorm, bring ideas together, give your analysis and propose possible ways forward

- what can be done
- who could/should do what

On TC level: discuss the outcome, give your recommendations to the Council



## Final remarks

- Thank you for your attention
- Questions?