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REVISION OF DOCUMENT TGP/8: PART II:
NEW SECTION: DATA PROCESSING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF DISTINCTNESS AND FOR
PRODUCING VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS

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The Annex to this document illustrates two different methods from the United Kingdom for producing variety descriptions, using a data set for Flax.

[Annex follows]

Practical Exercise

The practical exercise was to illustrate on a common data set the methods used by different UPOV members to produce variety descriptions from measured, quantitative characteristics. The purpose of the practical exercise was to clarify the methods and so aid the development of common guidance on data processing for the production of variety descriptions.

A common data set on Flax varieties was produced by experts from France for the practical exercise. The data comprised 48668 plant observations on 303 varieties in 10 years on UPOV characteristic 21 (Stem: length from cotyledon scar to top boll). There were 1367 variety-by-year combinations, with not all varieties present every year. When present, there were between 20 and 120 observations on a variety in a year, depending on the variety and year.

The methods used in the United Kingdom (the UK methods) to produce variety descriptions require variety-by-year means comprised of equal numbers of observations. Consequently, the common data set was restricted to observations on the first 20 plants of those varieties and years where 20 or more plants of the variety were observed in the year, and such years included 2012. This reduced common data set comprised 936 variety-by-year combinations for 153 reference varieties and 30 candidates in 10 years, for which the variety-by-year means were calculated on the original scale of the characteristics.

The UK methods

The UK methods to produce variety descriptions divide the range of expression into states and notes either by 1) division of the range of expression of the characteristic into equal-spaced states: a method used with vegetable crops excluding potato, or 2) comparison with means of delineating varieties: a method used with herbage crops. The number of states is as given in the UPOV Test Guidelines. Both methods calculate over-year means from the variety-by-year means then convert the over-year means to notes. In the division of range method, variety-by-year means from the past 10 years are used to calculate the over-year means, whereas in the delineating varieties method, all years are included in which the reference collection varieties have been tested.

Both the methods were applied to the reduced common data set, and the over-year means were calculated over 10 years. As not all varieties were present in all years, a fitted constants analysis was used to adjust the over-year means for the different years varieties were present in. The variety-by-year means and the over-year variety means, sorted by the latter for the candidate and reference varieties, are shown in the table below. The two methods were used to divide the range of expression for Flax UPOV characteristic 21 into 9 states (see TG/57/7) and allocate notes to the candidate varieties as described below.

Method by division of the range of expression of the characteristic into equal-spaced states

The range of expression of the over-year means for the reference collection varieties is 498.0 (=853.06 - 355.04). So each state is of width $498.02/9 = 55.34$, and the upper limits of states 1 to 8 are 410.37, 465.71, 521.04, 576.38, 631.71, 687.05, 742.38 and 797.72 respectively.

As the over-year means for candidates 262, 263 and 287 are less than 410.37, they have note 1.

As the over-year means for candidates 284 and 283 are between 410.37 and 465.71, they have note 2.

As the over-year means for candidates 288, 290, 289, 303, 275, 269 and 297 are between 465.71 and 521.04, they have note 3.

As the over-year means for candidates 302, 277 and 274 are between 521.04 and 576.38, they have note 4.

As the over-year mean for candidate 228 is between 631.71 and 687.05, it has note 6.

As the over-year means for candidates 270, 293, 267, 295, 273 and 292 are between 687.05 and 742.38, they have note 7.

As the over-year means for candidates 300, 291, 272, 294 and 299 are between 742.38 and 797.72, they have note 8.

As the over-year means for candidates 298, 296 and 301 are greater than 797.72, they have note 9.

Method by comparison with means of delineating varieties

For this method, the crop experts use experience of the crop to select delineating reference varieties which define the limits of each of the states. For the purposes of this exercise the following delineating reference varieties (shown in bold in the table below) were chosen however without experience to define the 9 states for this characteristic.

Reference variety	Delineates
79	Upper limit of state 1
76	Lower limit of state 3
146	Upper limit of state 3
164	Lower limit of state 5
77	Upper limit of state 5
36	Lower limit of state 7
140	Upper limit of state 7
96	Lower limit of state 9

As the over-year means for candidates 262, 263 and 287 are below that for variety 79, they have note 1.

As the over-year means for candidates 284 and 283 are between those for varieties 79 and 76, they have note 2.

As the over-year means for candidates 288, 290, 289, 303 and 275 are between those for varieties 76 and 146, they have note 3.

As the over-year means for candidates 269, 297, 302, 277 and 274 are between those for varieties 146 and 164, they have note 4.

As the over-year mean for candidate 228 is between those for varieties 164 and 77, it has note 5.

As the over-year mean for candidate 270 is between those for varieties 77 and 36, it has note 6.

As the over-year means for candidates 293, 267, 295 and 273 are between those for varieties 36 and 140, they have note 7.

As the over-year means for candidates 292, 300, 291, 272, 294 and 299 are between those for varieties 140 and 96, they have note 8.

As the over-year means for candidates 298, 296 and 301 are greater than that for variety 96, they have note 9.

On request, this data set can be made available to any UPOV member that wishes to illustrate their method to produce variety descriptions from measured, quantitative characteristics.

Table: Variety-by-year means, over-year means and notes by the two methods

Variety ¹	Year											Over-year mean	Stat-us ²	Note by division of range	Note by delineating variety
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012					
14	470	350	347	339	397	368	338	338	272	333	355.0	Ref'	1	1	
169					488	324	384	387	240	301	383.0	Ref'	1	1	
168					516	293	422	357	290	288	390.0	Ref'	1	1	
45	470	390	375	354	458		427	362	318	403	390.6	Ref'	1	1	
184						351	407	342	276	339	392.0	Ref'	1	1	
83	545	402	403	350	472	342	444	397	303	309	396.6	Ref'	1	1	
128	548	415	418	338	516	328	449	372	274	334	399.1	Ref'	1	1	
44	443		454		422				288	422	399.2	Ref'	1	1	
166				380	465	330	465	263	356	352	404.8	Ref'	1	1	
173					485	422	423	325	264	349	407.0	Ref'	1	1	
202							447	351	245	382	407.6	Ref'	1	1	
40	476	397	424	381	449	419	385	395	350	406	408.2	Ref'	1	1	
124	462					484	362	383	273	412	410.0	Ref'	1	1	

¹ bold font: delineating variety

² Ref': reference varieties / Cand': candidate varieties

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160				352	439	375	391	408	345	354	412.1	Ref'	2	1
79	534	391	399	379	483	448	437	385	356	312	412.4	Ref'	2	1
286										358	414.1	Ref'	2	2
178						383	429	368	277	379	416.2	Ref'	2	2
203							415	367	295	385	416.7	Ref'	2	2
182						446	375	375	317	329	417.4	Ref'	2	2
24	461	426	469	416	439	439	452	347	321	425	419.3	Ref'	2	2
149			387		435	429	455	364	384	335	421.1	Ref'	2	2
82	636	444	459	400	558	343	451	368	263	309	422.9	Ref'	2	2
197							429	487	233	354	426.7	Ref'	2	2
219							430	365	310	402	427.8	Ref'	2	2
144		455	439				443			407	428.9	Ref'	2	2
247								413		378	430.0	Ref'	2	2
30	632	441	427	384	518	360	424	461	299	360	430.4	Ref'	2	2
103	574	460							286	408	434.1	Ref'	2	2
73	500							407	339	424	434.5	Ref'	2	2
281									270	388	436.5	Ref'	2	2
224							414	445	307	377	436.8	Ref'	2	2
151			494	420	481	348	431	404	315	415	439.1	Ref'	2	2
195						407	439	414	356	336	439.4	Ref'	2	2
26	519									467	440.4	Ref'	2	2
85	541	457	458	403	502	439	449	388	356	416	440.8	Ref'	2	2
56									344	328	443.3	Ref'	2	2
152			411	363	562	430	496	349	355	384	444.5	Ref'	2	2
88	515								344	420	444.5	Ref'	2	2
226								399	340	366	444.6	Ref'	2	2
250								428		404	450.8	Ref'	2	2
154			411	405		408	469	486		426	453.7	Ref'	2	2
280									285	413	456.6	Ref'	2	2
201							456	519	287	362	457.2	Ref'	2	2
87	564	445	443	438	542	449	522	462	340	435	463.7	Ref'	2	2
196							483	436	347	394	466.3	Ref'	3	2
248								404	359	417	469.2	Ref'	3	2
76	615					491	426	461	317	420	469.3	Ref'	3	3
251								457	359	364	469.3	Ref'	3	3
183						462	441	368	412	418	469.4	Ref'	3	3
177									318	407	470.0	Ref'	3	3
80	589								341	436	473.3	Ref'	3	3
174				527	484	473	455	360	372	474.1	Ref'	3	3	
231								425	393	380	475.3	Ref'	3	3
153			433	424	565	480	515	471	354	361	476.0	Ref'	3	3
239								434	358	411	477.3	Ref'	3	3
212							441	474	411	382	478.2	Ref'	3	3
84	610	534	486	443	539	492	491	423	397	397	481.1	Ref'	3	3
238								465	318	440	483.5	Ref'	3	3
113	649			434					318	435	484.4	Ref'	3	3
163				414	574	488	469	453	352	421	484.5	Ref'	3	3
243								516	304	409	485.4	Ref'	3	3
230								399	430	405	487.5	Ref'	3	3
249								479	388	392	495.5	Ref'	3	3
136	604	537	522	436	570	496	540	498	362	396	495.9	Ref'	3	3
61	713			437		523	491	497	338	350	497.1	Ref'	3	3
78	653	575	547	408	555				314	460	497.2	Ref'	3	3
115	721	525	496	438	607	409	526	514	344	410	498.8	Ref'	3	3
278									345	438	498.9	Ref'	3	3
131	654	515	496	455	622	476	528	512	344	450	505.1	Ref'	3	3
204							553	496	338	441	508.2	Ref'	3	3
17	652	575	557	455	541					461	508.4	Ref'	3	3
285										454	510.0	Ref'	3	3

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109	621	556	482				511	457	464	498	510.1	Ref'	3	3
63	597	549	507	468	585	526	565	494	429	400	511.8	Ref'	3	3
189						496	558	476	324	466	512.9	Ref'	3	3
146		595	564	449	625	360	543	526	381	423	514.0	Ref'	3	3
252								489	379	447	514.4	Ref'	3	4
172					553	487	539	553	385	407	516.2	Ref'	3	4
114	737					542	482	468	386	415	519.2	Ref'	3	4
213							557	468	399	459	521.8	Ref'	4	4
143		544	586	469	620	376	563	519	402	479	524.2	Ref'	4	4
121	663								363	494	524.7	Ref'	4	4
132	728	540	524	465	640	517	549	533	346	406	524.8	Ref'	4	4
179						462	646	484	259	540	527.4	Ref'	4	4
147		578	533	487	620	522	508	553	382	405	527.5	Ref'	4	4
214							569	519	386	434	528.2	Ref'	4	4
159				436	580				399	535	535.3	Ref'	4	4
90	764	564	495	460	640	528	554	579	393	456	543.1	Ref'	4	4
167				493	621					491	545.7	Ref'	4	4
33	737	612	549	461	654	626	581	479	376	423	549.7	Ref'	4	4
190						507	552	558	416	488	553.1	Ref'	4	4
164				491	611	475	572	571	449	492	554.5	Ref'	4	5
70	752							506	365	540	557.3	Ref'	4	5
279									389	537	570.3	Ref'	4	5
42	712	748	612	590	709	565	699	560		572	623.0	Ref'	5	5
200							685	623	410	604	632.0	Ref'	6	5
229								601	471	645	648.3	Ref'	6	5
208							726	719	378	605	658.2	Ref'	6	5
77	875		697	611	795	580	714	675	399	626	668.7	Ref'	6	5
227								702	472	639	680.5	Ref'	6	6
157			712	683	725	665	733	691	415	616	680.6	Ref'	6	6
282									475	672	680.7	Ref'	6	6
49	874	769	712	630	746	558	739	661	493	634	681.6	Ref'	6	6
188						646	719	675	485	649	683.8	Ref'	6	6
156			714	684	766	692	749	712	391	638	694.0	Ref'	7	6
244								699	527	629	694.4	Ref'	7	6
253								729	486	663	702.2	Ref'	7	6
36	926	783	726	643	775	621	743	662	518	633	702.8	Ref'	7	7
130	902	770	723	675	782	660	779	665	509	639	710.3	Ref'	7	7
185						621	752	752	491	695	711.2	Ref'	7	7
241								692	503	725	716.1	Ref'	7	7
206							712	714	629	626	721.7	Ref'	7	7
150			733	682	824	668	781	729	471	680	721.8	Ref'	7	7
209							727	771	518	667	722.0	Ref'	7	7
258									578	651	722.0	Ref'	7	7
217							709	733	532	713	723.1	Ref'	7	7
142		811	769	666	804	641	715	750	481	714	723.4	Ref'	7	7
211							763	743	567	624	725.6	Ref'	7	7
158			774	694	771	662	750	805	533	629	727.9	Ref'	7	7
99	955	814	760	647	791	664	746	714	476	719	728.3	Ref'	7	7
237								754	520	690	730.9	Ref'	7	7
12	916	827	736	659	788	722	750	729	531	662	731.9	Ref'	7	7
210							737	765	595	628	732.3	Ref'	7	7
207							804	730	555	638	732.6	Ref'	7	7
268									590	662	733.1	Ref'	7	7
225							701	737		721	735.1	Ref'	7	7
165				713	813	675	820	752	497	657	735.3	Ref'	7	7
170					799	680	813	712	542	692	735.3	Ref'	7	7
71	960	784	753	691	792	674	812	744	462	697	736.7	Ref'	7	7
215							792	751	508	702	739.4	Ref'	7	7
140		814	739		801	680	814	703	535	728	740.7	Ref'	7	7

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175					805	642	806	758	570	692	741.1	Ref'	7	8
1	942	803	782	717	781	664	773	749	564	645	741.7	Ref'	7	8
39	922	820	804	690	797	666	745	756	545	674	741.7	Ref'	7	8
35	953	803	742	675	805	665	798	760	551	673	742.4	Ref'	8	8
205							776	801	508	684	743.5	Ref'	8	8
260									584	694	746.5	Ref'	8	8
38	979					719	769	691	520	720	746.9	Ref'	8	8
98	946	817	741	691	804	697	787	733	569	706	749.0	Ref'	8	8
216							801	730	553	723	753.0	Ref'	8	8
148			802	699	854	675	771	869	542	686	762.6	Ref'	8	8
21	995	827	800	744	826	687	856	726	438	734	763.0	Ref'	8	8
102	975	828	820	739	822	723	821	685	521	707	764.0	Ref'	8	8
180						715	843	745	599	713	772.0	Ref'	8	8
96	1006	809	795	702	838	704	827	765	540	741	772.3	Ref'	8	9
181						716	817	809	566	719	774.4	Ref'	8	9
20	975		801				726	807		734	782.5	Ref'	8	9
28	1044	848	865	753	836	718	766	803	522	748	790.2	Ref'	8	9
222							811	839	564	775	798.2	Ref'	9	9
221							819	812	591	780	801.7	Ref'	9	9
257									655	734	801.9	Ref'	9	9
52	1024	895					719	829		721	805.7	Ref'	9	9
97	1104	959	937	863	907	736	886	717	662	761	853.1	Ref'	9	9
262									247	301	381.7	Cand'	1	1
263									234	353	400.7	Cand'	1	1
287										349	405.7	Cand'	1	1
284										357	413.4	Cand'	2	2
283										381	437.1	Cand'	2	2
288										422	478.1	Cand'	3	3
290										433	489.0	Cand'	3	3
289										434	490.4	Cand'	3	3
303										449	505.6	Cand'	3	3
275									341	469	512.2	Cand'	3	3
269									351	467	516.2	Cand'	3	4
297										463	518.8	Cand'	3	4
302										468	524.6	Cand'	4	4
277									417	456	544.1	Cand'	4	4
274									405	481	550.2	Cand'	4	4
228							671	467	624	663.5	Cand'	6	5	
270								557	616	693.8	Cand'	7	6	
293									650	706.6	Cand'	7	7	
267								591	642	723.8	Cand'	7	7	
295									677	733.3	Cand'	7	7	
273								549	716	739.9	Cand'	7	7	
292									685	741.3	Cand'	7	8	
300									700	756.6	Cand'	8	8	
291									704	760.5	Cand'	8	8	
272								580	726	760.6	Cand'	8	8	
294									707	763.7	Cand'	8	8	
299									713	769.2	Cand'	8	8	
298									751	807.5	Cand'	9	9	
296									783	839.0	Cand'	9	9	
301									784	840.3	Cand'	9	9	

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