

THE IMPACT OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION SYSTEM IN KENYA



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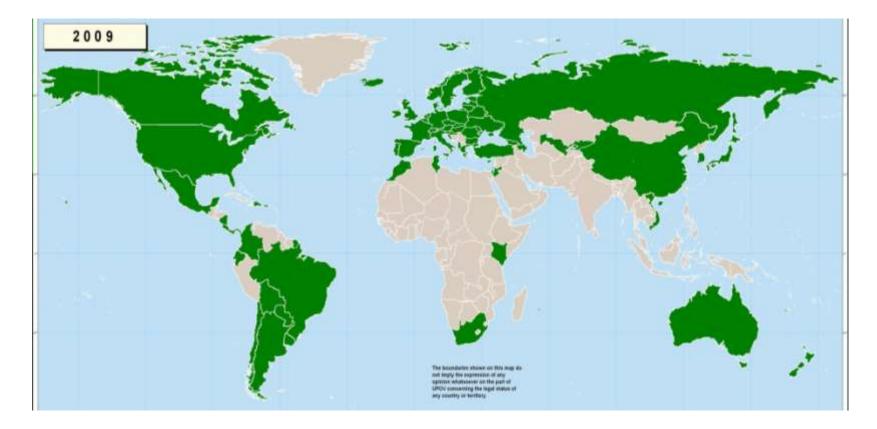
OUTLINE

ROLE OF AGRICULTURE IN KENYA THE CHALLENGES TO AGRICULTURE FACING THE CHALLENGES IMPACT OF PVP CONCLUSIONS





UPOV Membership/Territories covered







Total Land 58 M ha
11 M ha receive adequate rain
7.0 M ha in agric production
Agriculture Contribution
26% GDP directly

>27% links with manufacturing, transport & services related

≻60% export earnings





Challenges

- Increased population
- >20M in 1970s to 42 in 2009
- Increased production/ expansion in land
- Climate Change
- Unpredictable weather patterns, crop failures
- Need new crops, appropriate varieties & production technologies





Challenges cont

- Employment
- Diversification in crops
- Labour intensive, 2m directly in Horticulture, 3.5m indirectly
- Production inputs
- > Appropriate varieties
- Quality seeds
- Costly fertilizers & other inputs





Facing the Challenges

- Development of Seed Industry
- Encouragement of Breeding
- Plant Variety Protection
- ➢ PBR law in place, office operational 1997
- ➢ Membership to UPOV, 1999
- Encouragement & support of Exports
- ➢ Institutional support : HCDA, KEPHIS
- Legislative: PVP, seed,
- Economic reform: Duty waivers





Year	Registered Seed Merchants
1998	13
1999-2000	24
2000-2001	35
2001-2002	43
2002-2003	40
2003-2004	43
2004 – 2005	50
2005 – 2006	57
2006 – 2007	61
2007 – 2008	66
2008 - 2009	75



PVP implementation challenges

Legislation

Time to review or make regulations

IP Awareness

Breeders, institutions, policy makers

Lack of Institutional IP policy

Breeders, institutions

Capacity, Human & infrastructure





Impact of PVP in Kenya

- Enhanced Access to foreign and number of new varieties
- Increased production
- Increased choice
- Production in new frontiers
- Germplasm for further breeding
- Encouragement of domestic breeders
- Increased number of applications





	Number of Applications				
Year	Domestic	Foreign	Total		
1997	11	128	139		
1998	42	33	75		
1999	16	45	61		
2000	24	45	69		
2001	164	33	197		
2002	11	27	38		
2003	7	25	32		
2004	16	44	60		
2005	53 44		97		
2006	0	54	54		
2007	28	64	92		
2008	4	62	66		
Total	376	604	980		

-KEPHIS-





Distribution of PVP Applications by Country

<u>Country</u>	No. of Applications
Kenya	372
Netherlands	300
Germany	124
France	77
United States	13
Israel	8
Italy	7
South Africa	7
Zimbabwe	7
Japan	5
New Zealand	7
United Kingdom	6
Ecuador	1
Belgium	1
India	1
Spain	1
Mexico	1
Total	938

	Plant Species	Number of		
		Applications		
		(1997-2008)		
1	Rose	460		
2	Maize	132		
3	Tea	39		
4	Wheat	32		
5	Alstroemeria	31		
6	Limonium	24		
7	Pyrethrum	23		
8	French bean	20		
9	Chrysanthemum	19		
10	Calla lilies	15		

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Source: KEPHIS



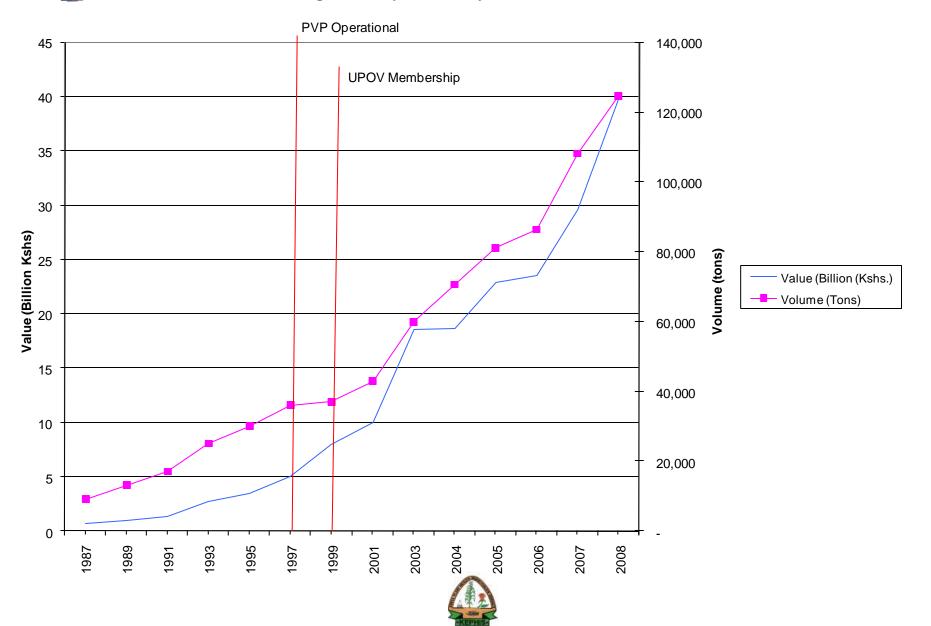


HORTICULTURE

- Generation of foreign exchange, employment, capture of New markets
- Exports worth \$216m in 2002, but \$1b in 2008
- 2m employed, plus another 3.5 m indirectly
 Close to 45% Export EU market Cut-flowers
 Exports 4% of total production

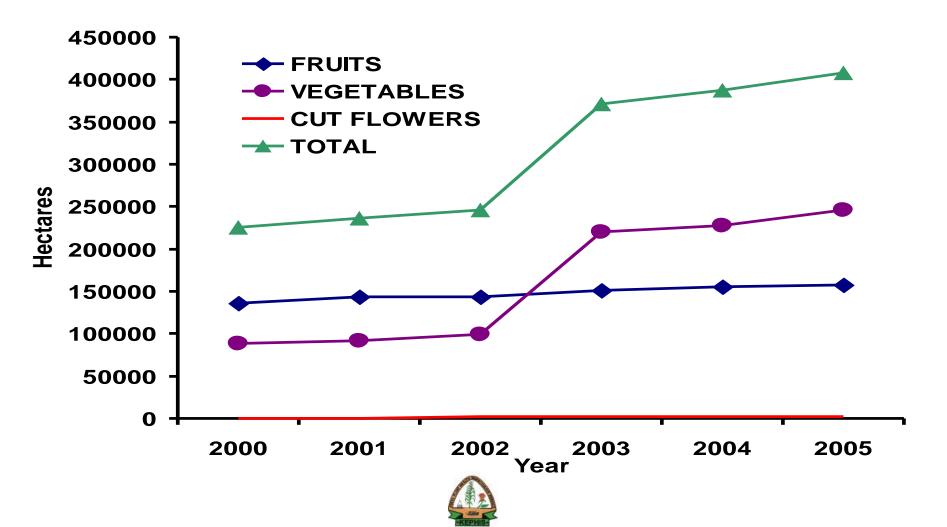


Figure 2: Export of Kenyan Cut Flowers





Hectares of Horticultural Crops in Kenya (2000-2005)





Increased Investment in breeding

- Private sector in technology, land & equipment
- Marketing of new varieties
- Reduced in public sector
- Increased breeding entities and new types of breeders
- ➢ No doubled between 1996 and 2005
- > Teaching professors, farmers protecting varieties





Impact cont

- Increased collaboration between local, foreign breeders and international research institutions.
- > Breeding, testing and release of varieties
- Increased number of released varieties & crops
- Improved qualities of released varieties
- Drought, pest & diseases, salinity, QPM
- A number of institutions with IP Policy in place



Varieties Released Between 1998 And 2008

Year	Maize	Bush bean	Climbing bean	Sweet potato	Cassava	Pearl millet	Sorghum	Wheat	Potato
1998		1		3	3		3	3	2
1999	2			1				3	
2000	8					2	3		
2001	14			4		1		3	
2002	10								
2003	22								
2004	25								
2005	21								
2006	15							2	
2007	7							2	
2008	42	11	3		6		4	2	
Total	166	12	3	8	9	3	10	15	2



Conclusions and Summary

- Many challenges due to changing World
- PVP introduction has contributed to increased Breeding, testing and release of varieties and crops, introduction of superior foreign varieties, to meet the demands
- Resulted in increased production, foreign exchange earnings, employment
- A vibrant seed industry
- Plays a major role in meeting the challenges of the changing world





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