

Neglected crops that are currently underutilized by farmers can play an important role addressing the food and agriculture challenges of the future and should be reevaluated, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said today at the start of an international seminar taking place in this southern Spanish city.

In remarks made at the international Crops for the 21st Century seminar, Graziano da Silva noted that FAO estimates that some seven thousand species of plants have been cultivated or consumed as food throughout human history. Today, many of these species are disappearing. "If we lose these unique and irreplaceable resources, it will be more difficult for us to adapt to climate change and ensure a healthy and diversified nutrition for all," the FAO chief said. (...)

The article:

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