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Community Seed Banks

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Community seed banks are grassroots initiatives that store, maintain, and distribute seeds, particularly focusing on traditional and locally adapted varieties. By maintaining a wide array of genetic resources, community seed banks provide farmers with the options needed to adapt to changing climatic conditions and unforeseen agricultural challenges.

In addition to their role in genetic conservation, community seed banks are instrumental in fostering socio-economic benefits. They enhance food security by ensuring the availability of diverse and resilient seeds, thereby reducing dependency on commercial seed markets and external inputs. The ecological benefits of community seed banks extend to sustainable agricultural practices.

This Special Issue seeks to provide a comprehensive examination of community seed banks, highlighting their successes, challenges, and future prospects. Through a collection of research articles, case studies, and reviews, we aim to showcase the diverse experiences and insights from various regions and contexts.



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