

# **AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY**

(AGROBIODIVERSITY) The diversity of cultivated

vegetable varieties



### SEED

The beautiful circulation of life that connects humans with nature and with other human beings



### **RECIPROCAL CARE PARADIGM**

The primary focus is on connectedness with each other, cooperation and the admiration for living beings



## **COMMUNITY SEED NETWORK**

Hubs for experimentation, knowledge exchange, and learning, constituting a decentralised network



# **HOW WOULD A SEED SYSTEM LOOK LIKE** IF THE PRIMARY AIM WOULD BE THE **IMPROVEMENT OF AGROBIODIVERSITY?**

For centuries, seeds have been passed from hand to hand all over the world: farmers and gardeners have been cultivating, selecting, storing, exchanging, marketing, and caring for the seeds. However, in the currently dominant production-focused, profit-maximising agriculture seeds are treated solely as an input, among others, so as to maintain output growth. Our research in PLANET4B revealed an alternative vision for the seed system, one that, as opposed to the currently dominant growth-obsessed paradigm, puts reciprocal care (humans-care for seeds, seeds care for humans) into the focus of its operating logic. The character of the seed system also changes: it transforms into a self-organising and resilient network, with selfregenerative potential, populated by a variety of actors of equal status and with free access.



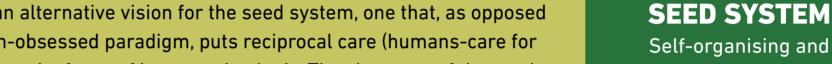
### COMMUNITY **SEED SWAPS**

Vivid spaces for local seed and knowledge exchange



#### **SEED BANKS**

Local and national seed banks, operating diverse organisational forms



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# **IN SITU SEED CONSERVATIONISTS**

Amateur gardeners, small-scale farmers and vegetable growers



# **CULTURAL AND GASTRONOMIC** HERITAGE

Tastes, colours, scents and a rich source of creativity



# **AGRI-CULTURE**

Life proliferating around seeds, an endless potential for learning and development



### SOCIAL **INNOVATION**

Family-based, smalland medium-sized breeding and seed growing companies



# THE ECONOMIC **LOGIC OF FOOD SYSTEM**

Free access, instead of intellectual property rights; reciprocity and cooperation, instead of competition



# WHAT IS **YOUR RELATION** TO SEED **DIVERSITY?**

Leaf chicory



### **A SUPPORTIVE LEGAL CONTEXT**

The rights to seeds for communities and farmers cannot be constrained by any monopolistic interests of the market or the state

