

# Multilateral program

Project Management  
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## International Agricultural Research Centres

### Funding

	\$m 2006–07 actual	\$m 2007–08 budget allocation	\$m 2008–09 budget estimate
Core funding	5.53	5.50	5.50
Project specific	4.73	4.71	5.25
Other	0.09	0.09	0.09
Total <sup>a</sup>	10.31	10.29	10.84

<sup>a</sup> Excludes the component of projects where the IARC is the collaborating institution rather than the lead organisation.

### Medium-term strategy

The system of International Agricultural Research Centres (IARCs) comprises the institutions financed under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and non-associated centres that also have a global mandate. ACIAR policy is to allocate about 20% of its total appropriation to the IARCs. This policy decision recognises that the mandate of the IARCs is highly relevant to the objectives of Australia's aid program.

The IARCs have considerable research capability and a good track record of delivery of benefits, particularly in crop improvement, where very high returns on investment have been achieved. Around half of ACIAR's investment in the IARCs is allocated to core or unrestricted funding. This reflects the need for the IARCs to have sufficient unrestricted funds to maintain flexibility and open up new research directions, and to maintain long-term programs such as the gene banks.

The allocation of project-specific funding to an IARC and, where appropriate, challenge programs of the CGIAR, will be considered annually on a competitive basis. Project selection is based on the following criteria:

- The project must relate to the Asia–Pacific region.
- The project must have a clear-cut adoption pathway with the possibility of significant impacts (i.e. it must involve a National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and, where appropriate, an Australian research partner).
- The project must be consistent with ACIAR's Annual Operational Plan 2008–09.

### Key contacts

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- The project should support the CGIAR Science Council Priorities 2005–15 and be drawn from the centres' latest Medium Term Plan.

ACIAR provides core funding to 14 IARCs (p. 82). Five of them are located in the Asia–Pacific region. Seven others have special responsibilities for staple crops in the Asia–Pacific region. The other two are: the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), which are responsible for research information systems and food policy matters.

### Key performance indicators (2008–09)

- alignment with ACIAR's funding strategy for the IARCs
- demonstrated project impacts as measured by formal evaluations undertaken by ACIAR's Impact Assessment Program

### Indicative priorities

For **core funding**, the priorities are to foster strong linkages between IARCs, ACIAR and Australian research organisations in our partner countries, and to contribute to the strengthening of IARC governance to ensure that programs focus on rural poverty and inclusive growth.

The priorities for **project-specific funding** are to strengthen the links between Australian research institutions, NARS and the IARCs, and to help focus IARC institutions on ACIAR's bilateral priorities.

Location of international centres receiving core funding from ACIAR



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## Funding to International Agricultural Research Centres

Abbreviation	Centre and location	\$m					
		2006–07 actual		2007–08 budget allocation		2008–09 budget estimate	
		Core funding	Project-specific <sup>a</sup>	Core funding	Project-specific <sup>a</sup>	Core funding	Project-specific <sup>a</sup>
<b>CGIAR centres</b>							
CIAT	International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Colombia	0.50	0.22	0.25	0.11	0.25	0.06
CIFOR	Centre for International Forestry Research, Indonesia	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.20	0.25	0.20
CIMMYT	International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre, Mexico	0.75	0.58	0.75	0.30	0.75	1.20
CIP	International Potato Centre, Peru	0.25	0.43	0.25	0.33	0.25	0.32
ICARDA	International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, Syria	0.25	0.49	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.33
ICRAF	World Agroforestry Centre, Kenya	0.25	-	0.25	-	0.25	-
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, India	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.43	0.50	0.48
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute, USA	0.50	0.26	0.50	0.41	0.50	0.40
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya	0.25	0.16	0.25	0.22	0.25	0.23
BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL	Bioversity International, Italy	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.15	0.25	0.09
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute, Philippines	0.75	0.59	0.75	0.58	0.75	0.20
IWMI	International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka	0.50	0.26	0.50	0.39	0.50	0.28
WORLD FISH	World Fish Centre, Malaysia	0.50	0.32	0.50	0.40	0.50	0.60
<b>Non-associated centre</b>							
AVRDC	The World Vegetable Centre, Taiwan	-	0.44	-	0.64	-	0.46
CABI	CAB International, UK	0.30	0.14	0.25	0.31	0.25	0.41
<b>Subtotal</b>		5.53	4.73	5.50	4.71	5.50	5.25
<b>Regional support</b>							
APAARI		0.08		0.08		0.08	
Crawford Lecture		0.01		0.01		0.01	
<b>TOTAL MULTILATERAL FUNDING</b>		10.31		10.29		10.84	

<sup>a</sup>Excludes the component of bilateral projects where the IARC is the collaborating institution rather than the commissioned organisation, which is around \$0.5–0.8 million each year

## Current project portfolio

ADP/2005/068	The impacts and policy implication of plausible futures for Indonesia and Australia, including for economic development and structural adjustment
AGB/2006/115	Linking vegetable farmers with markets in West and Central Java, Indonesia
AH/2004/046	Forage legumes for supplementing village pigs in Lao PDR
ASEM/2004/047	Sustainable management of coffee green scales in Papua New Guinea
CIM/1999/062	Improving the quality of pearl millet residues for livestock
CIM/2003/067	Ensuring productivity and food security through sustainable control of yellow rust of wheat in Asia
CIM/2004/002	Wheat and maize productivity improvement in Afghanistan
CIM/2004/024	Better crop germplasm and management for improved production of wheat, barley and pulse and forage legumes in Iraq
CIM/2006/176	Developing molecular markers to enable selection against chalk in rice
CIM/2006/185	Diversification of cropping systems in Bangladesh by improving and expanding lentil production
CP/2004/048	Integrated disease management (IDM) for anthracnose, <i>Phytophthora</i> blight and whitefly transmitted geminiviruses in chilli pepper in Indonesia
CP/2005/075	Integrated soil and crop management for rehabilitation of vegetable production in the tsunami-affected areas of NAD province, Indonesia
CP/2005/136	Mitigating the threat of banana <i>Fusarium</i> wilt: understanding the agroecological distribution of pathogenic forms and developing disease management strategies
CP/2006/114	Managing cocoa pod borer in PNG through improved risk incursion management capabilities, IPM strategies and stakeholder participatory training
FIS/2003/051	Improving sustainability and profitability of village sea cucumber fisheries in Solomon Islands
FIS/2003/059	Sea ranching and restocking sandfish ( <i>Holothuria scabra</i> ) in Asia-Pacific
FIS/2006/126	Sandfish pond-culture in Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam
FST/2005/177	Improving economic outcomes for smallholders growing teak in agroforestry systems in Indonesia
HORT/2005/077	Integrated crop management package for sustainable smallholder gardens in Solomon Islands
HORT/2005/134	The use of pathogen tested planting materials to improve sustainable sweet potato production in Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea
LPS/2005/063	Improving the competitiveness of pig producers in an adjusting Vietnam market
LWR/2003/026	Water allocation in the Krishna River Basin to improve water productivity in agriculture
SMCN/2006/013	Increasing food security and farmer livelihoods through enhanced legume cultivation in the Central Dry Zone of Burma

## Proposed new projects commencing in 2008–09

ADP/2007/022	Trade liberalisation: curse or blessing for water resources management? Impact of trade liberalisation on national and basin water use under global environmental change
CP/2007/111	Incursion prevention and management of coffee berry borer in Papua New Guinea and eastern Indonesia
CIM/2007/120	Improving post-rainy sorghum varieties to meet the growing grain and fodder demand in peninsular India
CIM/2007/122	Sustainable intensification of maize-rice systems in Bangladesh
FIS/2007/116	Improving resilience and adaptive capacity of fisheries dependent communities in Solomon Islands
FST/2007/119	Mahogany and teak furniture value chains: action research to improve product efficiency and household livelihoods in Indonesia