

Guidelines for Seed Request to ICBA Genebank

International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) genebank contains about 14,000 accessions of different crops/plants species. The ICBA genebank has a unique collection of salt, drought and heat tolerant cultivars of various crops, which are suitable for cultivation in the marginal lands worldwide.

Following are the general rules of the ICBA genebank:

1. The ICBA is a non-profit institute, hence its genebank is not a commercial distributor of the seed it possesses. However, based on the UN list of Country Development Index ([CDI](#)), ICBA may charge the production-cost of the seed to the requesters from the developed countries.
2. The seeds of different accessions are accessible free of cost to any government/public sector, international research organizations and/or non-profit organizations from under-developed/developing countries user around the world for research and education purposes.
3. To see the germplasm available at ICBA genebank click on [GENEBANK](#)
4. Seed amounts of different crops available for distribution to the seed requesters:

Crop	Quantity	Crop	Quantity
Amaranth	50 seeds	Pepper	10 seeds
Atriplex	10 seeds	Pigeon pea	10 seeds
Aubergine	20 seeds	Quinoa	0.5-5g
Barley	20 seeds	Safflower	10 seeds
Buffel-grass	100 seeds	Salicornia	50 seeds
Canola	50 seeds	Sesbania	20 seeds
Cowpea	10 seeds	Sorghum	20 seeds
Guar	10 seeds	Squash	5 seeds
Lablab	10 seeds	Sunflower	10 seeds
Mustard	50 seeds	Tomato	20 seeds
Okra	10 seeds	Triticale	20 seeds
Pearl millet	50 seeds	Wheat	20 seeds

5. ICBA genebank doesn't distribute the seed of the same accessions to the user again. The user needs to multiply the seed for the research/work.
6. The seed requester must review the transfer agreements and the following information before submitting the seed request
7. The germplasm is distributed only after receipt of proper import permit (hard copy or electronic copy) and with compliance of the rules and regulation of [MTA](#) (Material Transfer Agreement).
8. Before the delivery of seed, the MTA needs to be signed by an authorized individual of the institute.
9. After receiving the signed MTA, the requested seed is generally shipped within 2-3 weeks. For big orders, the preparation may take longer.

10. The genebank charges shipping expenses of the seed it dispatches to the requesters.
11. We provided accessions to assess their performance in different regions of the world. Hence, user needs to provide ICBA with related data and information collected during the evaluation and utilization of the material.