

Conserving Genetic Resources in Argentina: The INTA Germplasm Bank Network

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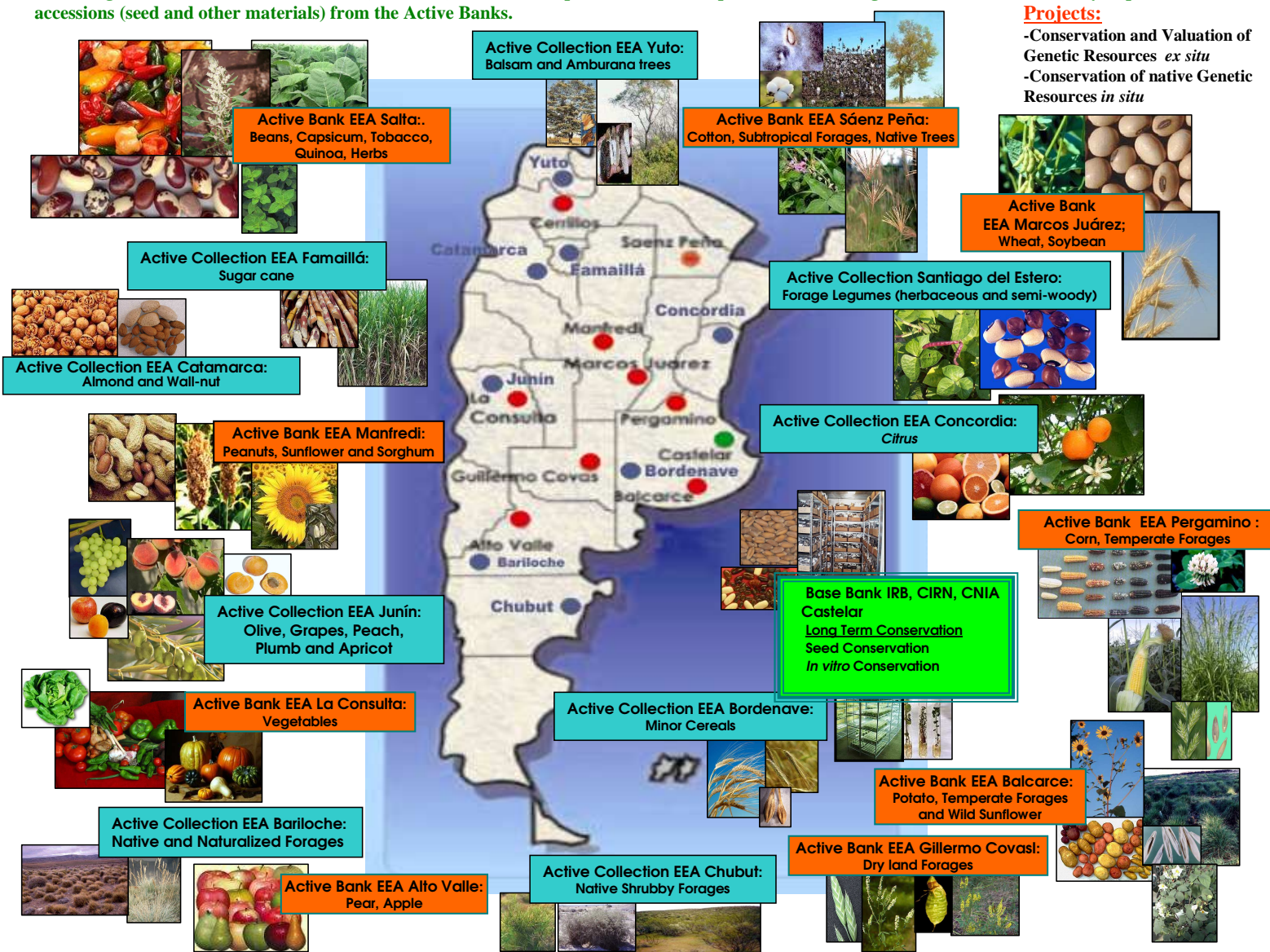
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The National Institute of Agricultural and Livestock Technology (INTA) has established a Germplasm Bank Network in Argentina. The Network is formed by 10 banks (9 Active Banks and the Base Bank) and 9 Active Collections, distributed across the country. The Active Banks collect, distribute, multiply, maintain, characterize and evaluate germplasm (crop species and their wild relatives) to explore their potential use. The Active Banks and Active Collections are located in different agro-ecological areas and maintain special collections of one or several species. The Base Bank is located at the Biological Resources Institute of INTA, Castelar, Buenos Aires province and is responsible for the long-term conservation of safety duplicates of the accessions (seed and other materials) from the Active Banks.

Projects:

- Conservation and Valuation of Genetic Resources *ex situ*
- Conservation of native Genetic Resources *in situ*



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