

Crop and Area Priorities

The PGRP, in consultation with the Crop Commodity Coordinated Research Programmes of the PARC, fix priorities regarding crops and areas of exploration. Accordingly, the guidelines provided by the IBPGR for crop priority are strictly followed. Top priority is always given to the endangered crop species - the area where rate of genetic erosion is enormously high.

The indigenous wheat, in Azad Kashmir and NWFP, and the rice in Sind and Baluchistan were being replaced at a very high rate by improved varieties. Similarly, local chickpeas, lentils, and other legumes in the Punjab as well as fruits and other crops in the NWFP, Azad Kashmir, and the Northern Areas were collected on a priority basis and conserved well in time before they disappeared.