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GIAHS Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems

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# GIAHS around the world and the procedure for GIAHS application

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# I. GIAHS Development



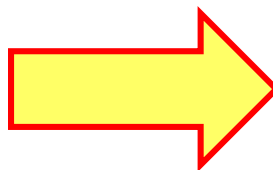




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## Designated sites in the World

Since launched in 2002....



38 GIAHS sites in 17 countries





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## GIAHS Designated Sites



Ghout System (Algeria)



Floating Garden (Bangladesh)



Sweet fish and Nagara River (Japan)



Chiloé Agriculture (Chile)



Maasai Pastoral System (Kenya)



Rice-Fish Culture (China)





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## GIAHS Designated Sites

### **Case1: Shimbwe Juu Kihamba Agro-forestry Heritage Site:** *The Upland Agro-forestry system in the Northern Tanzania*



### **Case2: Minabe-Tanabe Ume (Japanese apricot) System:** *Japanese apricot orchard system on rudaceous slope in Japan*

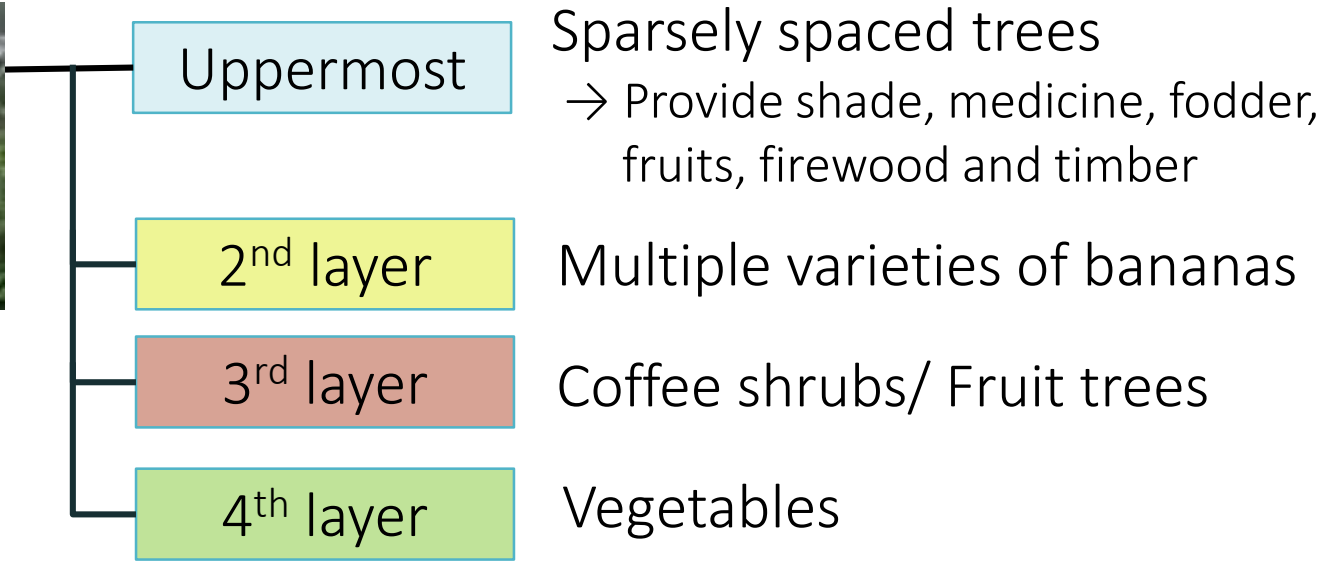




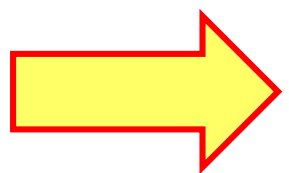
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## Case1: Shimbwe Juu Kihamba Agro-forestry Heritage Site

### *The Upland Agro-forestry system in the Northern Tanzania*



- Maximizes the use of limited land
- Provides a large variety of foods all year around
- High biodiversity
- Conservation of water
- Mutually supportive relationship among various layers

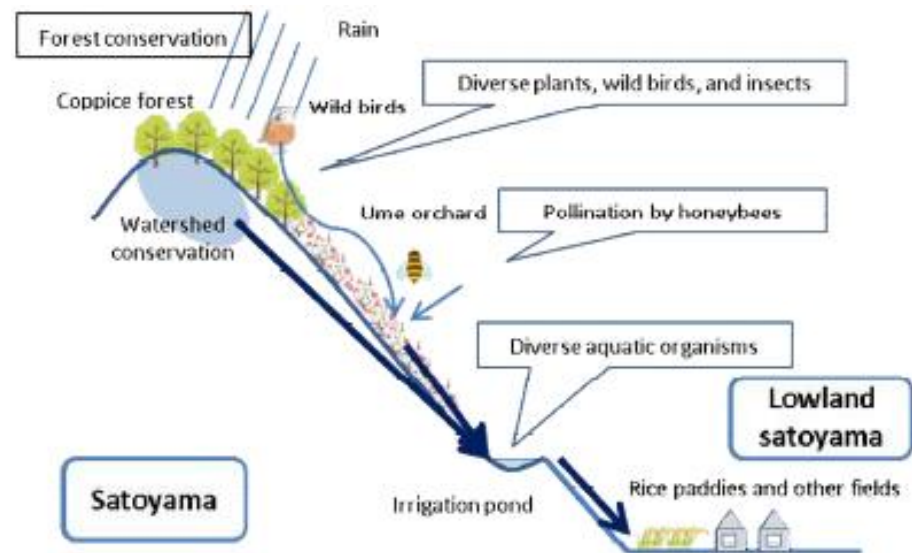


# Case2: Minabe-Tanabe Japanese apricot System

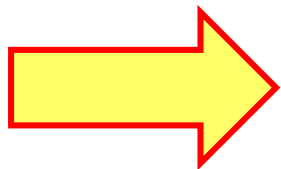
## *Japanese apricot orchard system on rudaceous slope in Japan*



Nanko-Ume, popular apricot



- High yield on the poor soil
- Various functions of the forests (e.g. watershed conservation, nutrient replenishment..)
- Mutually beneficial relationship between apricot orchards and honeybees







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## Something missing here....





# Recent development in Europe

- In 2016, Italy and FAO signed MoU on GIAHS
- In May 2017, GIAHS workshop for European and Central Asian countries



- In July 2017, Spain and FAO signed MoU on GIAHS and the first European proposal from Spain was submitted.
- And more European countries interested in GIAHS

 Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Hungary, Austria, Portugal, Turkey will participate in the GIAHS training this month



# Spain submitted the first and second proposal in Europe

In July 2017, Spain submitted two proposals



Spanish first proposal – Salt Production  
System of Valle Salado de Añana



Spanish second proposal –  
Málaga raisins

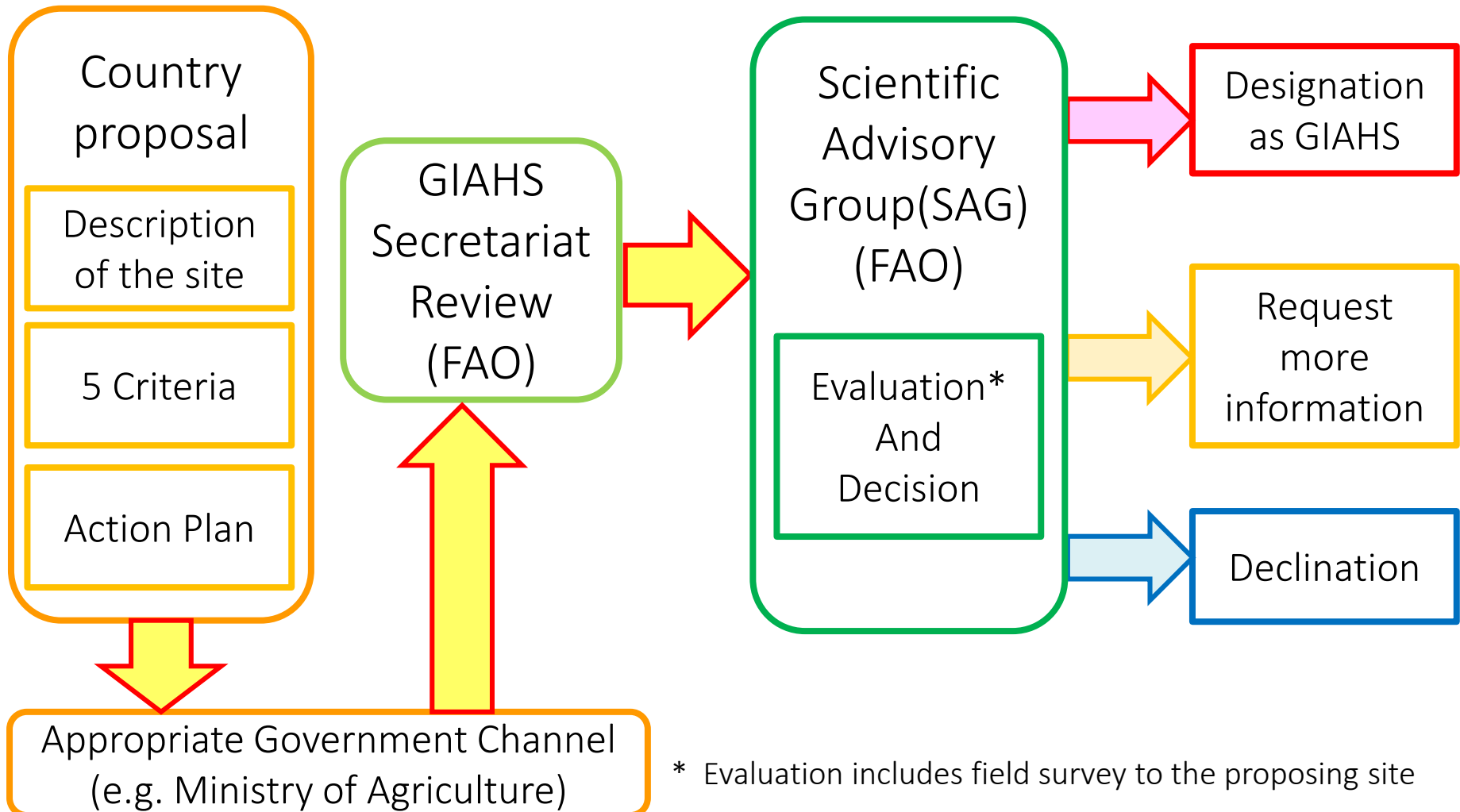


# III. GIAHS Operation





# GIAHS Designation Process



\* Evaluation includes field survey to the proposing site





# What does SAG evaluate?

Global  
importance

- Historical relevance
- Contemporary relevance



Action Plan for  
Dynamic Conservation

GIAHS 5 Selection Criteria

1. Food and livelihood security
2. Agro-biodiversity
3. Local and Traditional Knowledge Systems
4. Cultures, value systems and social organizations
5. Landscapes and Seascapes Features

# Thank you for your attention!





# Links of GIAHS

GIAHS website (top page)

<http://www.fao.org/giahs/en/>

List of designated GIAHS

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/giahs\\_assets/GIAHS\\_test/02\\_GIAHS\\_around\\_the\\_world/01\\_Designated\\_sites/List\\_of\\_GIAHS\\_sites\\_2016\\_October.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/giahs_assets/GIAHS_test/02_GIAHS_around_the_world/01_Designated_sites/List_of_GIAHS_sites_2016_October.pdf)

<http://www.fao.org/giahs/giahsaroundtheworld/designated-sites/en/>

Become a GIAHS (procedure, selection criteria and Action Plan)

<http://www.fao.org/giahs/become-a-giahs/en/>