

The high genetic diversity of *Chenopodium quinoa* Willd and its global expansion.



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OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF QUINOA



"The General Assembly of the United Nations declared 2013 as the IYQ, recognizing that, through their knowledge and practices, the Andean indigenous peoples have maintained, controlled, protected and preserved in its natural state quinoa, including its numerous landraces and local crop wild relatives, as food for present and future generations. "

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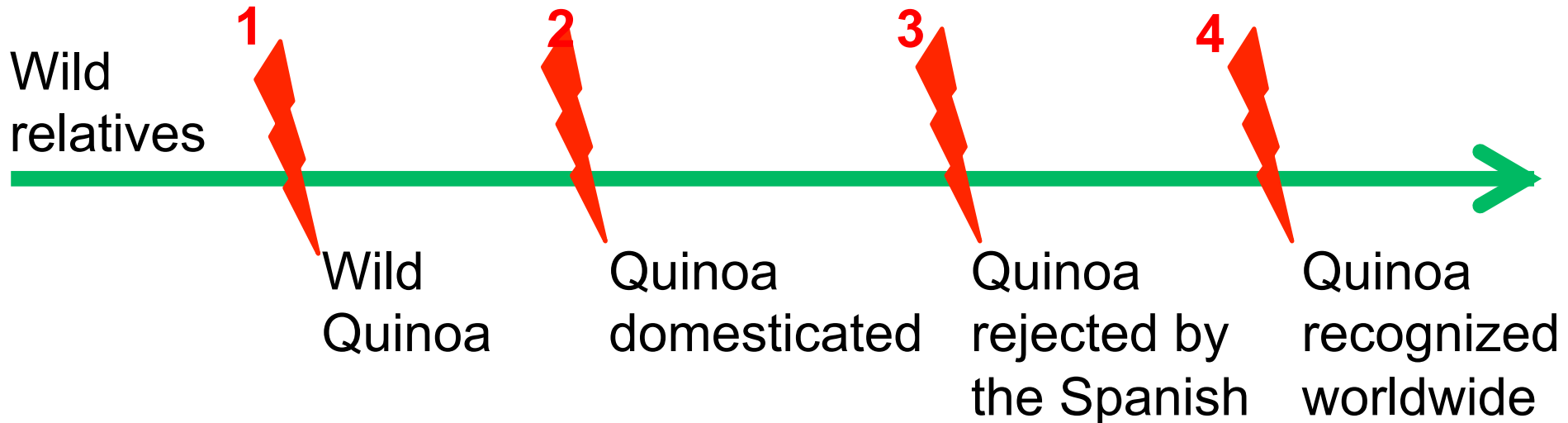
- To focus world attention on the **potential role of quinoa biodiversity**,

... in **food security, nutrition and poverty eradication**

Oficina Regional para
América Latina y el Caribe



Evolutionary dynamics of quinoa



Origin of the actual quinoa

Diploid ancestor (2x)

Pariente A- femenino (2x)
Chenopodium
standleyanum
América templada

Pariente B- masculino (2x)
Chenopodium album
(o *C. ficifolium*?)
Eurasia



Tetraploid ancestor (New world)
C. berlandieri*, *C. hircinum



Chenopodium quinoa (quinoa),
Chenopodium nuttalliae (huauzontle),
Other 4x types

*Adapted from Jellen
et al, 2013*



Chenopodium
pallidicaule
(Kañiwa)

Mayores parientes silvestres de la quinoa actual

C. berlandieri

C. berlandieri berlandieri (Maleza en EEUU, Canada)

C. berlandieri nuttaliae (cultivated en Mexico)



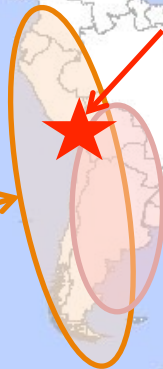
C. album

Weed in Europe

Cultivated en Asia



Center of origin of the quinoa (H. Wilson)



C. quinoa

Domesticated,

Cultivated en Los Andes (Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia, Chile y Argentina)



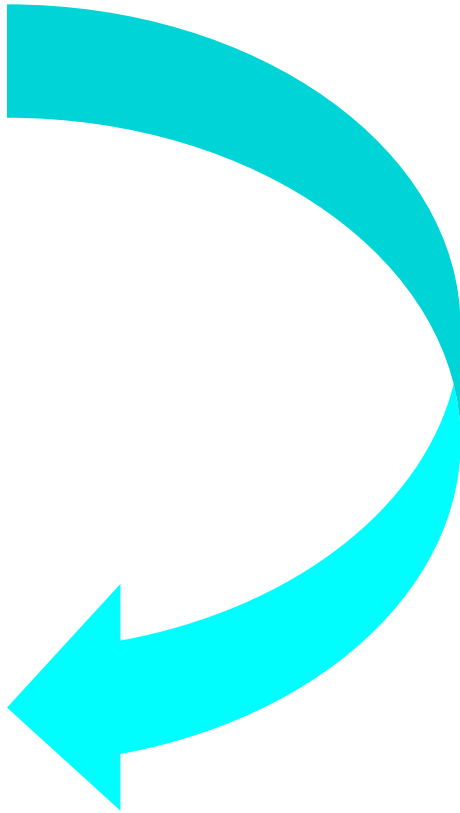
C. hircinum

Weed

South America

4 000 km

Quinoa was domesticated near Lake Titicaca



Domestication is a long and dynamic process

Infra-specific diversity of crops is an invaluable asset, created and maintained by all farmers in the world



Wild relatives

Domestication



Cultivated Quinoa



*Farmers
Landraces*

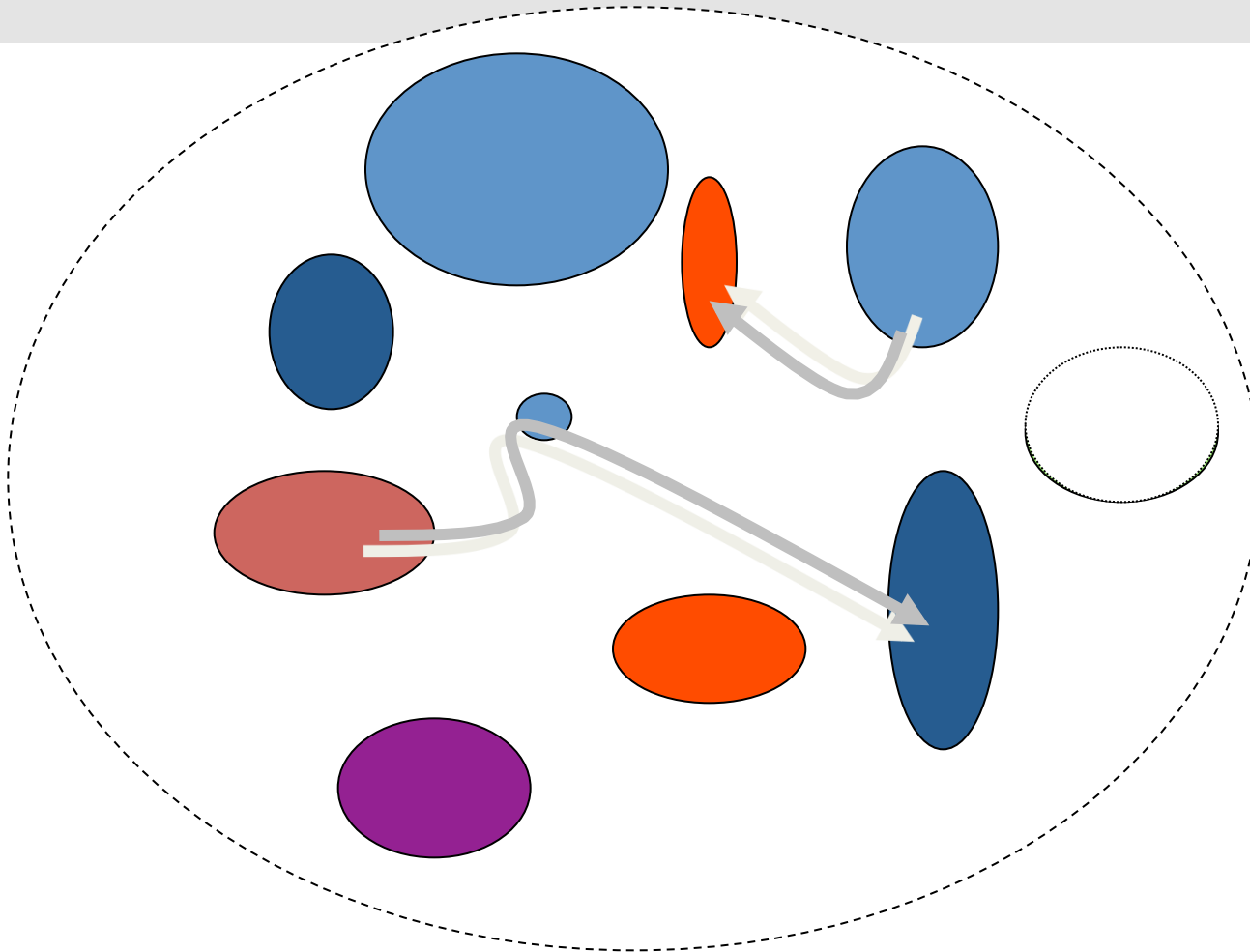
**Adaptation
Differentiation**



Diversity of crop landraces

= *an open metapopulation*

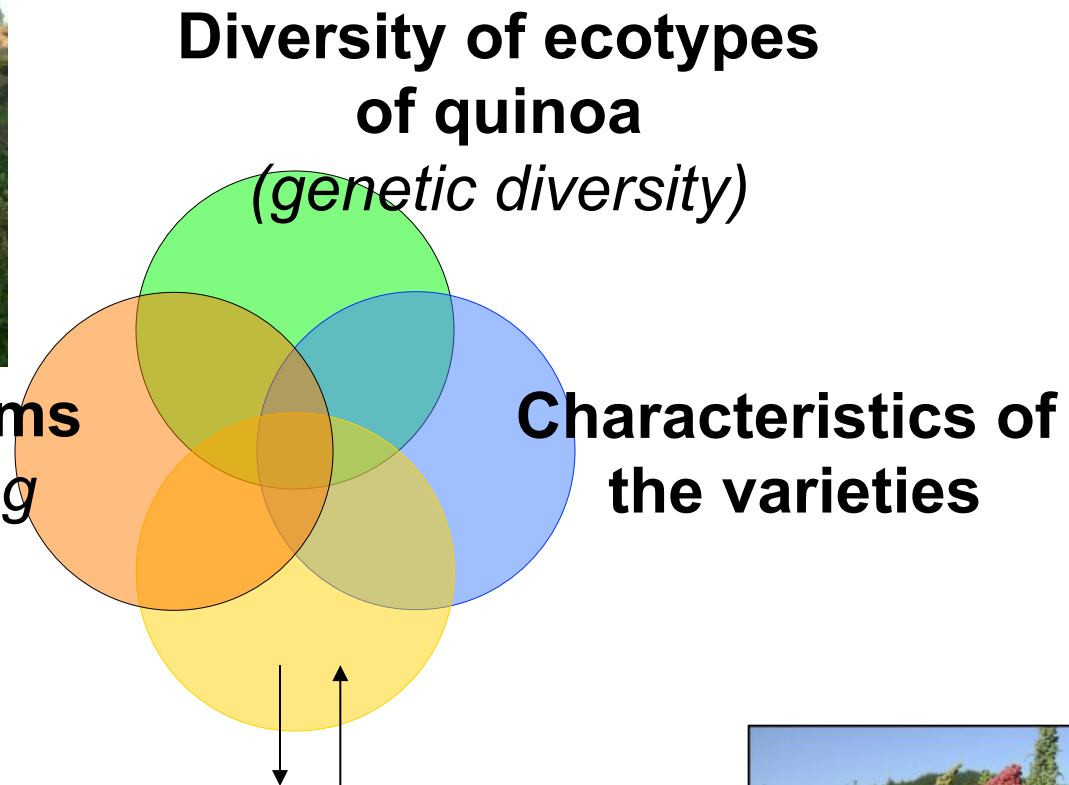
=> Permanent evolution and adaptation to environmental contexts



Why and how farmers maintain genetic diversity of their crops?

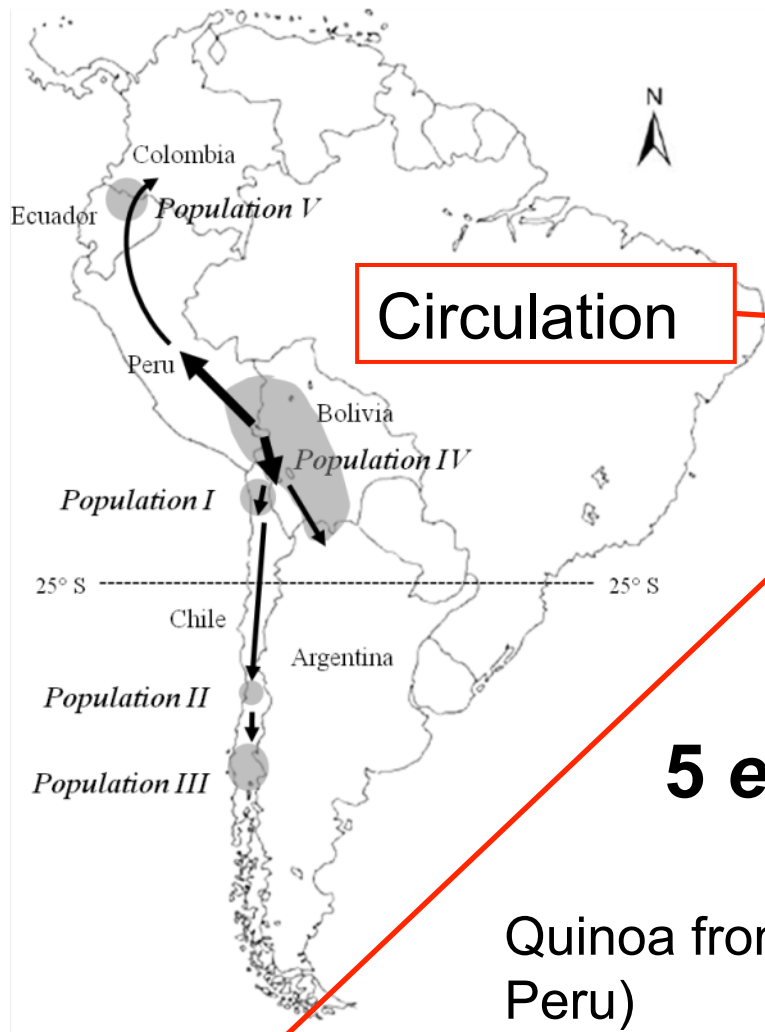


Several types of farms
(diversity of cropping systems)



Introduction and seed exchanges





5 ecotypes associated each one to a *diversity sub-center* :

Quinoa from Inter Andean Valleys (Colombia, Ecuador y Peru)

Quinoa from the Highlands (Peru y Bolivia)

Quinoa from the *Yungas* (Bolivia)

Quinoa de los *Salares* (Bolivia, Chile y Argentina)

Quinoa from Sea level (Chile)





Quinoa
rejected by the
Spanish

- a) Since colonization until the late XX = "Indian Food".
- b) Its use as a religious drink (eg *Mudai* for *Nguillatun*), was rejected by the Church.
- c) Schooling changed eating patterns
- e) Policies for Agricultural Modernization
 - i) Structure of Land Tenure
 - ii) Forms of production



High diversity In Sit

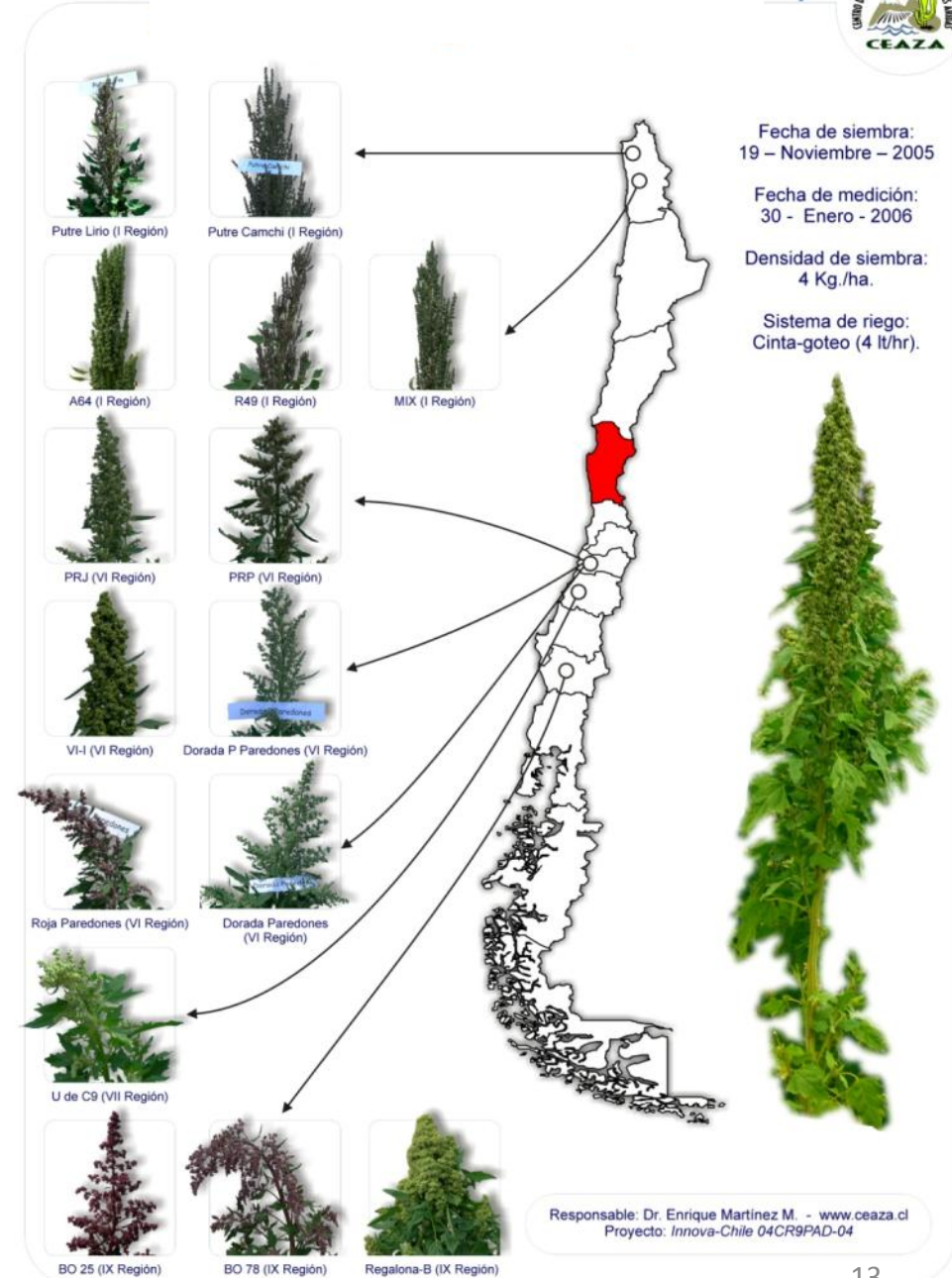
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**The high diversity
of quinoa can be
seen in the field**

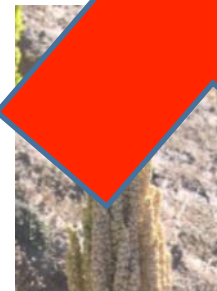
Example of Chile
north to south
Rainfall (mm/y)
Height (m)

Panojamiento Quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*)

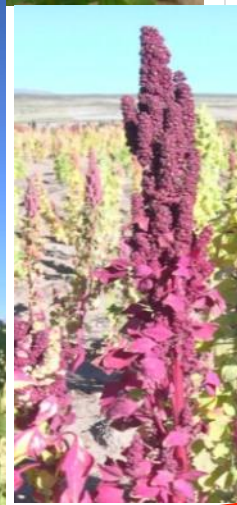




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DIVERSITY of USES



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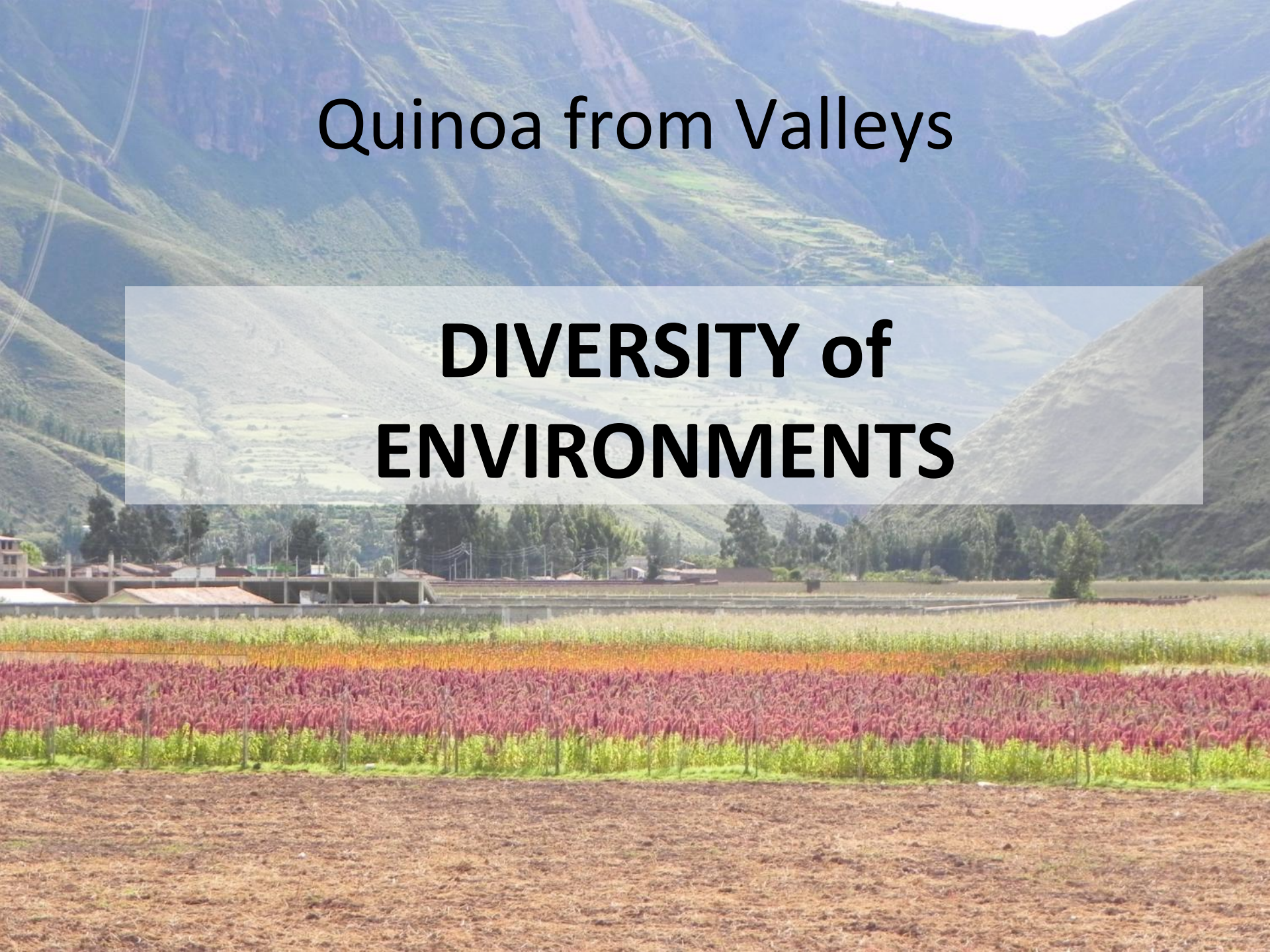


DIVERSITY of PRACTICES



Quinoa from Valleys

DIVERSITY of ENVIRONMENTS





Quinoa from Salares (*altiplano sur*)

**DIVERSITY of
ENVIRONMENTS**

Quinoa from the Lowlands/ Sea level

DIVERSITY of ENVIRONMENTS



Quinoa, a wide diversity allowing it to adapt to different agro-ecological contexts and to tolerate extreme conditions (drought, salinity, frost, etc..)

=> *This shows the potential for cultivation in other parts of the world*



Salar Coipasa, lado chileno

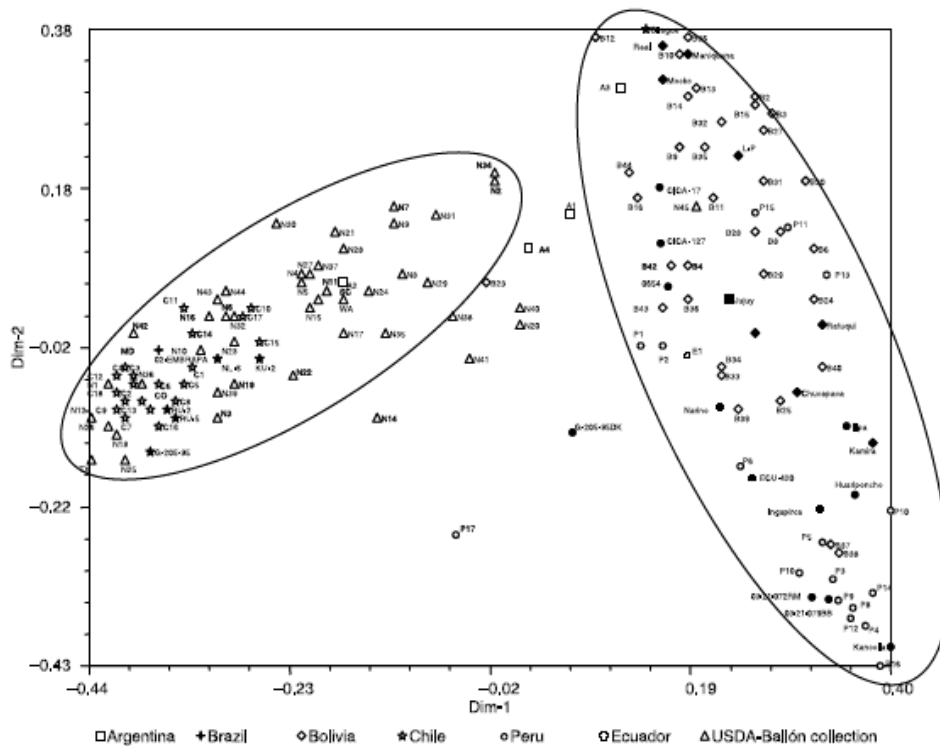




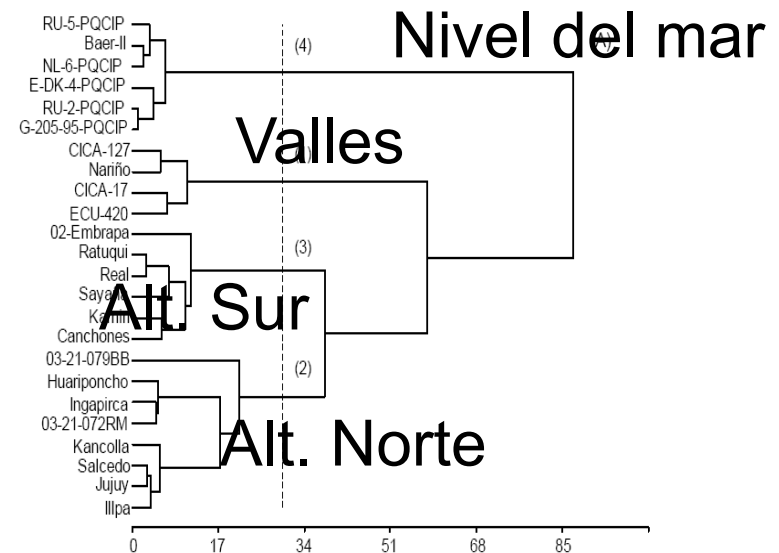
Quinoa,
leaving from the Andes



What can be grown in temperate environments?



H.D. Bertero et al./Field Crops Research 89 (2004) 299–318



Christensen et al. 2007. Plant Genet. Res.
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Quinoa worldwide development in 1973



Quinoa worldwide development in 1983



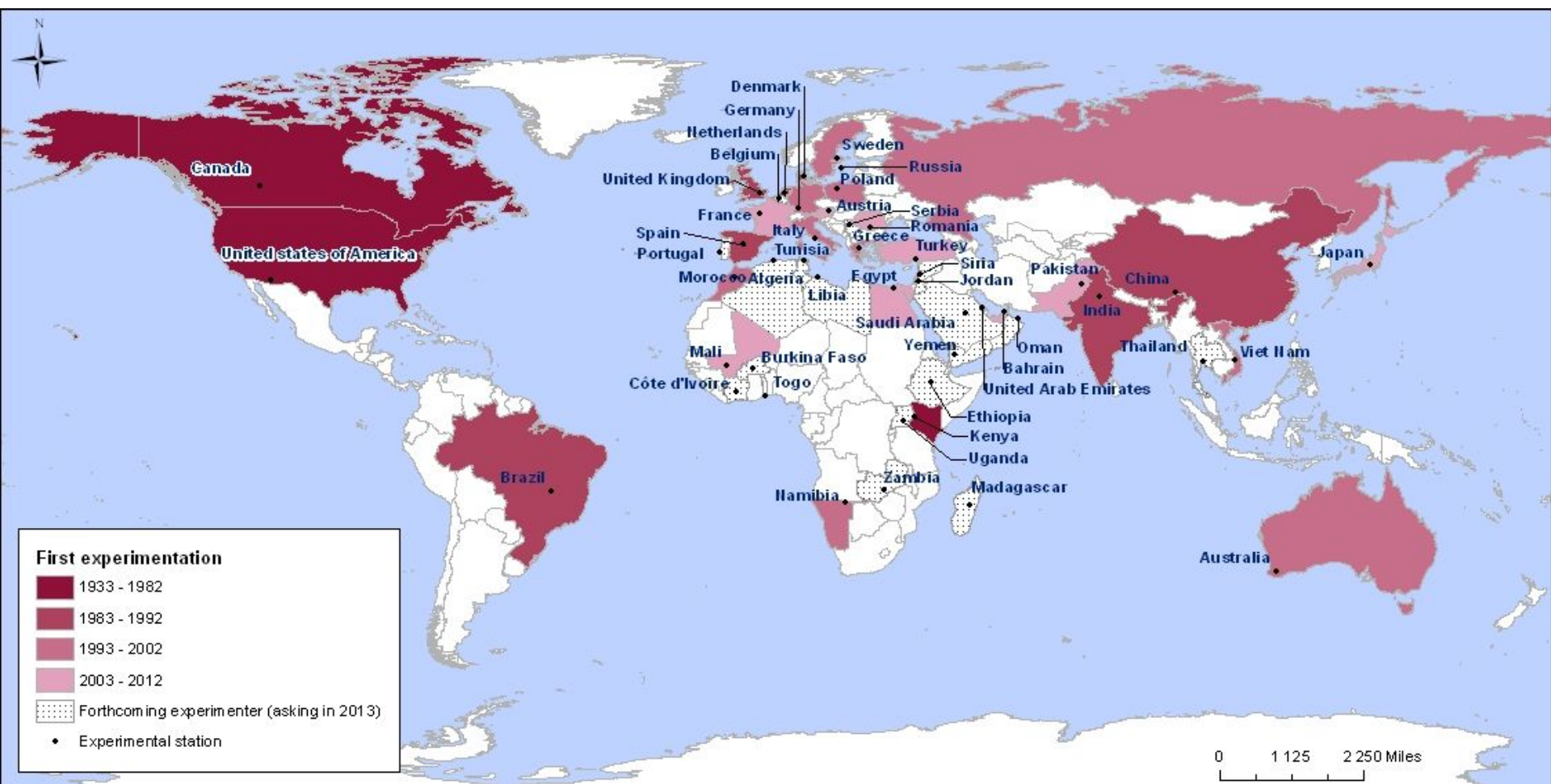
Quinoa worldwide development in 1993



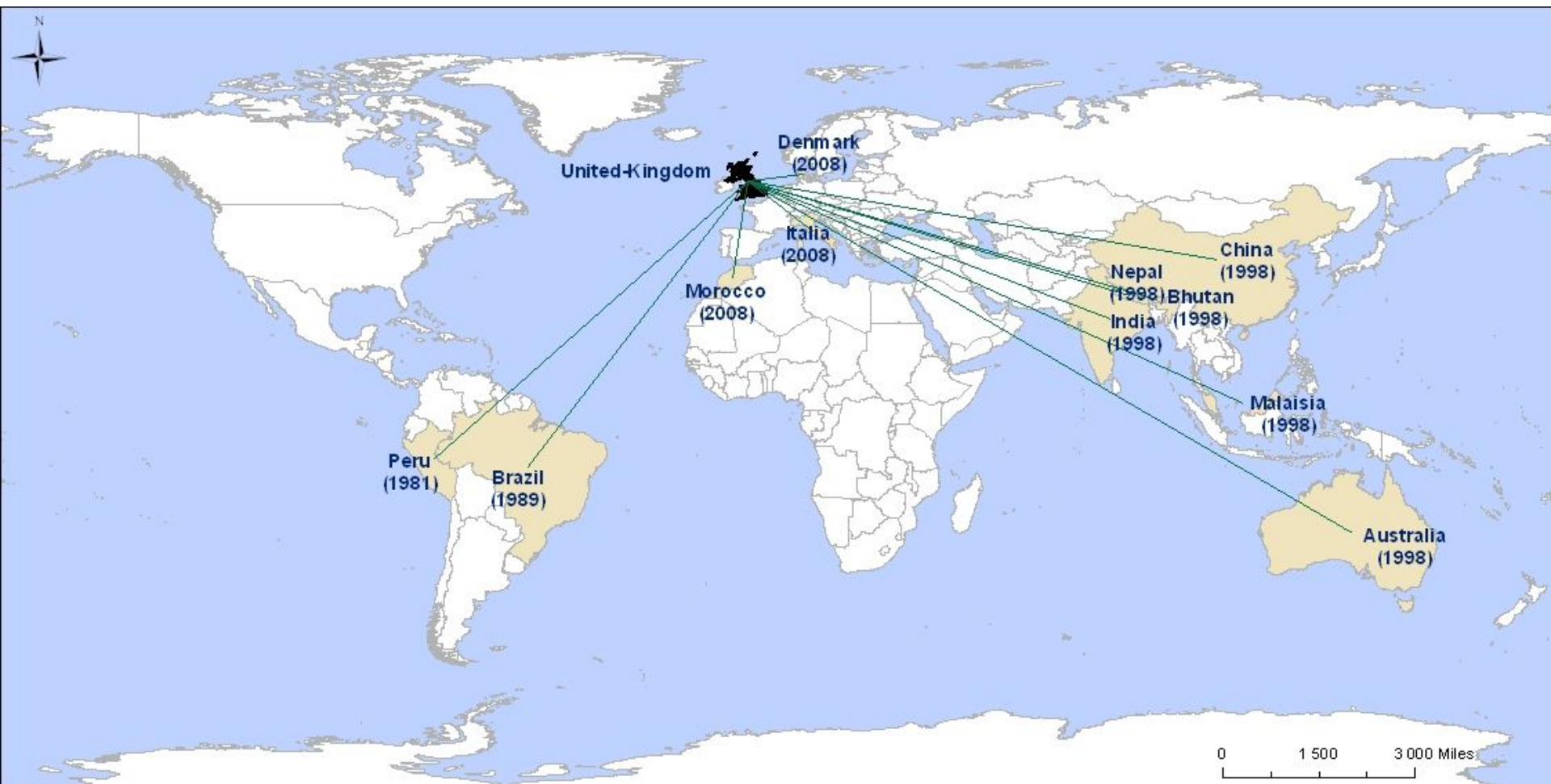
Quinoa worldwide development in 2003



Quinoa worldwide development in 2013



First experimentation of quinoa in the country



Collaboration with University (England) for the first quinoa experimentation (since 1981)



Collaboration with CIP-DANIDA for quinoa experimentations
Prueba Americana y Europea de quinua (>1996-98)



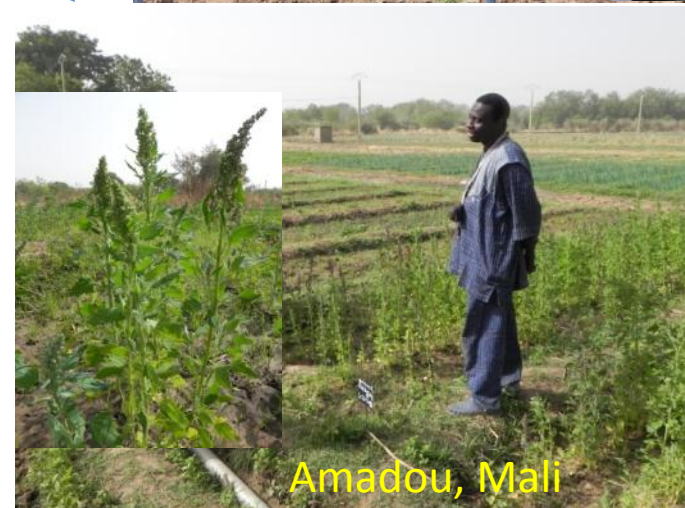
Collaboration with the University of Copenhagen (DK) for quinoa experimentations : *Project SWUP-MED (2008-2012)*



Quinoa Worldwide Genetic Resources Distribution
(*ex situ* conservation)



Quinoa, *leaving from the Andes*



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Expansion of the quinoa and future improvement and breeding?

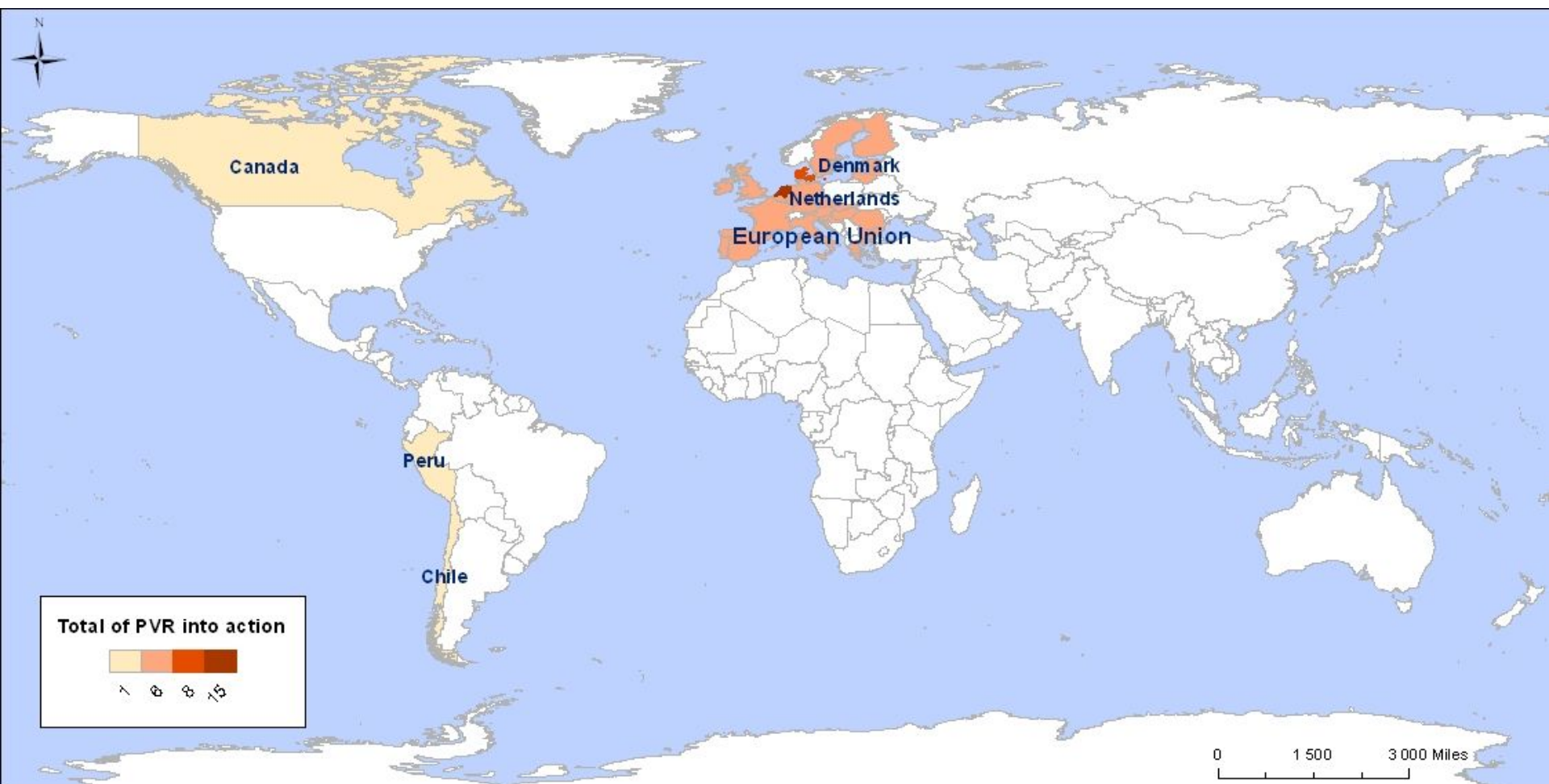
- Using molecular markers (SSR linkage map, marker-assisted selection).
- Improving feature selection based on genes of interest
- Adaptation to climate change and salinity using variability.

=> Imbalance technology access between the North and South





Number of varieties of quinoa under PVR enhancer by country (breeders)



Countries where a PVR protection for improved varieties is into action

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As we are in the IYQ, we have chosen to present various aspects of the wide diversity of quinoa and its global expansion, but what's happening now with research on quinoa?

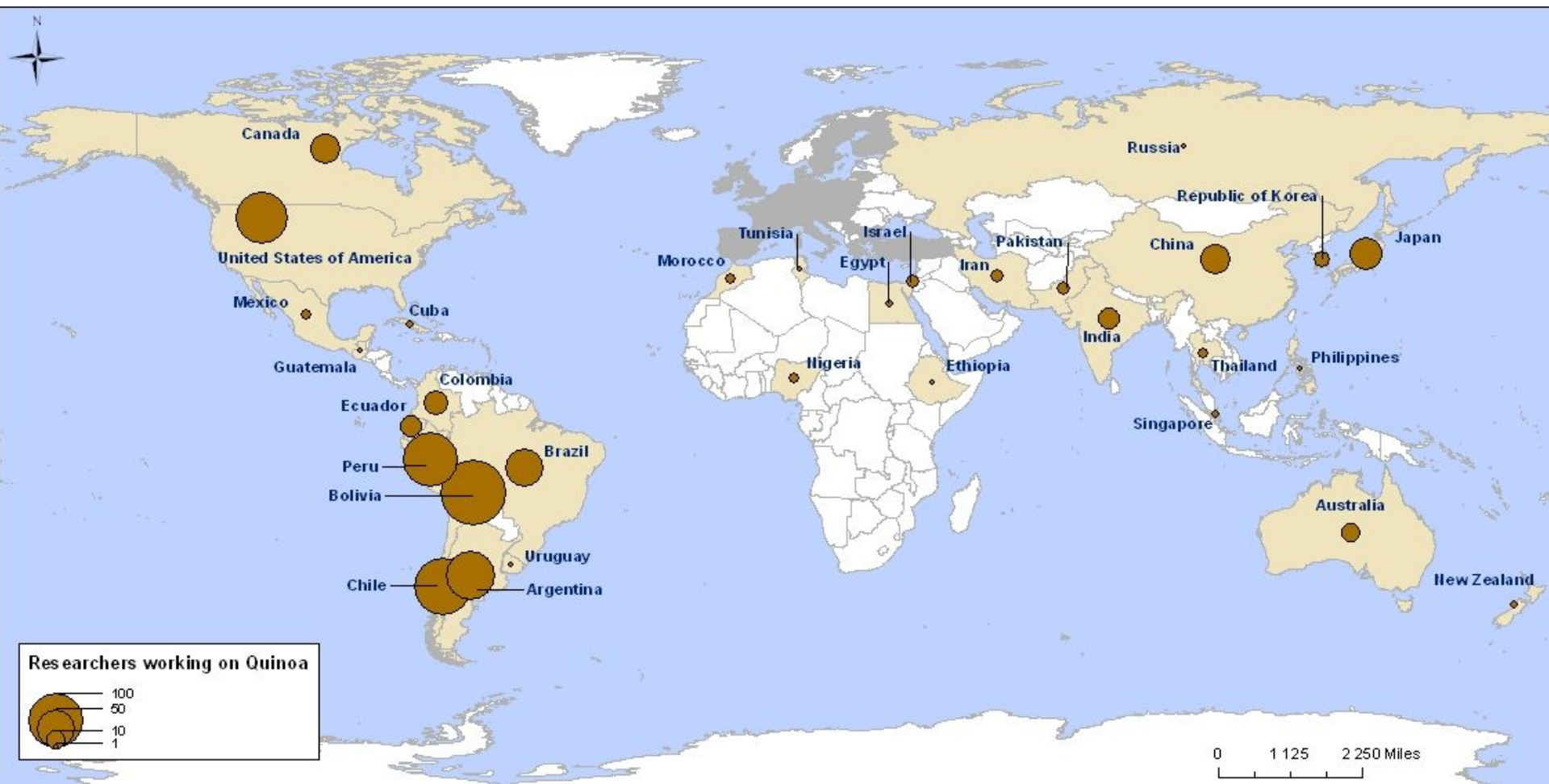
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Expansion of the quinoa and actuality of research: who is working on quinoa?

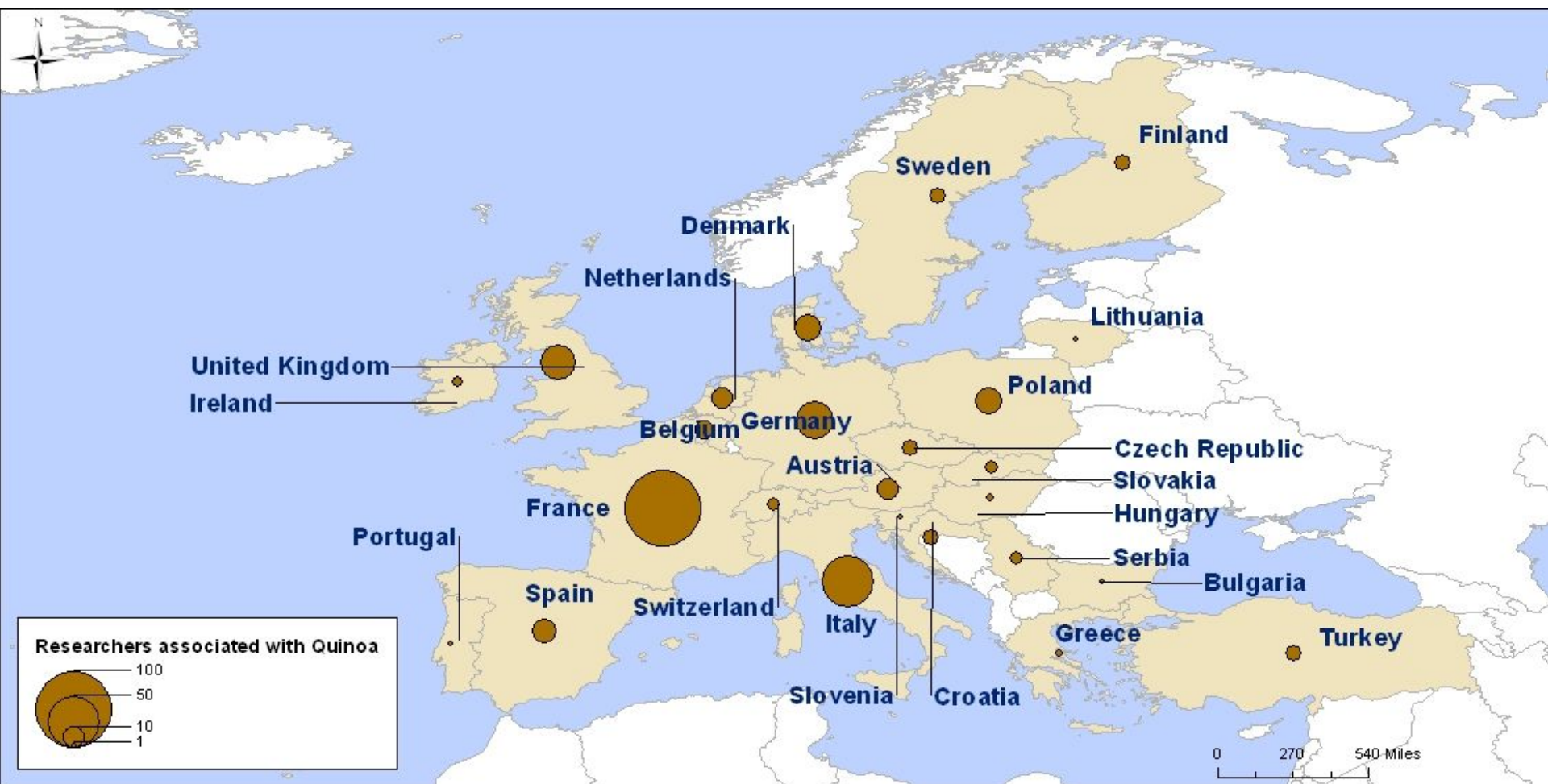
- Review of 1228 references from:
 - Web of Science;
 - Scielo;
 - Personal database

=> *1063 pertinent for treatment*

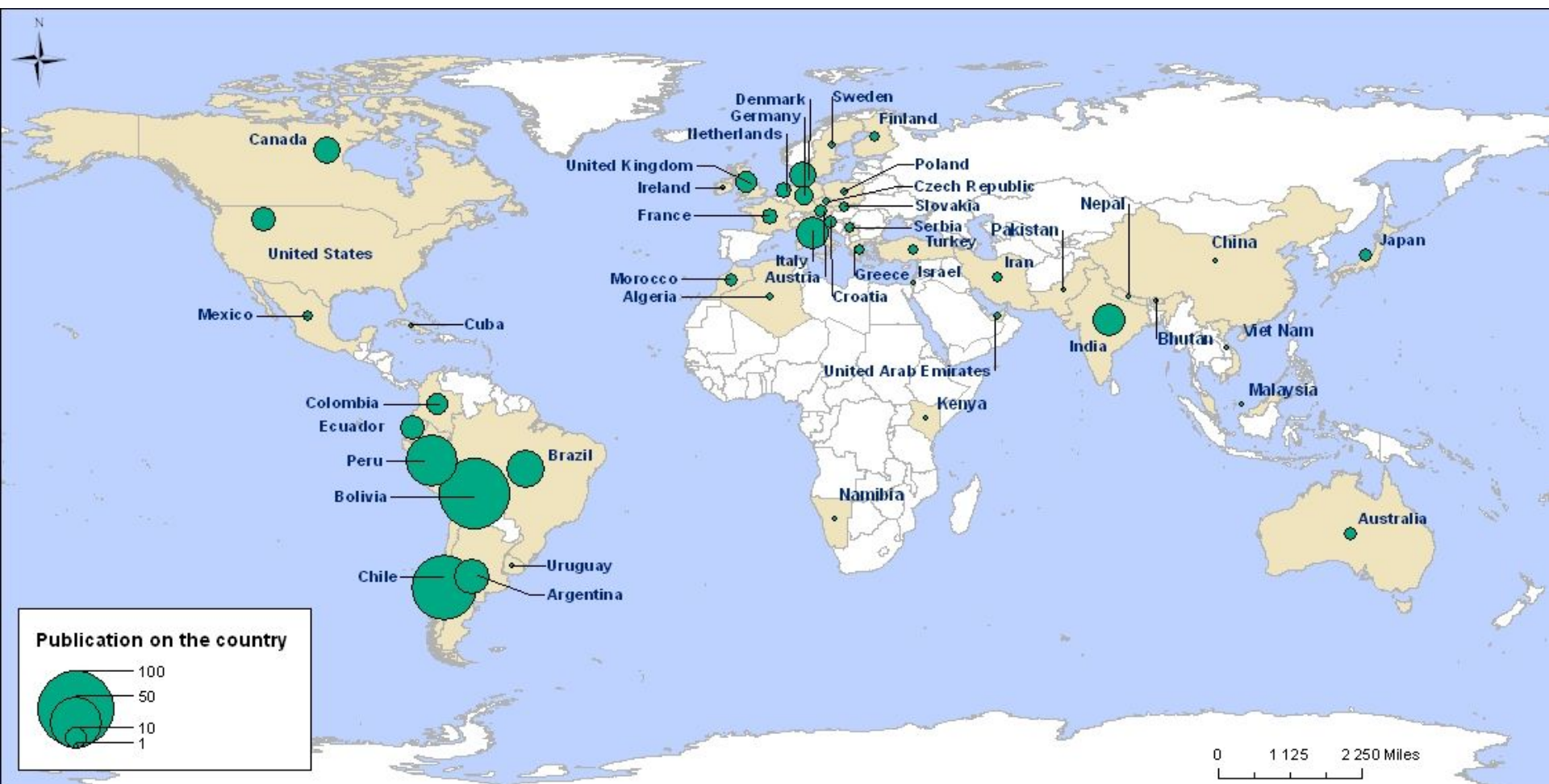




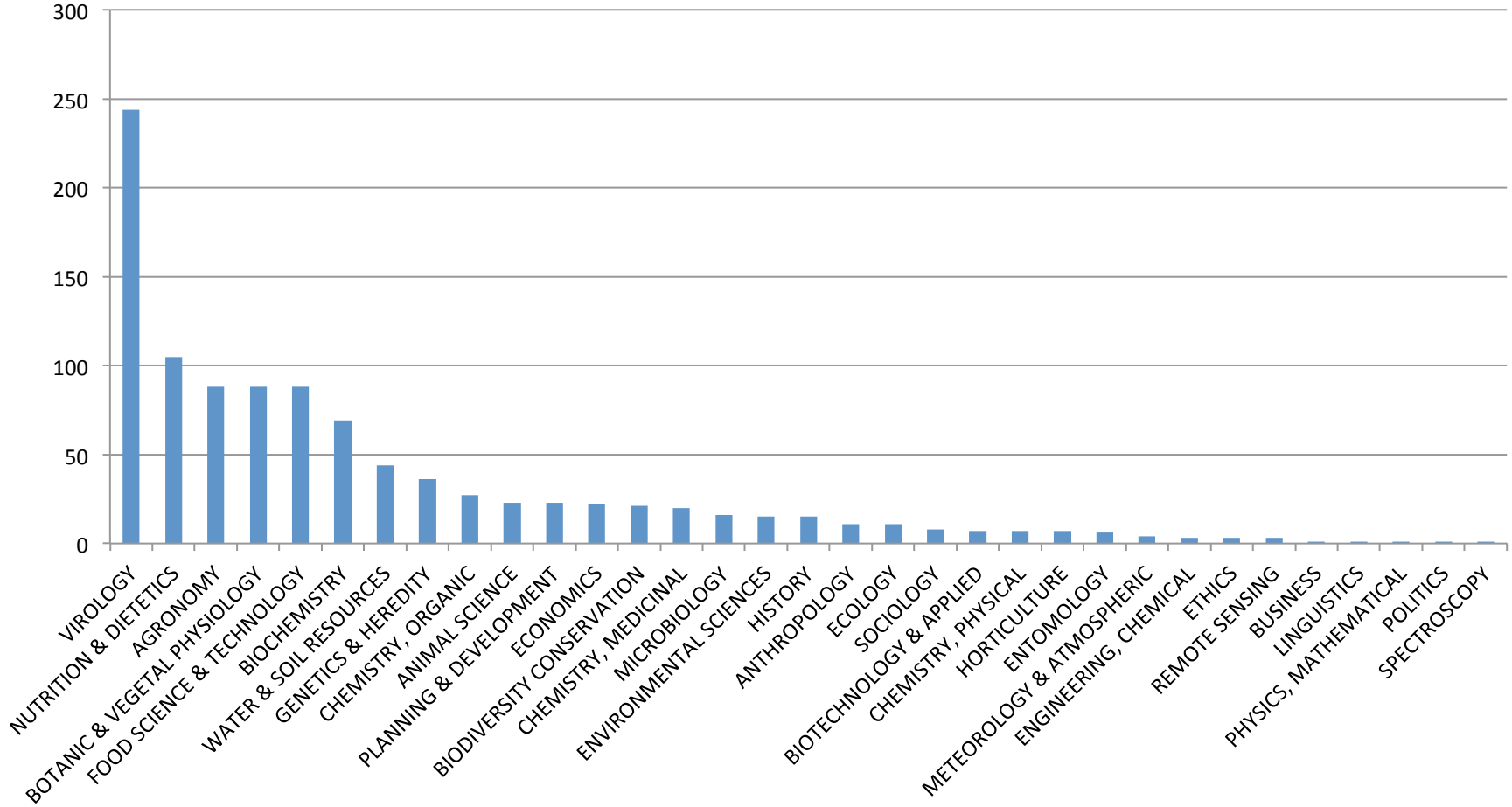
Researchers working on quinoa



Researchers working on quinoa: *zoom on Europe*



Number of publications on the country



Thematic of the publications



We are in 2013, from Rio in 1992 several international treaties were signed that apply to the management of plant genetic resources (CBD, Nagoya, Upov, ITPGRFA, CAN, TLC, etc..).

There are many questions and also challenges for the future of quinoa and they need to be discussed in depth to associate all the actors and countries in the debate about benefits of quinoa ...



Acción
colectiva

Territorio

Medio ambiente

Recursos
genéticos

Salud

Thank you!