

# Plant variation data - what's available, which new projects are expected

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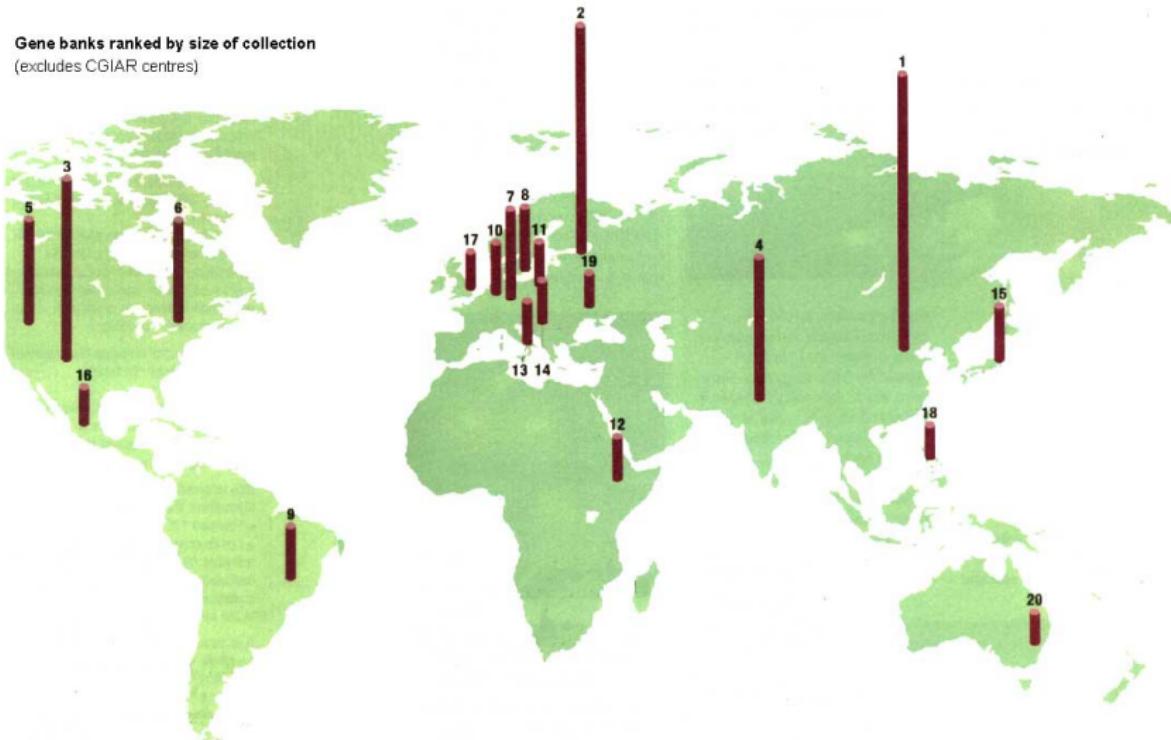
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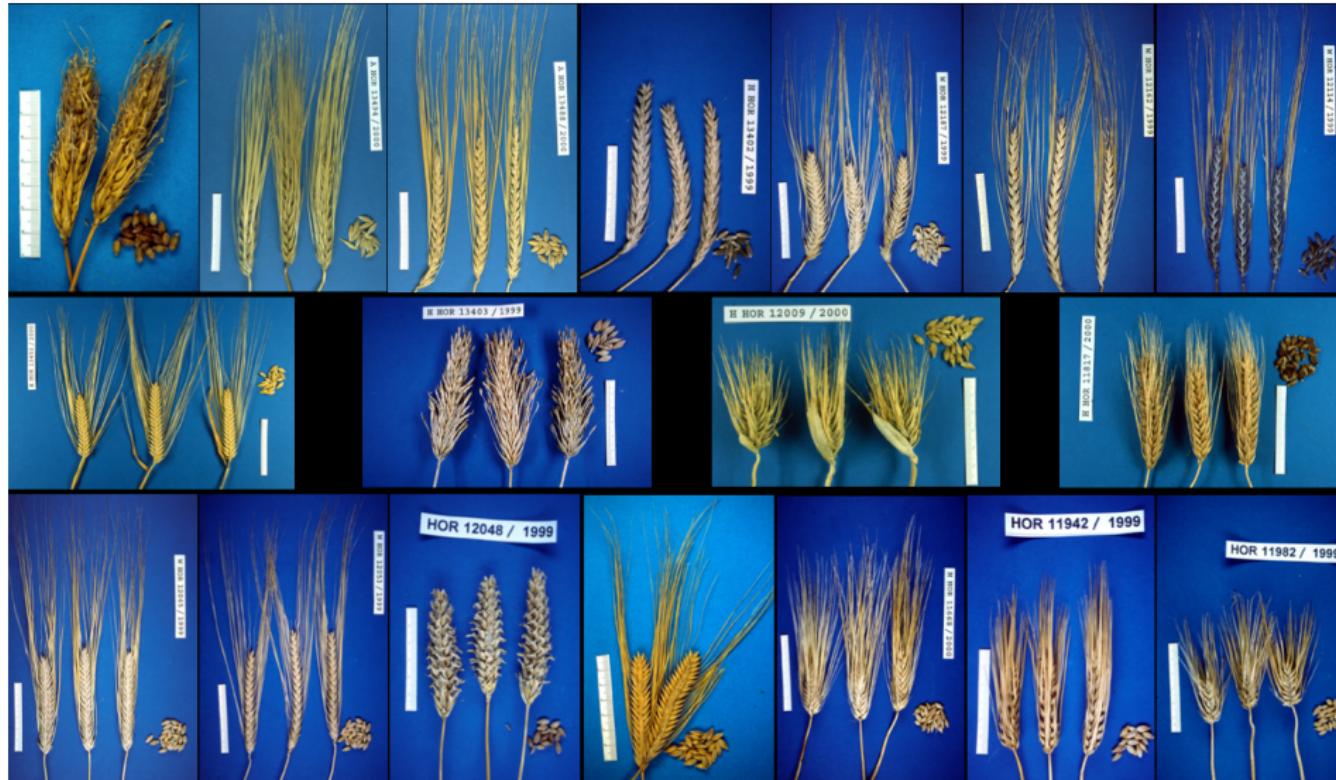
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# *Ex situ* genebanks around the world

- ▶ Conserve, characterize and utilize plant genetic variation



# Barley diversity at IPK Gatersleben



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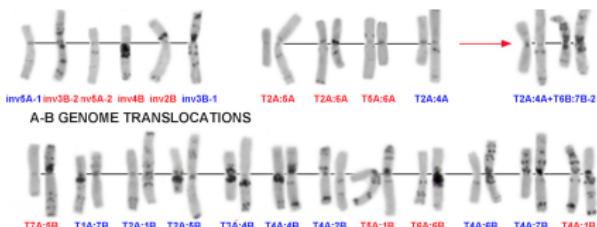
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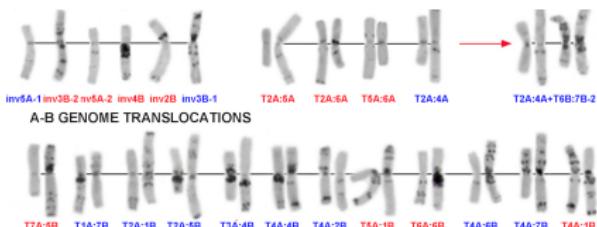
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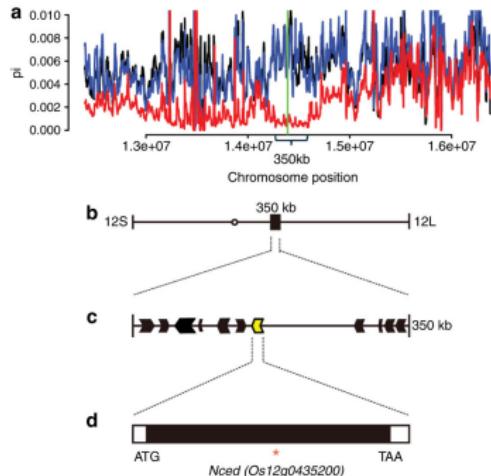
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- ▶ Inter-specific variation
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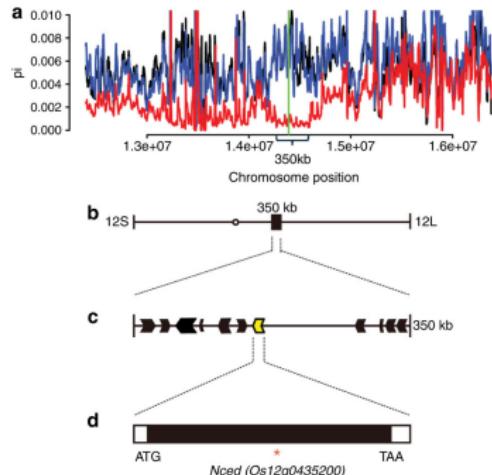
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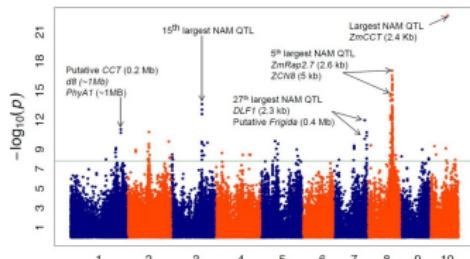
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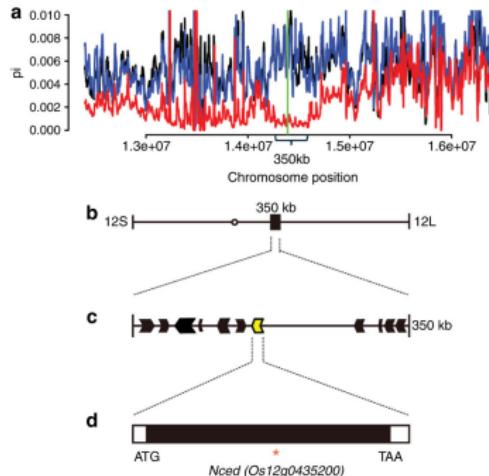
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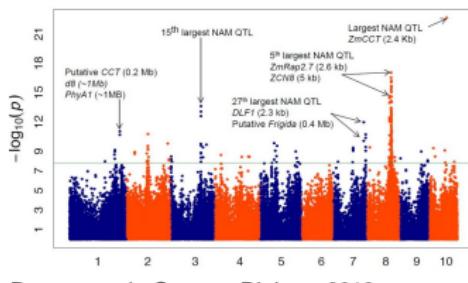
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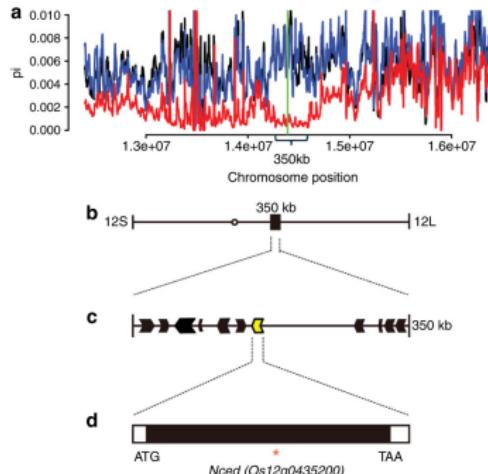
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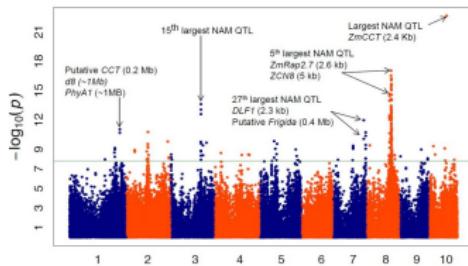
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## ► (Pre)-breeding

Management of breeding programs,  
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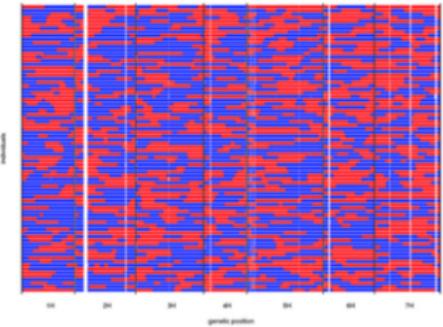
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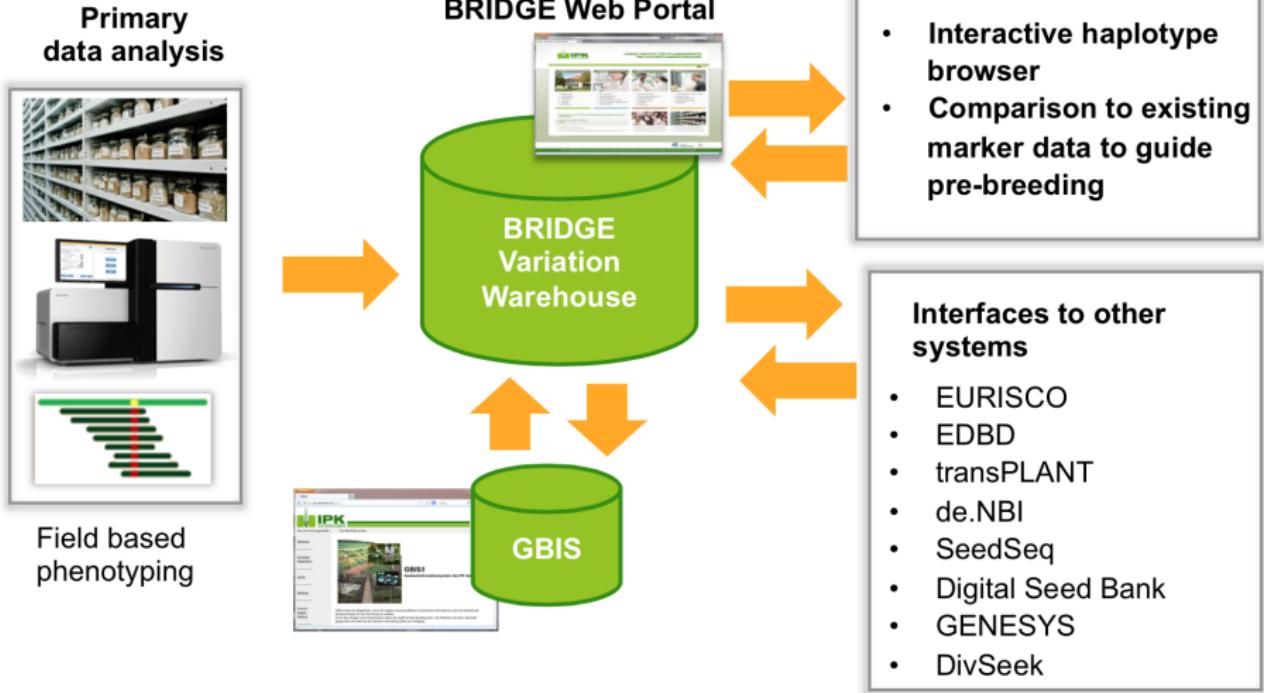
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The screenshot shows the homepage of the RiceVarMap database. At the top, there is a banner featuring three images: a close-up of rice plants, a field of rice, and a building. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: Home, SNP Information, INDEL Information, Cultivars, Tools, GBrowse, Documents & Downloads, and Contact. On the left, a sidebar titled "What's New" lists recent updates: "27 Mar 2015" (Genome variation data (BCF format) can be downloaded at [Data downloads](#) page), "14 Sep 2014" (Cultivars can be searched by keywords in ["Cultivar Information"](#) page), and "14 Sep 2014" (Added an option "Download CSV File Only" in ["Search for Genotype With SNP ID"](#) and ["Search for Genotype With INDEL ID"](#) pages. This is the quickest way to obtain genotype data using SNP/INDEL). The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome to Rice Variation Map, a comprehensive database of rice genomic variations." Below this, a section titled "Database contents:" provides a detailed description of the database's features, mentioning 6,551,358 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and 1,214,627 insertions/deletions (INDELS) from 1,479 rice accessions, with tools for comparison, geographical details, and phenotype images.

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