

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

ORGANISM (ORGA)

BCH-ORGA-SCBD-112539-1

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Organism information

Scientific name

Manihot esculenta

Taxonomic Classification

Kingdom Viridiplantae
Phylum Streptophyta
Order Malpighiales
Family Euphorbiaceae
Genus Manihot
Species esculenta

Alternate scientific name(s) (synonym(s))

Jatropha manihot

Common name(s)

Cassava

EN

Brazilian arrowroot

EN

Yuca

EN

Manioc

EN

Mandioca

EN

MANES

EN

Type of organism

Crops

Domestication

Domesticated

Characteristics related to biosafety

Centre(s) of genetic diversity

Manihot esculenta is a woody shrub native to South America.

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Habitat range

It is one of the most drought-tolerant crops, capable of growing on marginal soils.

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Geographical distribution

Nigeria is the world's largest producer of cassava, while Thailand is the largest exporter of dried cassava.

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Common use(s)

Food

Additional Information

Other relevant website addresses and/or attached documents

? [Cassava - Wikipedia](#) (*English*)

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Further Information

Questions about the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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