

BCH COMMON FORMAT
(Unmodified) Organism Information (parental, recipient or donor)¹

Organism information	
1. Taxonomic name or status ² :	<Text entry>
2. Common name(s) ³ :	<Text entry>
3. Characteristics related to biosafety ⁴ :	<Text entry>
4. Centre(s) of origin of the organism ⁵ :	<Text entry>
5. Centre(s) of genetic diversity, if known, of the organism ⁶ :	<Text entry>
6. Habitats where the organism may persist or proliferate:	<Text entry >
Additional information	
7. Any other relevant information	<Text entry>

¹ This information is generally referred to by other common formats, such as the LMO common format, and is used to reduce repetition in entering information. Please note that organism records must be validated by the CBD Secretariat before publication on the BCH.

² The formal nomenclatural designation of a taxon, also known as “scientific name”. Typically genus and species names are provided. Examples: *Gossypium hirsutum*; *Oryza sativa*.

³ Names used in “everyday” speech. Common names may vary from region to region, and may be included as synonyms (non-preferred terms) in the BCH controlled vocabulary. Examples: cotton, rice.

⁴ Describe any relevant biological characteristics.

⁵ Describe the location(s) and give geographical coordinates if possible.

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8. References⁷: <Web address (URL and website name or description)
or attachment>

9. Notes⁸: <Text entry>

Name of person authorizing publication:

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⁷ Please provide website addresses containing relevant information, and/or attach one or more relevant documents that will be stored in the database for users to download.

⁸ The notes field is for your personal use only: you can see it when you edit the record, but it is not visible through search pages.