



# Hygrotech

Access to Seeds Index

**Corporate Data**  
Headquarters: Pyramid, South Africa  
Ownership type: Private

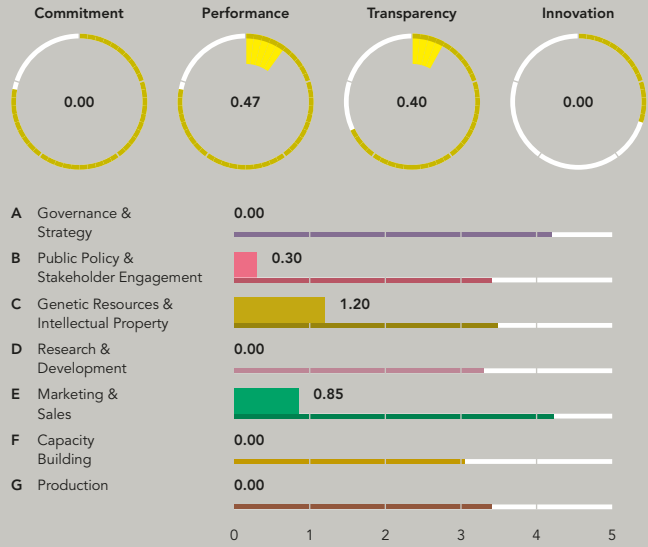
Hygrotech Seed (Pty) Ltd. (Hygrotech) was founded in South Africa in 1984. It markets vegetable seeds alongside a range of other agricultural products. In 2011 it launched FertAgChem, a division dedicated to research and development of agricultural chemicals.

**17**  
rank out of 17  
score 0.32

## Regional Index – Eastern Africa

As the Regional Index’s weakest performer, Hygrotech has multiple opportunities to improve access to seeds for smallholder farmers in Eastern Africa. It could leverage its strong distribution and direct sales network to improve engagement with smallholder farmers as well as use this

engagement to inform its R&D focus. No evidence was found of activities related to access to seeds in Governance & Strategy, Research & Development, Capacity Building or Production.



## Leading Practices

■ Hygrotech accommodates the differing capacity levels of smallholder farmers by marketing OPVs for crops where OPVs and hybrids are normally available.

## Areas for Improvement

■ Hygrotech is encouraged to disclose the full scope of its access to seeds-related activities and the Regional Index countries where it operates, and to specify the varieties and traits used in breeding programs in order to clarify the level of suitability for smallholder farmers in Regional Index countries.

## Operations in Scope



## Notable Findings

■ No notable findings were identified.

## Index Crops in Portfolio

### Global Vegetable Crops

- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Chili pepper
- Cucumber
- Eggplant
- Green bean
- Lettuce
- Melon
- Onion
- Pumpkin
- Squash
- Sweet pepper
- Tomato
- Watermelon