



# Sakata

Access to Seeds Index

### Corporate Data

Headquarters: Yokohama, Japan  
Ownership type: Listed  
Group revenue (2014): USD 529,815,790

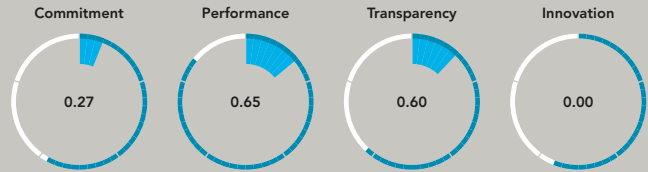
Sakata Seed Corporation (Sakata), together with its subsidiaries, sells horticultural products and materials in Asia, North, Central and South America, Europe, and the Near and Middle East. The company breeds, produces, procures and wholesales vegetable, flower and grass seeds, flower bulbs, vegetable and flower seedlings, and agricultural and horticultural products and services, including for the hobby gardening market. The company was founded in 1913.

**10**  
rank out of 10  
score 0.48

## Global Index – Vegetable Seed Companies

Despite having a presence in all Index regions, Sakata ranks tenth and last in the Global Index of Vegetable Seed Companies, underperforming in all seven measurement areas. Its ranking reflects its weak disclosure of commitments and activities related

to access to seeds and an overall lack of transparency. Nevertheless, the company has put in place some programs that have the potential to positively impact access to seeds for smallholder farmers, especially where R&D and quality management systems are concerned.



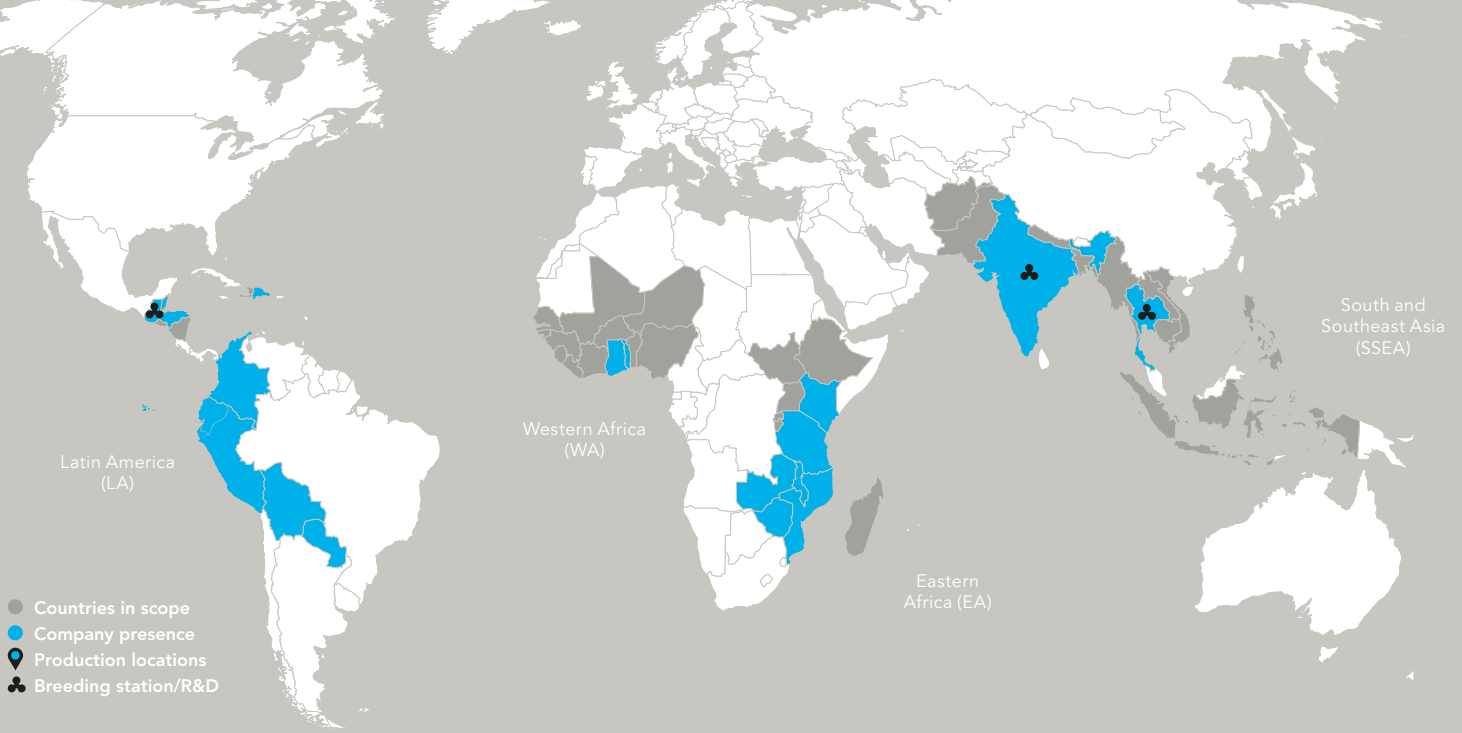
### Leading Practices

- No leading practices were identified.

### Areas for Improvement

- Sakata has an extensive global presence, but it is unclear whether this is leveraged for the benefit of smallholder farmers. The company is therefore encouraged to use its country presence to positively impact access to seeds.
- The company could enhance the disclosure and transparency of its activities related to access to seeds for smallholder farmers, and develop formal commitments or policies to guide these activities.

## Operations in Scope



## Index Vegetable Crops in Portfolio

Broccoli
Cabbage
Carrot
Cauliflower
Cucumber
Eggplant
Lettuce
Melon
Okra
Onion
Pumpkin
Spinach
Squash
Sweet pepper
Tomato
Turnip
Watermelon

## Notable Findings

■ In South Africa, Sakata cooperates with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in a project encouraging smallholder farmer autonomy. Although outside the Index's geographic scope, the project is an indication of some level of commitment on Sakata's part to support smallholder farmers.