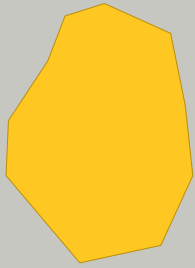


Eswatini



Region
Eastern and Southern Africa

UPOV membership status
Member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO); initiated the procedure for acceding to the UPOV Convention

Participation in OECD Seed Schemes
No

ISTA accredited member laboratories
No

GM crop approval for cultivation (domestic or non-domestic use)
Cotton

Law on Plant Variety Protection
Seeds and Plant Varieties Act (2000)

The seed sector in Eswatini

Eswatini's land tenure system is divided into two categories: land owned by private commercial farmers who export cash crops abroad and land owned by smallholder farmers.

In 1985 the government introduced the National Maize Cooperation, where farmers can sell their maize. This market is located strategically throughout the whole country, reducing the sales burden for farmers. The government has also created a seed processing plant called the Seed Multiplication Project (SMP) and contracted commercial farmers to produce seed on behalf of the government.

Seeds are imported from seed companies in the region. The SMP recently became operational and repackages seeds that come in bulk from other countries. It also delivers farming inputs to retailers in all parts of the country, which makes it easier for smallholder farmers to access farming inputs locally.

To discourage an influx of fake seeds, the government introduced the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act of 2000. If there is a seed company that wishes to produce seeds in the country (one that is on the variety list), it registers with the Registrar of Seeds and is monitored by the seed quality control services from pre-planting to packaging.

Observations

There are eight index companies present in Eswatini, though none have breeding or processing locations. The only one with a seed production location and extension services is Seed Co, which along with Capstone Seeds also has a testing location in the country.

Company activities identified in Eswatini

Company	Crops in Portfolio		Company activities in country					Extension services
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Seed production	Processing location	Sales	
Corteva Agriscience	●							●
Capstone Seeds	●	●		●				●
Hygrotech		●						●
Known You Seed		●						●
Monsanto								●
Sakata		●						●
Seed Co	●			●	●			●
Syngenta								●

Other index companies are also active in the country. However, country-specific information for these companies is not available or was provided under a non-disclosure agreement.

Other companies identified in the regional landscaping study and their activities

Company	Crops in Portfolio		Company activities in country		
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Sales
Lake Agriculture	●				●
Tshala Seed Enterprise	●				●

