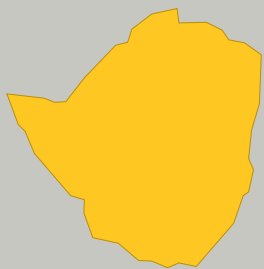


Zimbabwe



Region
Eastern and Southern Africa

UPOV membership status
Member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC); initiated the procedure for acceding to the UPOV Convention

Participation in OECD Seed Schemes
Yes

ISTA accredited member laboratories
Yes

GM crop approval for cultivation (domestic or non-domestic use)
No

Law on Plant Variety Protection
Plant Breeders' Rights Act, Chapter 18:16 (1979, revised 2001)

The seed sector in Zimbabwe

The Seed Services Institute (SSI), under the Ministry of Agriculture, regulates variety registration, seed production and marketing activities. Complementing the SSI is an association of seed companies known as the Zimbabwe Seed Trade Association (ZSTA), which also coordinates seed industry activities, sales and marketing. ZSTA also plays an advocacy role and represents members at various forums.

Although most of the seed companies have their own inhouse seed inspectors, the government has seed inspectors to oversee the certification process of all seeds under compulsory certification. The process is carried out based on Chapter 19:13 of the Seeds Act of 1971, as well as Zimbabwe's (Notice 2000).

The Seed Regulations and the Seed Certification Scheme, among others, stipulate minimum field and laboratory quality standards, respectively. The SSI conducts laboratory seed testing and also issues local seed certificates, as well as the Orange International Certificate, for seeds intended for export.

Some companies, however, have their own laboratories and produce internal seed certificates for domestic sales only. The SSI monitors and audits these laboratories to ensure standards are met through their participation in three proficiency test programs annually, and a physical laboratory audit is done every year for accreditation purposes.

There are currently 45 seed companies registered in Zimbabwe. Most of them have partnership arrangements that provide them with the ability to access, screen and register varieties from public breeding institutions; for instance, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)

Observations

There are 19 index companies in Zimbabwe, but only Corteva Agriscience, Seed Co and Klein Karoo Seed Marketing have seed production locations and involve smallholder farmers in these activities.

Two regional companies, Seed Co and Klein Karoo Africa, and global players Corteva Agriscience and Syngenta have reported breeding locations. Four companies have reported processing locations, while three have extension services and six have testing locations in the country.

Founded in the country, Seed Co conducts all activities across the seed value chain, from breeding through to providing extension services.

Company activities identified in Zimbabwe

Company Companies selected for the Access to Seeds Index	Crops in Portfolio		Company activities in country					
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Seed production	Processing location	Sales	Extension services
Advanta	●	●		●			●	
Bayer	●	●		●			●	●
Bejo		●					●	
Capstone Seeds	●	●		●		●	●	
Corteva Agriscience	●		●		●*	●	●	
East-West Seed		●					●	
Enza Zaden		●					●	
Klein Karoo Africa	●	●	●	●	●*	●	●	●
Limagrain	●	●					●	
Mahyco	●	●					●	
Monsanto	●	●					●	
Nongwood Bio		●					●	
Pop Vriend Seeds		●		●			●	
Rijk Zwaan		●					●	
Sakata		●					●	
Seed Co**	●	●	●	●	●*	●	●	●
Syngenta	●	●	●				●	
Zamseed	●	●					●	

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.

* Company involves smallholder farmers in seed production activities
**Company headquartered in Zimbabwe

Other companies identified in the regional landscaping study and their activities

Company Companies selected for the Access to Seeds Index	Crops in Portfolio		Company activities in country		
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Sales
Agri Seeds	●				●

