

# MONSANTO **POSITION STATEMENT ON BIODIVERSITY**



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**EARTH IS HOME TO MILLIONS OF SPECIES** of plants, animals and microorganisms that inhabit the ecosystems responsible for providing food and other essentials for life. The well-being of agriculture and of communities around the world depends on biodiversity and the landscapes and ecosystems it supports. The **United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity** (CBD) defines “biological diversity” as the variability among living organisms from all sources including, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.

**AT MONSANTO, WE UNDERSTAND AND VALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY FOR AGRICULTURE AND SOCIETY AT LARGE.** We work to conserve and promote the sustainable use of biodiversity within species, between species, and of ecosystems as it relates to our research, products and practices. Our position is informed and guided by the CBD and its objectives, which include the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and landscapes, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources.

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*See Page 2 for an overview on our unified approach to biodiversity and visit our [website](#) for more information.*

# MONSANTO'S UNIFIED APPROACH TO BIODIVERSITY

## STRATEGY:

- ▶ **PROTECT SPECIES** from challenges associated with farming to sustain and improve the viability of plant and animal life, including pollinators.
- ▶ **PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES** by conserving and restoring habitats to protect agricultural and natural resources.
- ▶ **PRESERVE AND IMPROVE PLANT VARIETIES** to increase genetic diversity and **SHARE BENEFITS** to advance sustainable agriculture and farmer livelihoods.

STATEMENT OF APPROACH:

***To advocate for biodiversity through actions that protect, preserve and restore the natural environment while benefiting farmers, our business and society – now and for generations to come.***

