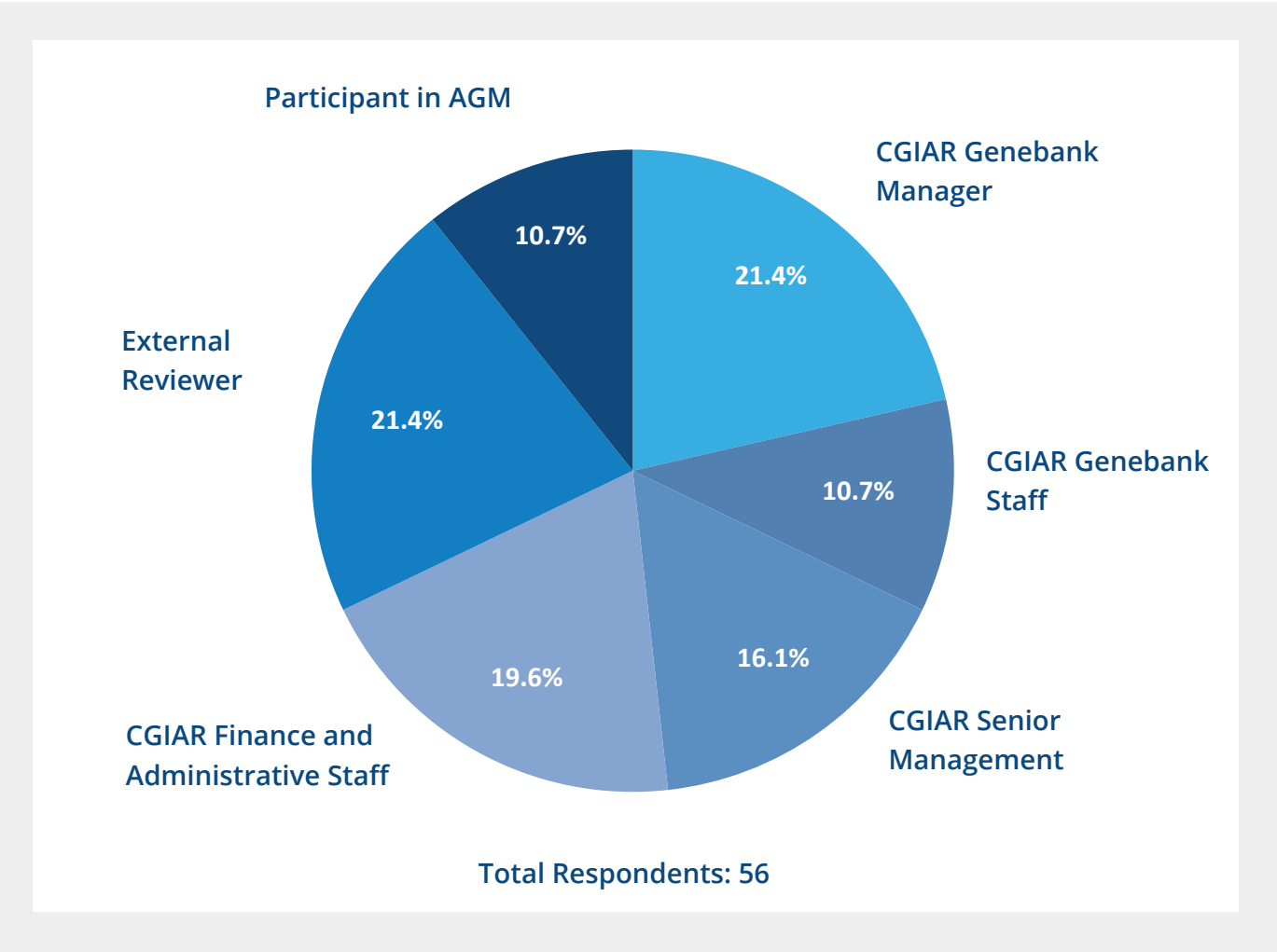




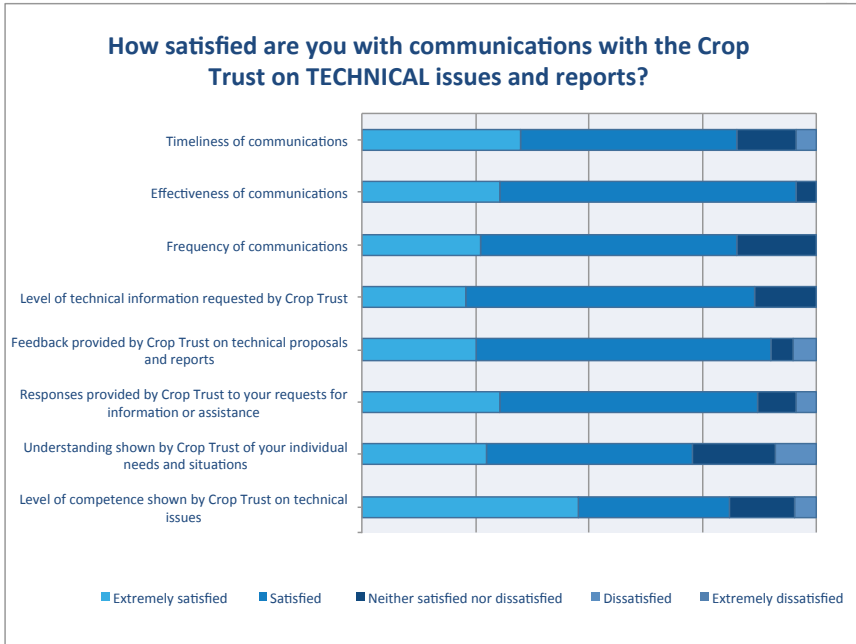
Evaluation of the Global Genebank Partnership

The CGIAR Research Program for Managing and Sustaining Crop Collections (Genebanks CRP) is a five-year partnership between the CGIAR and the Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust) to conserve the diversity of plant genetic resources in the eleven CGIAR-managed international crop genebanks. The goal is to make this diversity available to breeders, researchers and farmers in a manner that meets international scientific standards and which is cost efficient, secure, reliable, sustainable over the long-term and supportive of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Plant Treaty). The Crop Trust polled six key groups of stakeholders for their opinion on the Crop Trust’s performance as Project Manager of the Genebanks CRP, and the results are presented here. The purpose of this evaluation was to gather feedback in conjunction with the audit of the CRP by the CGIAR.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS



Satisfaction with Communications on Technical Issues



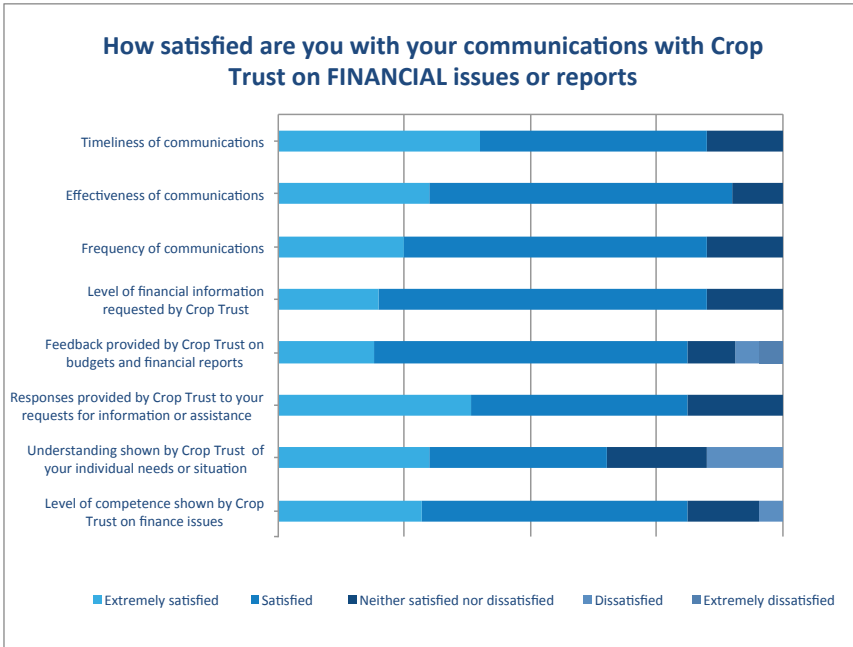
“The Trust has always been available and responsive - really would be hard pressed to ask for more”
- CGIAR Genebank Manager

“Crop Trust has been effective in offering guidance to modernize the genebanks and bring them to an international standard for preservation”
- CGIAR Senior Management

“Timely, precise and with clear follow up on key recommendations”
- CGIAR Senior Management

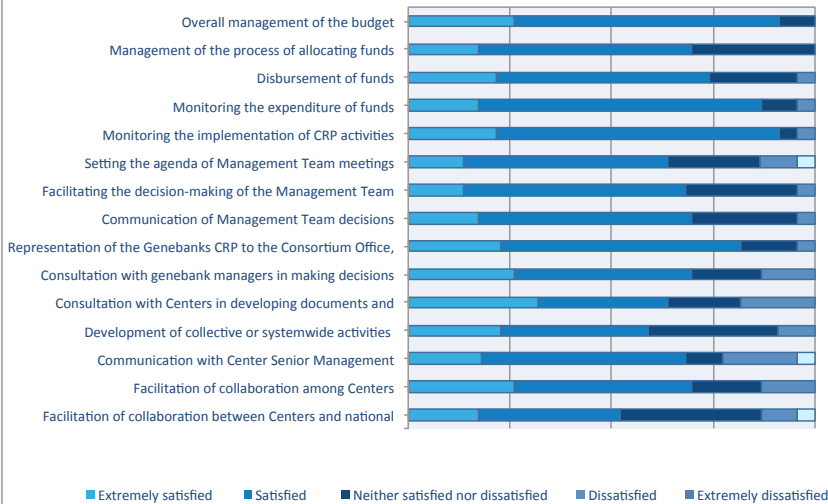
Satisfaction with Communications on Financial Issues

- “The Finance staff are technically capable and understand very well the related project financial management in accordance with CGIAR Financial guidelines” - **CGIAR Finance and Administrative Staff**
- “The Crop Trust has been very proactive in helping genebanks secure resources and has engaged with a wide range of donors, including new sources of funding” - **CGIAR Senior Management**
- “I am pleased that the Crop Trust is looking at innovative ways to provide long-term financing for the genebanks” - **CGIAR Senior Management**



Satisfaction with Crop Trust’s Role as Project Manager

How satisfied are you with the Crop Trust in the execution of its roles as Project Manager of the Genebanks CRP?

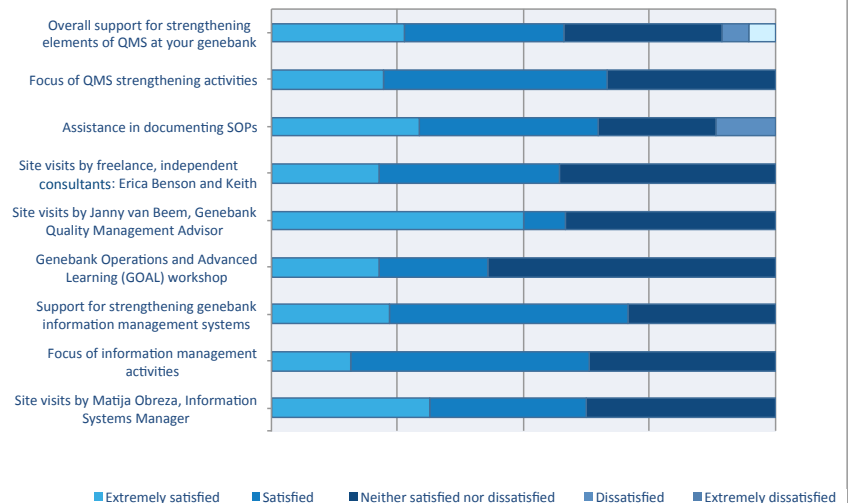


- “They have been the linchpin for the CG genebanks growth and sense of community. I support strongly that we continue this partnership”
- CGIAR Genebank Manager
- “Very efficient communication and facilitation role - Regular meetings of the management team and sharing of the minutes with all partners”
- CGIAR Genebank Manager

Strengthening QMS and Information Management Systems

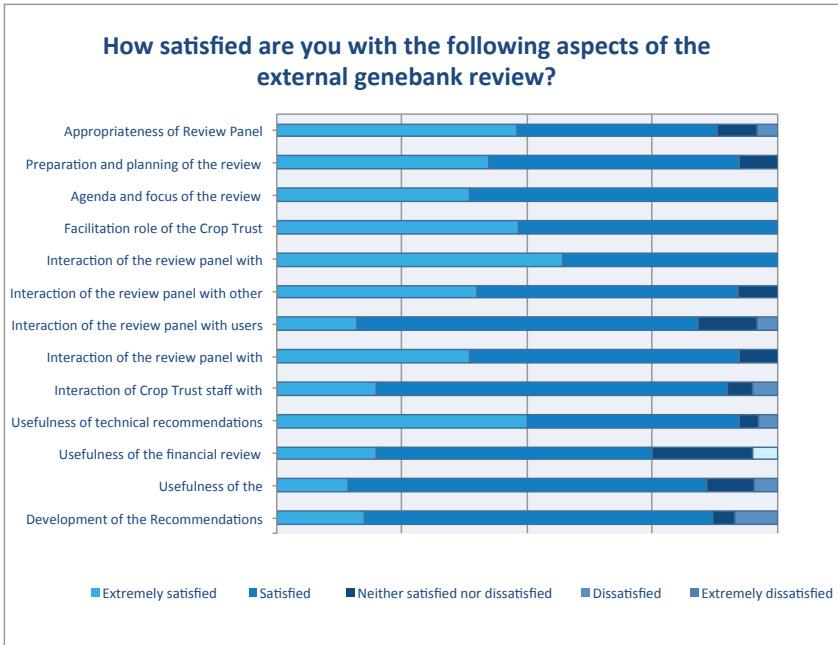
- “QMS is really useful to standardize the way we are working and bring it to the best standards possible”
- CGIAR Genebank Manager
- “Overall positive. Important to raise the QMS flag towards Centers’ management, particularly human resources” - CGIAR Genebank Manager

Have the CRP's activities to strengthen QMS and information management systems been beneficial?



Satisfaction with the External Genebank Reviews

The monitoring of genebank performance also includes external technical and financial reviews every 5 years. The recommendations from these reviews guide the development of action plans to tackle specific technical and financial challenges in the conservation and use of the collections.

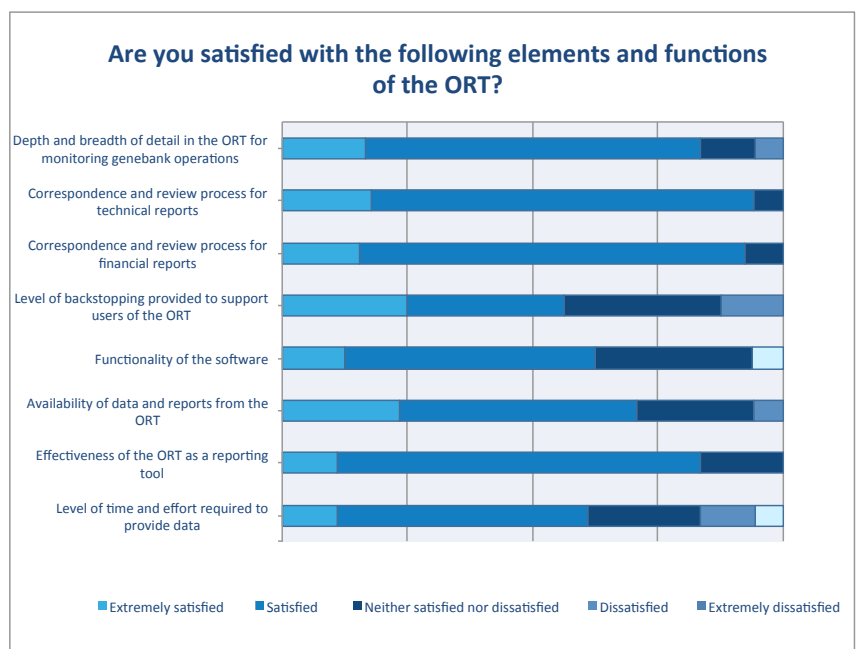


- “Very well organized and facilitated” - **External Reviewer**
- “Very helpful in bringing the genebanks up to international standards for long-term storage and funding of genetic resource conservation” - **CGIAR Senior Management**
- The review team was good, though a strong one, and the technical recommendations were appropriate and expected” - **CGIAR Genebank Manager**

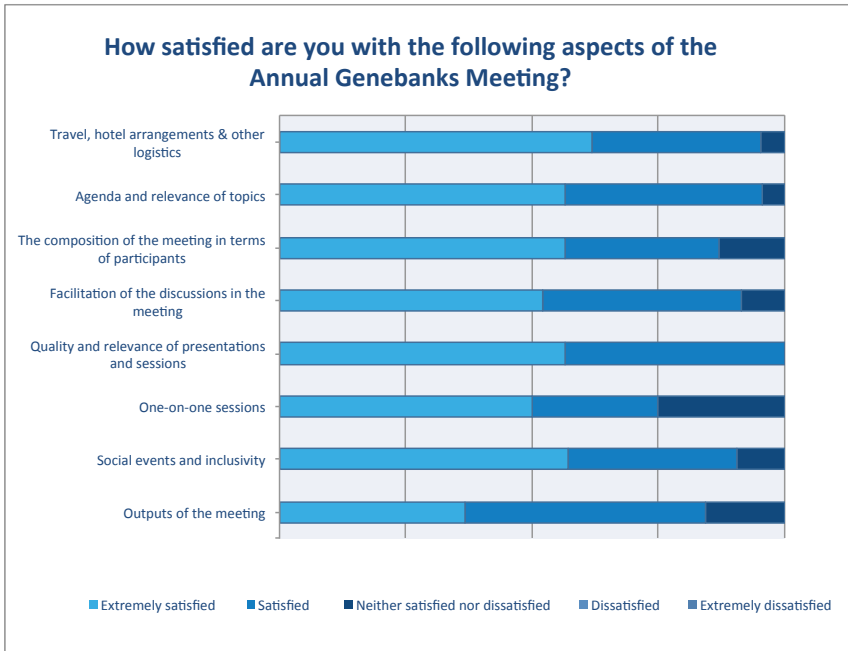
Satisfaction with the Online Reporting Tool

Genebank managers provide technical and financial reports to the Crop Trust through an Online Reporting Tool (ORT)

- “Gathers data in a uniform way each year which provides consistency across years. Ensures banks know what data they need to monitor for the Trust. Provides a means for the Trust to monitor and record performance” - **External Reviewer**
- “This is a really good system that other CRPs should be using” - **CGIAR Genebank Manager**
- “Quite useful, especially since it was simplified” - **CGIAR Genebank Staff**



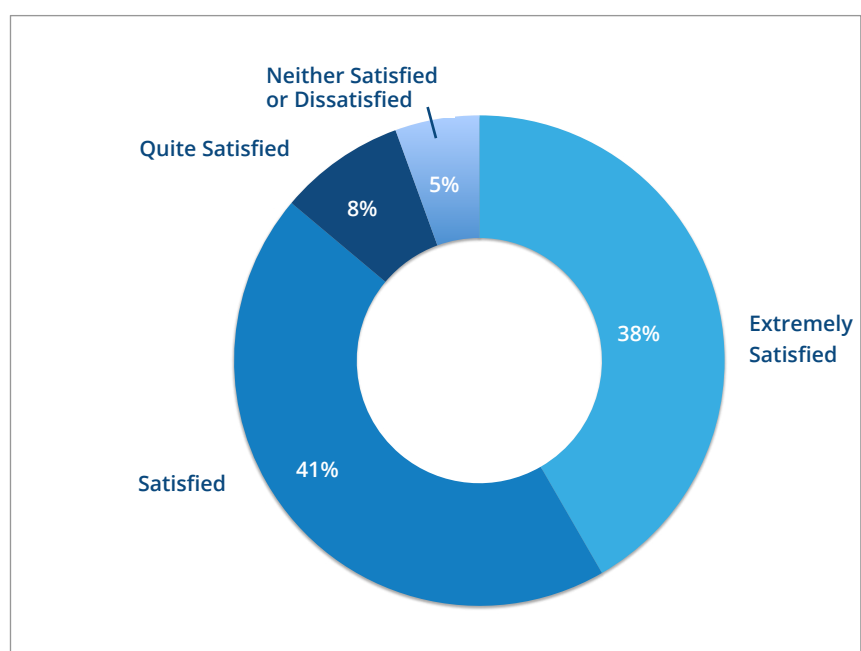
Satisfaction with Annual Genebanks Meeting (AGM)



- “Excellent platform for sharing information, achievements, challenges and most important of all, trust (team work). Camaraderie among the genebank managers and the Crop Trust was amazing, something that should be replicated in other CRPs” - **CGIAR Genebank Staff**
- “AGM provides a unique opportunity to work on issues common to all genebanks, to understand those that are unique, and to focus on the importance of the mission of conserving and utilizing PGR” - **External Reviewer**

Overall Response from Genebank Managers

- “The Crop Trust is amazingly thorough, professional and effective” - **External Reviewer**
- The Trust has helped raise and unify standards across the system, has focused on understanding GB needs to ensure equitable support and has developed measures of accountability. The end results are well managed genebanks” - **External Reviewer**
- “The Crop Trust set good criteria: international standards, value for the money, push towards quality germplasm products. Let us stick to them” - **CGIAR Genebank Manager**



What will we do with the survey results?

The survey feedback has provided strong overall support for the Crop Trust's performance as Project Manager of the Genebanks CRP. It has also provided suggestions for improvement. In preparing a new program for 2017-2021, we have an opportunity to establish teams to lead specific collective activities on cryobanking, seed longevity, data management and partnerships with national programmes. We would also like to evolve the team of external reviewers and advisors into a more permanent advisory committee. In this period of proposal development, we welcome your feedback.

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