

Awards & Recognitions

Member Garden of BGCI 2006

M S Swaminathan Botanical Garden (MSSBG) is the member garden of Botanic Garden Conservation International

Best Green Institution Award 2008

Recognised by Kerala State Biodiversity Board for conservation and documentation of over 2000 RET plants

Lead Garden for RET Plants 2010

MoEFCC, GoI, recognition for CAbC garden

Satoyama Initiative member 2010

CAbC is the first member organisation from India to join the International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative

IUCN member organisation 2013

CAbC is an active partner of IUCN since 2013

Social Development Award 2017

Department of Biotechnology, under Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI, award for best social development organisation

KSCTSTE Grant-in-Aid Institution 2018

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology, and Environment recognition



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1997



**M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation
Community Agrobiodiversity Centre**

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



Community Agrobiodiversity Centre, Wayanad

The MSSRF Community Agrobiodiversity Centre (CAbC), established in 1997 in Wayanad district, Kerala, aims to promote community conservation systems through research, extension and advocacy by working in partnership with rural and tribal communities. Activities are designed to ensure social prosperity through conservation, also sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity, along with technology development and dissemination. CAbC's work in the promotion of family farming, integrated tribal development, and conservation of RETs are widely recognised across Kerala.



Our Reach

- 110 GRIs
- 152 RETs conserved
- 582 Nutrition Gardens
- 600 Medicinal Plants conserved
- 43 Roots & Tubers conserved



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Conservation and Enhancement

Focuses mainly on conservation, enhancement and sustainable utilisation of agro-biodiversity for better socio-economic and ecological balance along with conservation and documentation of Rare, Endemic and Threatened (RET) plant species and medicinal plants of ethnobotanical applications

Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security

Focus is on improving the livelihoods of the economically and socially marginalised communities through appropriate interventions, use of bio-inputs, medicinal plants nurseries, and alternate livelihoods training for better food and income security



OUR WORK



The Community Training Centre lays emphasis on training the local communities so as to empower tribal men, women and children with knowledge and skills to manage local biodiversity and to encourage sustainable agricultural practices. Dissemination of evidence-based science to various stakeholders is also undertaken

Education, Communication & Training

A major function of the garden is promotion of shade farms with integration of Rare, Endemic and Threatened (RET) tree species, especially in the coffee plantations. The garden will expand its area to another 100 acres by way of involving 100 custodian farmers in and around the Kalpetta region, essentially for conservation of RET species

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