

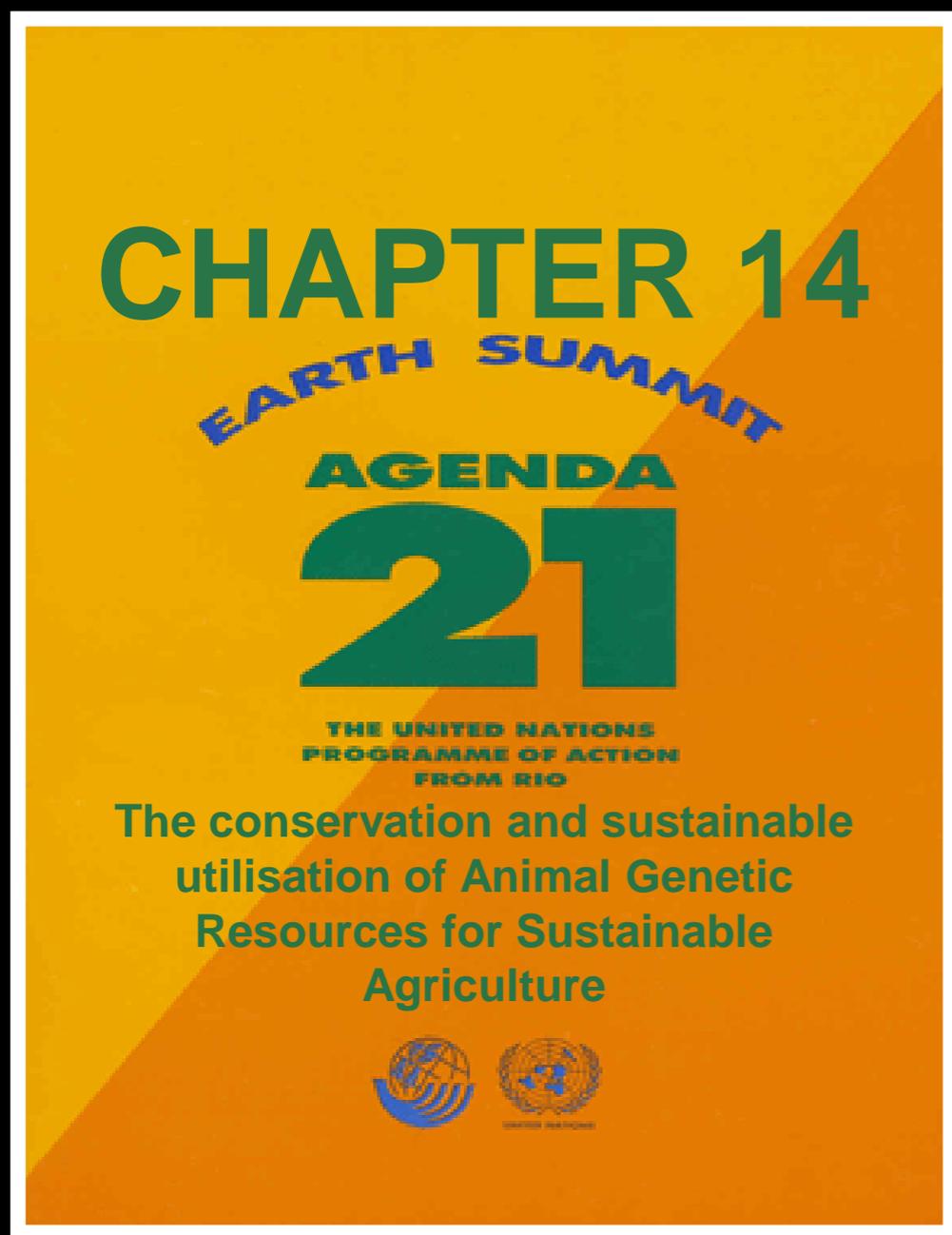
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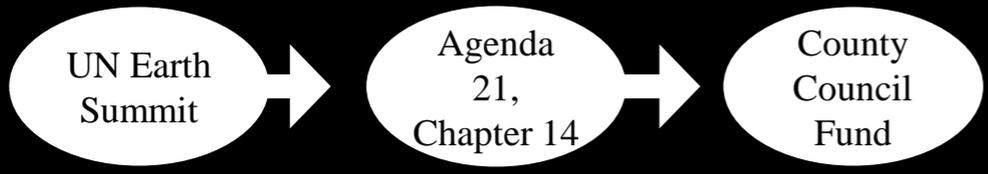
"Animal Genetic Resources are the most valuable and strategically important assets a country possesses. They are the animal breeder's raw material and amongst the farmer's most essential inputs."

- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (2009)

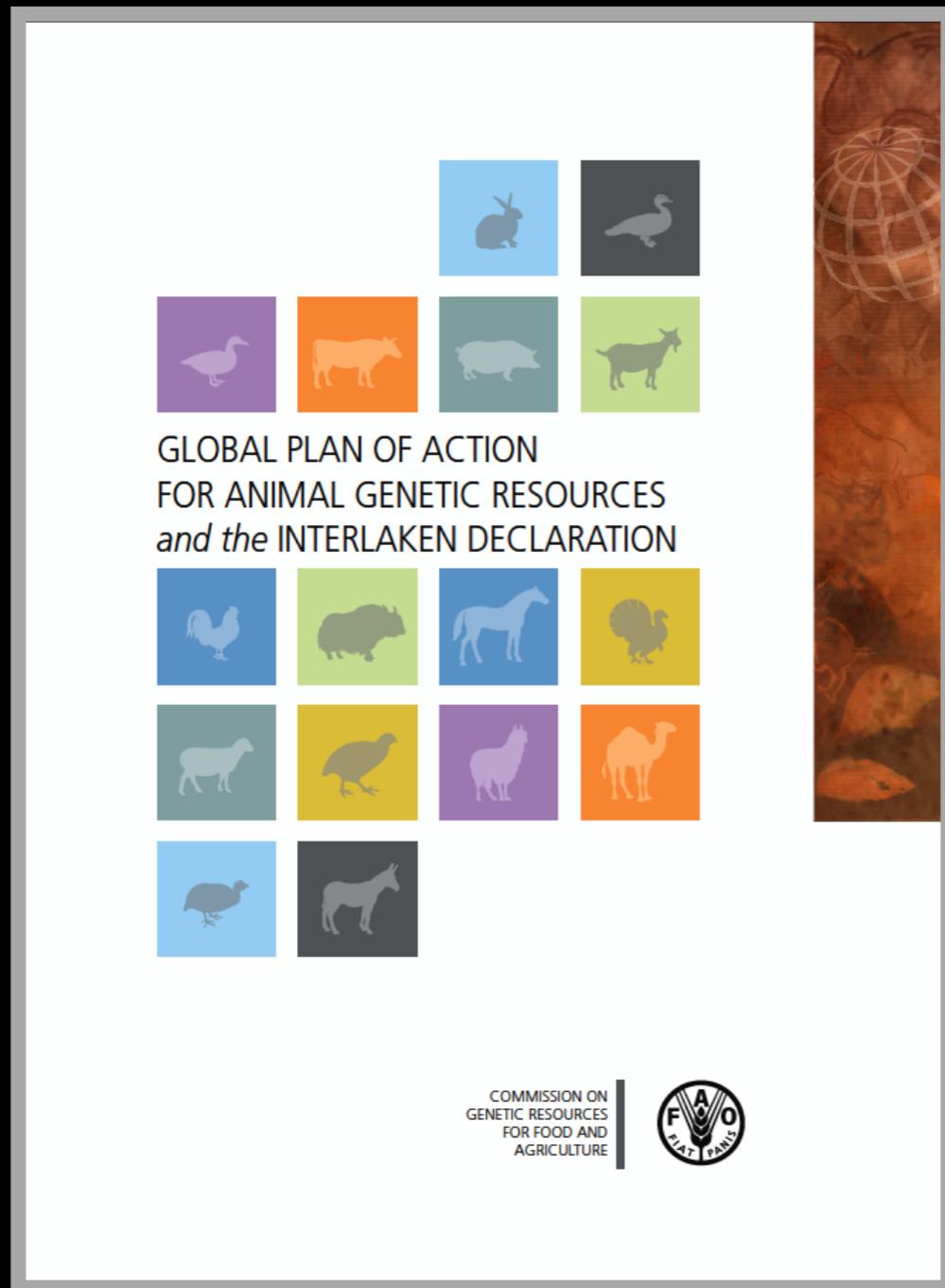
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- Local animal breeds, have a socio-cultural value along with unique attributes for adaptation, disease resistance and specific uses and should be preserved
- Where indigenous breeds are endangered, national capacities should be strengthened so that stakeholders can be enabled to implement programmes that take preventive action and guarantee their survival
- A cohort of indigenous breeds should be selected and kept for preservation of type and not for development



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- We, the representatives of 109 states, note with alarm, the significant ongoing loss of livestock breeds
- We are convinced of the utmost importance of integrating Animal Genetic Resources into National Biodiversity and Agricultural Programmes for humanity, the environment and our cultural heritage.
- The lawful responsibility to record, monitor, research, develop, manage and conserve genetic resources rests with national governments. International and national capacities must now demonstrate sustained political will and mobilise the considerable resources needed



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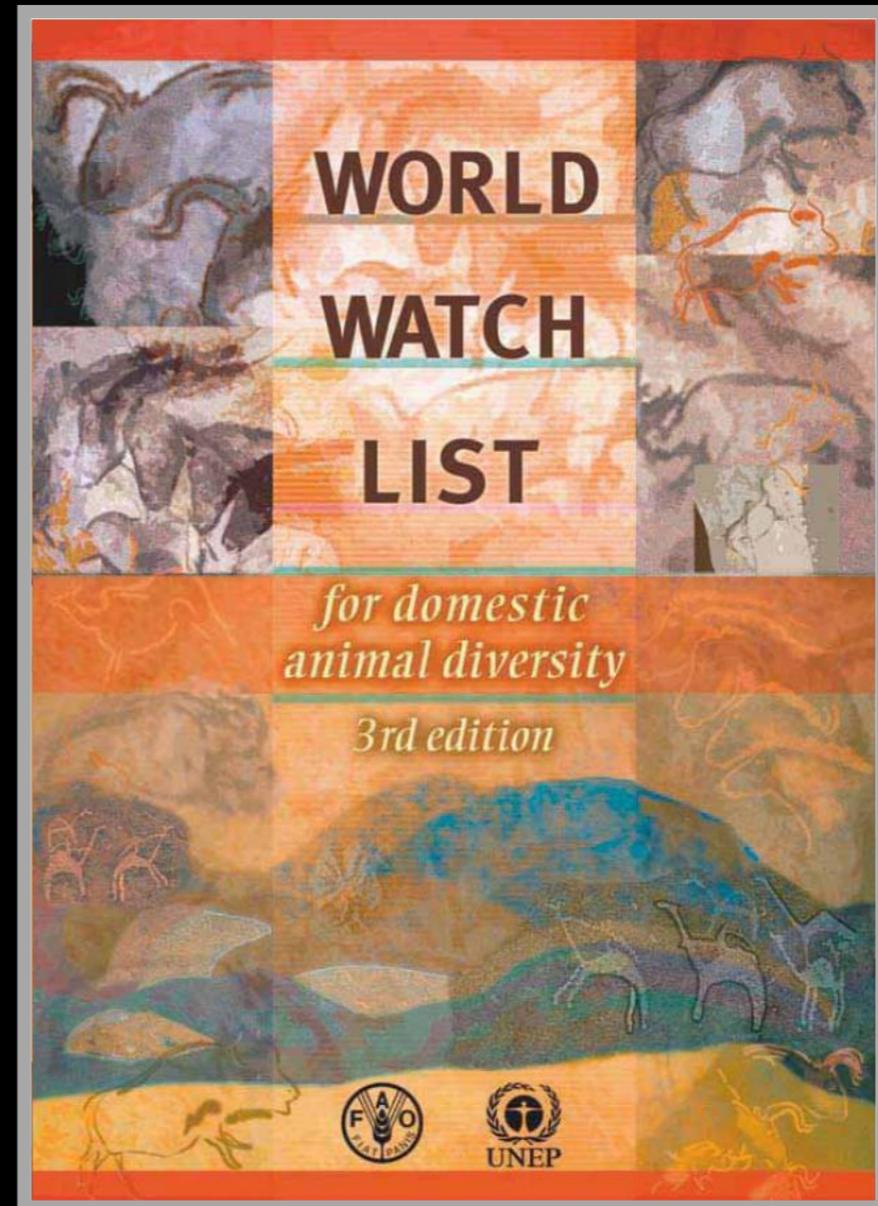
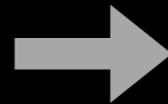
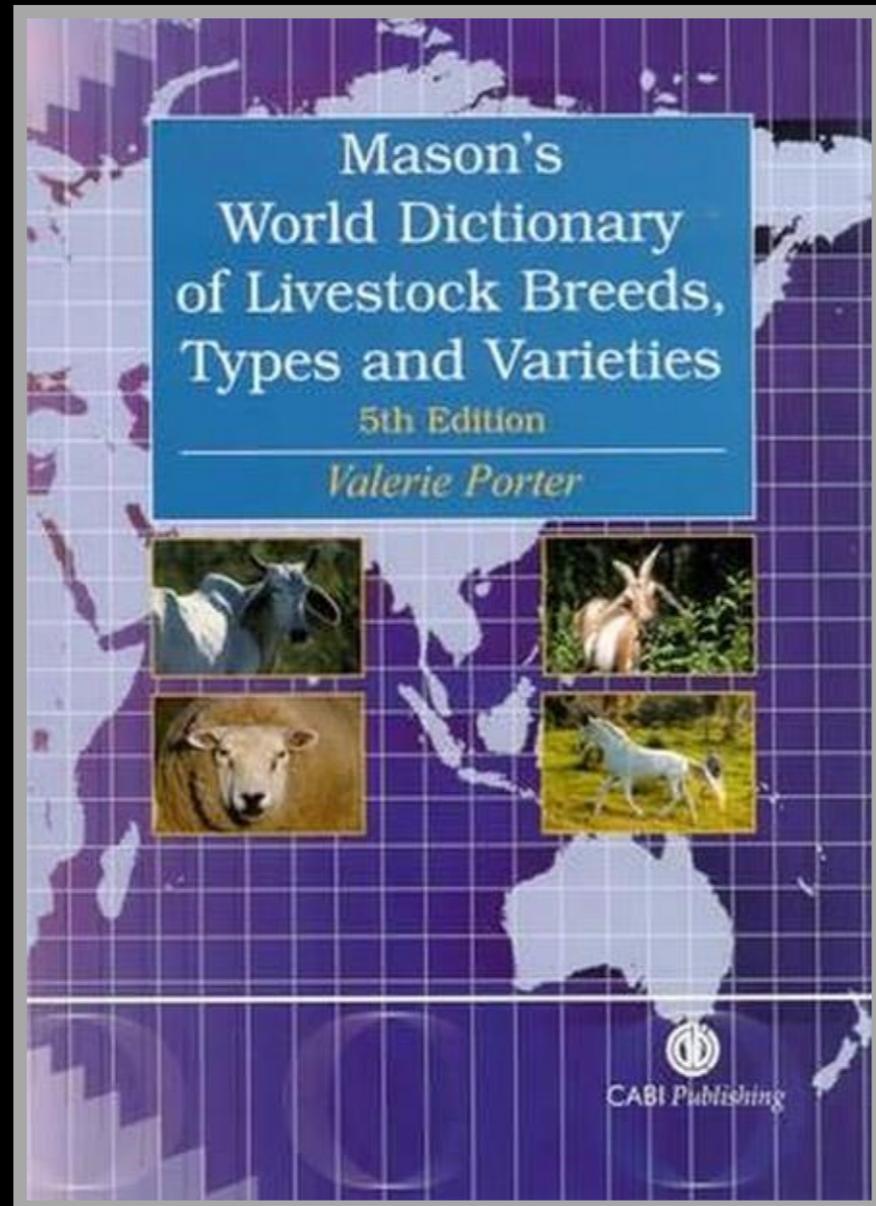


The National Biodiversity Plan's (2011 - 2016) Precautionary Principle states that:

"If there is a threat of significant loss of biological diversity, lack of scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to avoid or minimise such a threat."

The National Biodiversity Plan was developed through Ireland ratifying the Convention on Biological Diversity in at the 1992 Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro

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To effectively inventory and characterise Animal Genetic Resources so that population monitoring is enabled and early warning systems can be put in place

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Thank you