

# Overview of Biotech/GM Crop Adoption in Asia, 2016

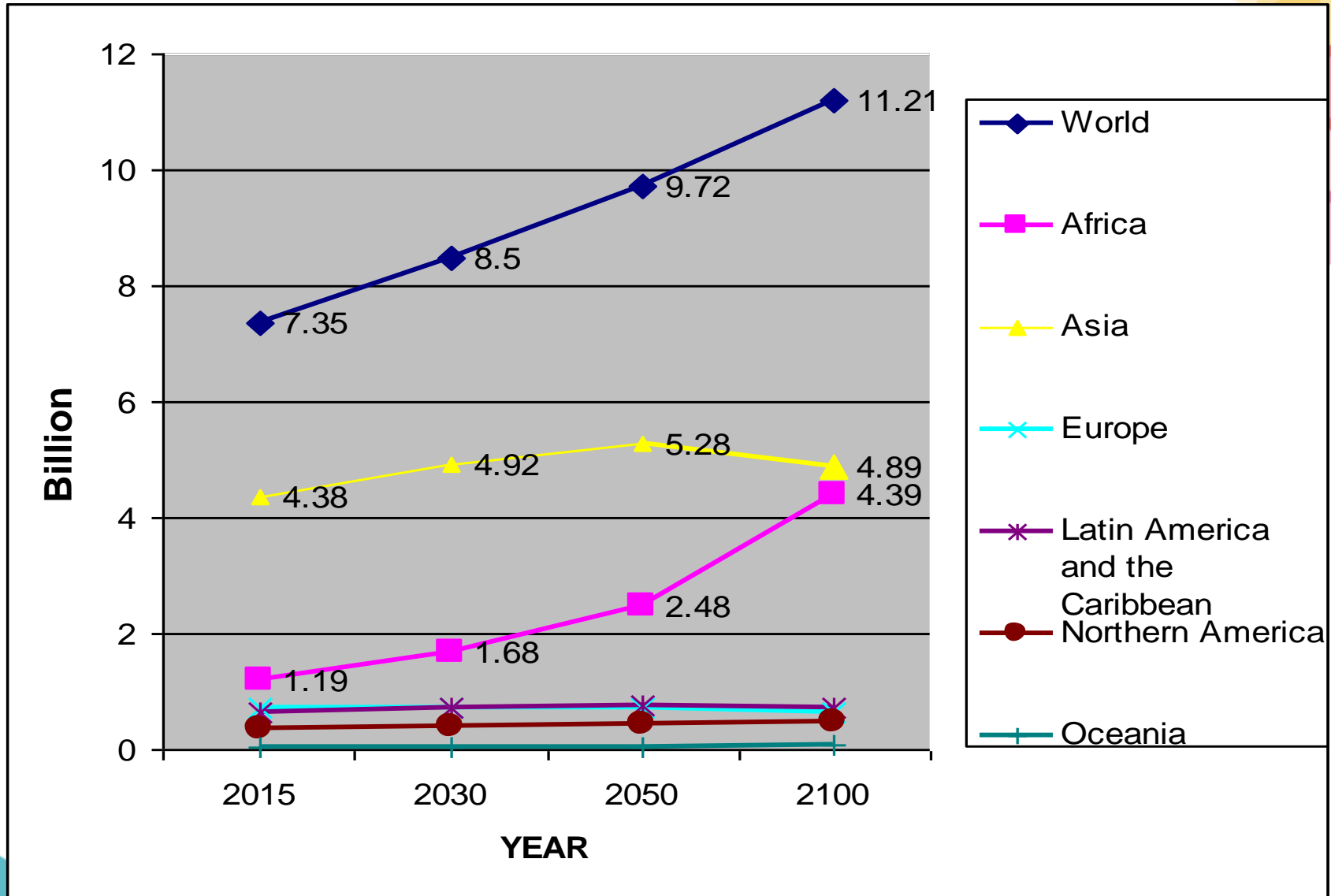
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# 60% of Global Population in 2015 is in Asia



Source: World Population Prospects, 2015 UN Revision



## Top 20 Countries by Population in 2017, (Million)

Country	Population	Country	Population
1. China*	1,387	11. Japan*	126
2. India*	1,339	12. Ethiopia	104
3. USA	326	13. Philippines*	103
4. Indonesia*	263	14. Vietnam*	95
5. Brazil	211	15. Egypt	95
6. Pakistan*	196	16. D.R. Congo	82
7. Nigeria	191	17. Iran	81
8. Bangladesh*	164	18. Germany	81
9. Russia	143	19. Turkey	81
10. Mexico	130	20. Thailand*	68

**\*9 countries out of the top 20 are from Asia**

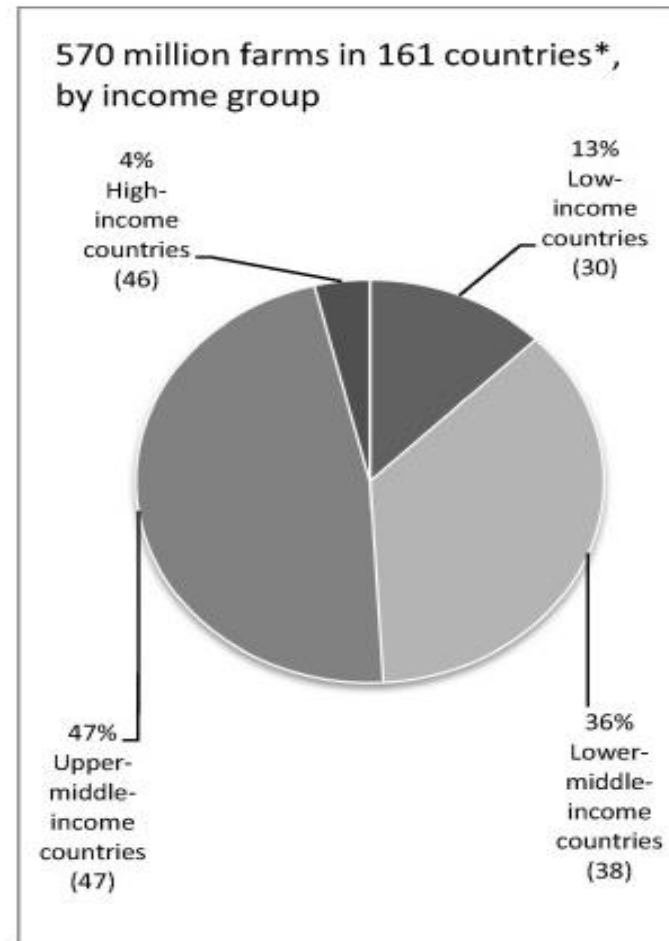
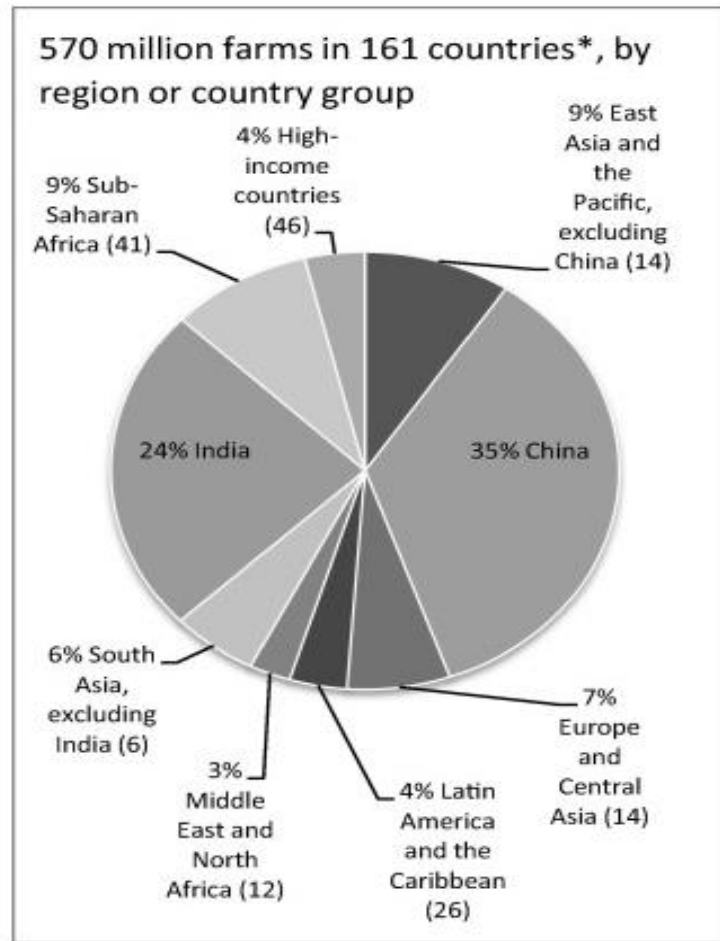
Source: <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/>

## Small-Holder Farmers in Selected Asian Countries (Million)

<b>Asia</b>	<b># of Small Farms (Million)</b>	<b>% of Total Farmers in the Country</b>
China	189	98%
India	98	82%
Indonesia	22	89%
Vietnam	10	95%
Pakistan	4	58%
Philippines	3	68%
Thailand	2	37%

Source: Proctor and Luchesi, 2012

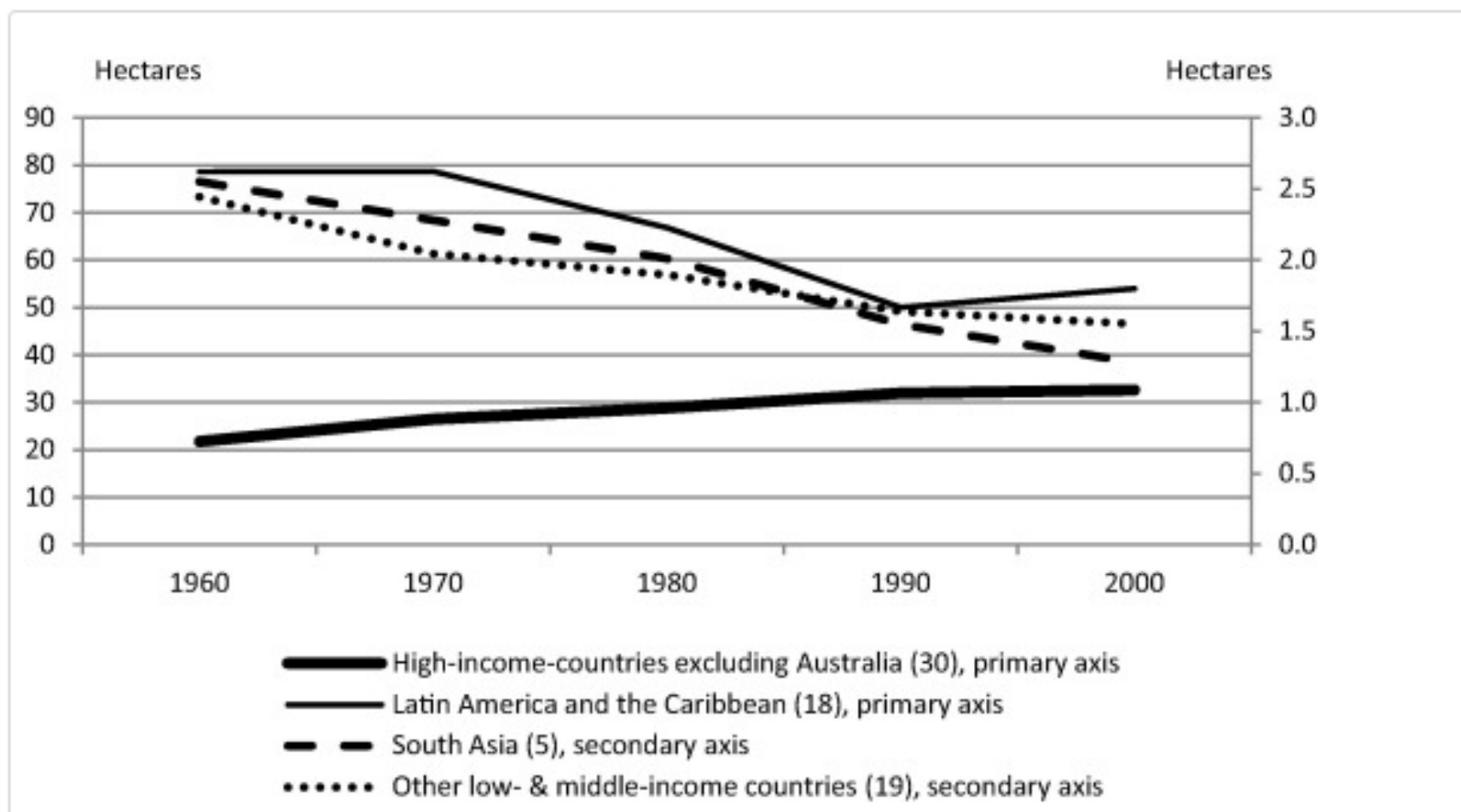
# Shares of Farms Worldwide by Region and Income Groupings



India and China have highest percentage of farm holdings (left), they belong to LMI and UMI countries, respectively.

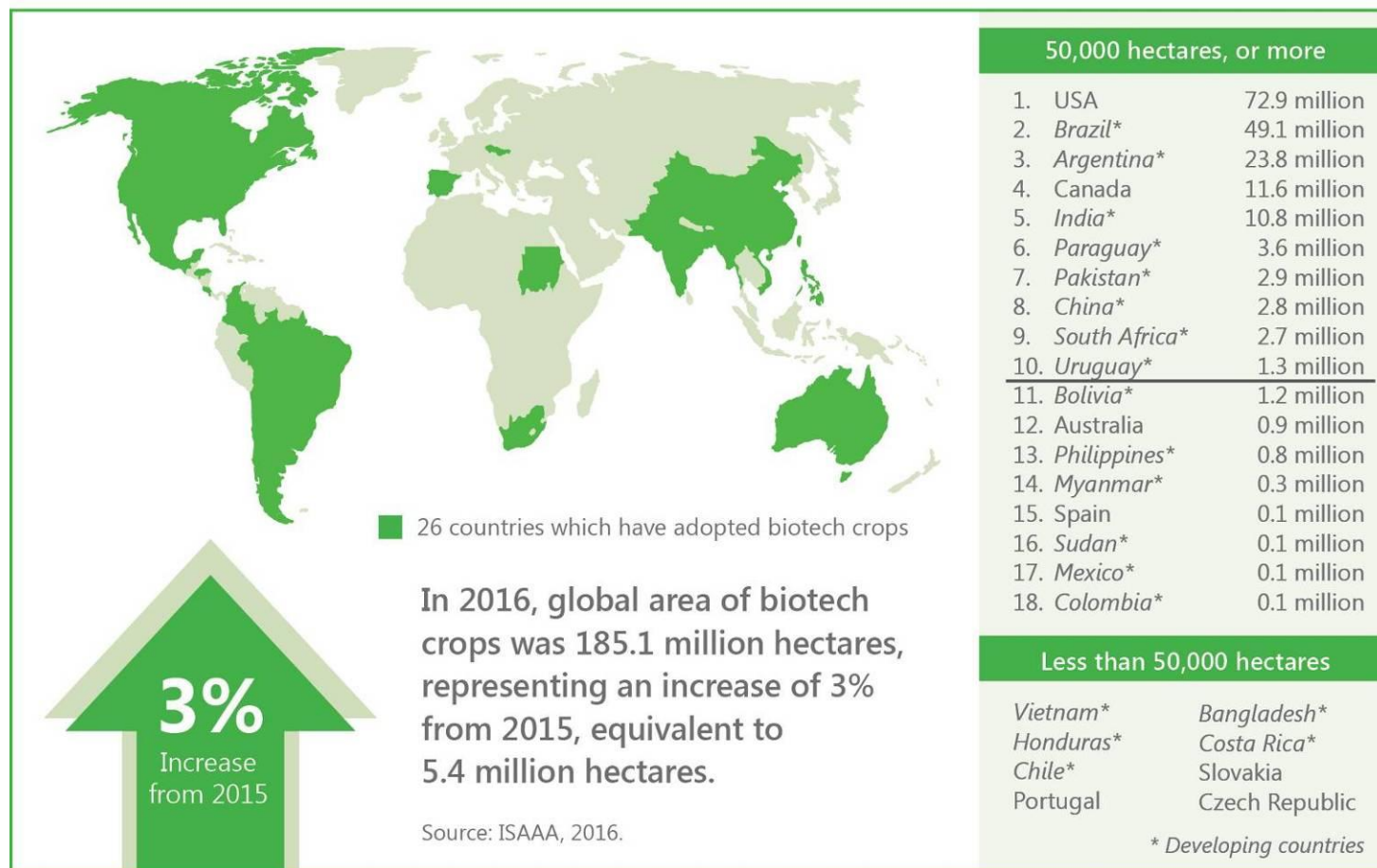
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# Average Farm Size



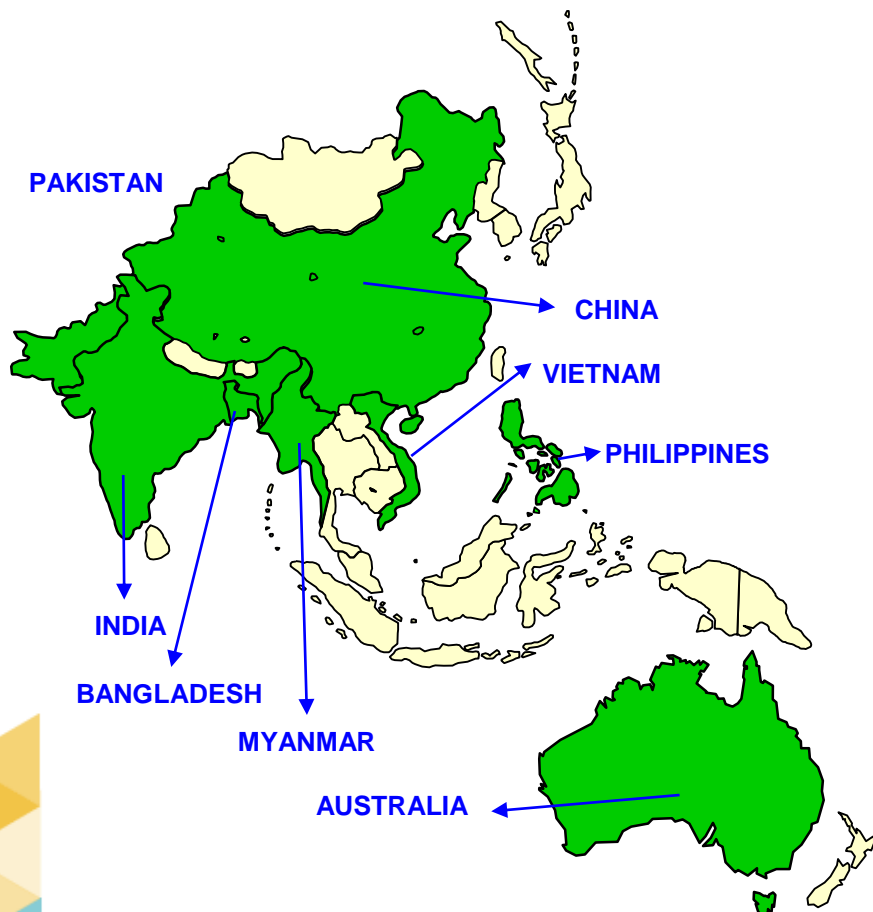
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# Global Area of Biotech Crops, 2016: By Country (Million Hectares)



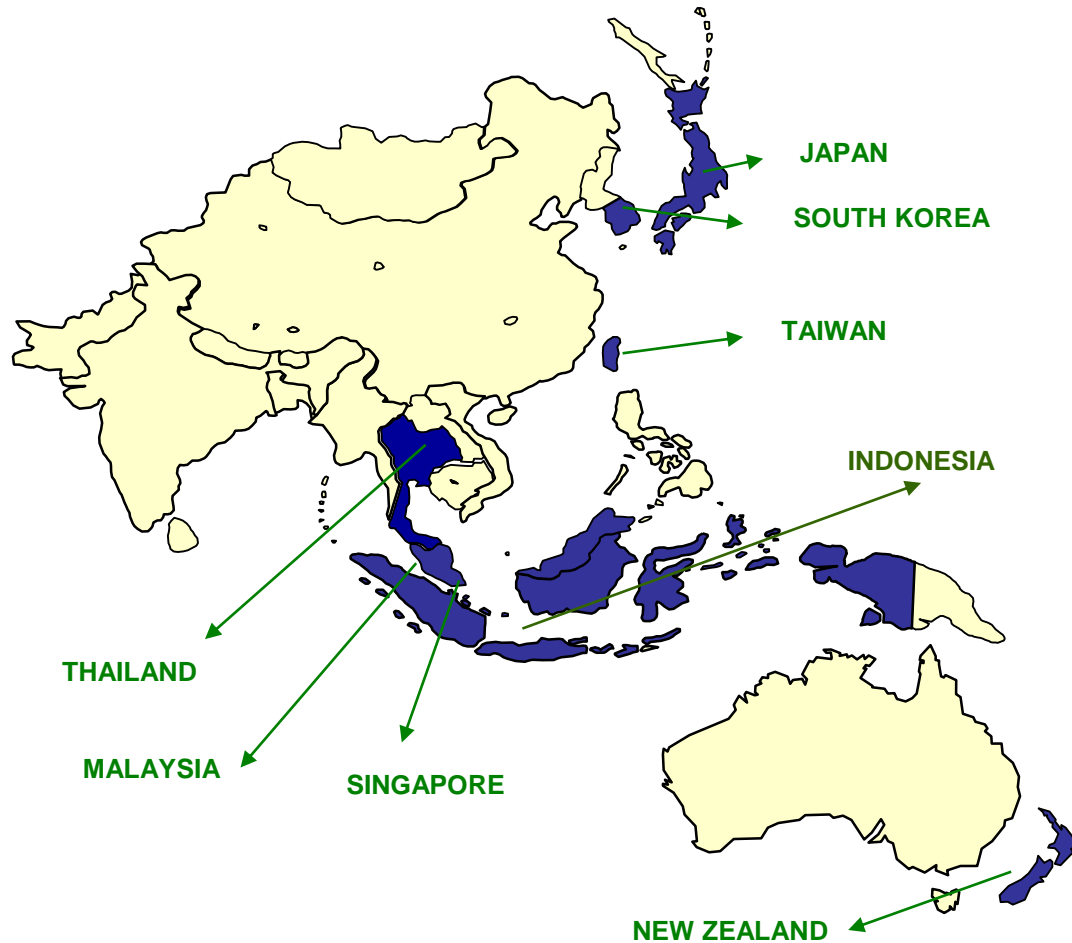
- Top five countries: 3 Dev countries (Brazil, Argentina, and India) and 2 Industrial countries (USA and Canada) grew 91% of biotech crops

## 8 Biotech Crop Planting Countries in Asia Pacific 2016



Country	Crops	Hectares
India	Cotton	10.8 M
Pakistan	Cotton	2.9 M
China	Cotton, Papaya,	2.8 M
Australia	Cotton, canola	0.9 M
Philippines	Maize	0.7 M
Myanmar	Cotton	0.3 M
Vietnam	Maize	35,000
Bangladesh	Eggplant	700

## 8 Non-Biotech Crop Planting Countries/Regions in Asia and Oceania with Recorded Food, Feed and Processing Approvals



# India - #1 cotton producer

- 15 years of biotech cotton commercialization
- Biotech cotton planted on 10.8 M Ha, by 7.2 million farmers, 0.8 M Ha less than 2015
- 96% adoption rate compared to 95% in 2015
- Economic gain of \$19.6 billion (2002-2015)
- Biotech crops in the pipeline:
  - High yielding DMH-11 hybrid mustard
  - desi IR cotton varieties of *G. arboreum* and *G. herbaceum*
  - Biosafety regulations for GM crops streamlined

# Pakistan – approved stacked maize events for cultivation

- Planted Bt cotton for the 7<sup>th</sup> year
- Bt cotton planted on 2.9 M ha at 97% adoption by 725,000 farmers
- Economic benefits of \$4.3 billion (2010-2015)
- Study by Kaiser et al, 2016 indicated the 55% increased demand for female farm workers with Bt cotton
- 34 Bt cotton varieties and four IR/HT maize events were approved for cultivation by the Biosafety Committee
- Potential of 1.1 million hectares biotech maize

# China – government commits to a strong biotech country

- 19 years of biotech cotton commercialization
- Planted Bt cotton (2.8 M ha, 95% adoption by >5 M farmers), PRSV-R papaya (8,550 ha), and Bt poplar (543 ha)
- Economic gain of \$18.6 billion
- Large potential for biotech potato adoption, considered 4<sup>th</sup> staple crop

# Australia – 29% increase in biotech crop area

- One of the six pioneer biotech crop countries
- Planted 852,000 hectares of biotech crops: 405,000 hectares biotech cotton - a 90% increase from 2015 at 100% adoption and 447,000 hectares biotech canola
- Estimated benefits of \$1 billion (1996-2015)
- Biotech crops in the pipeline: DT wheat, multi-trait sugarcane, and disease-R banana
- Western Australian parliament repealed the GMO Crops-Free Areas Act 2003

# Philippines – 16% increase in biotech maize area

- Planted biotech maize for 14 years by more than 406,000 farmers at 65% adoption rate
- 812,000 hectares planted to biotech maize an increase of 16% from 2015 (702,000 hectares)
- \$642 million (2003-2015) economic benefits
- Biotech crops in the pipeline: Golden Rice, Bt cotton, PRSV-R papaya, and Bt eggplant
- Bt eggplant case was ruled moot and academic – much clearer commercialization opportunity
- New country regulation being developed and harmonized for more expeditious approval

# Myanmar – continued planting of home-grown Bt cotton varieties

- Planted Bt cotton for 10 years
- Home-grown Bt cotton varieties *Ngwe chi 6* and *9* planted on 350,000 hectares (93%) adoption by 460,000 small holder farmers
- Economic benefits of \$308 million (2006-2015)
- Government recognized the need to enact a Biosafety Law to facilitate entry of biotech products in the country.

# Vietnam – 10-fold increase in biotech maize planting

- Planted 35,000 ha of stacked IR/HT maize; 10-fold increase from 3,500 ha in 2015 (first year of commercialization)
- Various field trials of biotech maize events being conducted
- Approved 22 events for food and feed; including 4 for commercialization
- Potential to increase biotech maize adoption with demands for pork and poultry feeds

# Bangladesh – only country in Asia planting biotech food crop

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year of cultivating Bt brinjal at 700 hectares by 2,500 farmers
- An exemplary model of continuing political support from the Minister of Agriculture Hon. Matia Chowdhury
- Guidelines for Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) notified by MOEF
- Seventh Five Year Plan (2016-2020) placed emphasis on crop improvement through various means including biotechnology
- Economic benefit of US\$1,868 per hectare; potential of US\$200 M per year for 150,000 brinjal farmers
- Biotech crops in the pipeline in various stages of approval
  - 3 Bt brinjal varieties for commercialization, and two varieties for field trials;
  - late blight resistant potato, Bt cotton, Golden Rice

# Future Prospects and Potentials

- Multi trait biotech cotton in Asia
- 60 M ha for biotech maize in Asia = 35 M ha in China alone
- 11 M ha for DT sugarcane in Asia = 5 M ha in India alone
- 1.7M ha for Bt eggplant in Asia; potential in China (0.8 M ha), India (0.7 M ha), and Philippines (0.02 M ha)
- 10M ha potato in Asia: potential in China (6 M ha), India (2 M ha), Bangladesh (0.5 M ha), Indonesia (76,000 ha)

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## Mission

Help alleviate poverty and hunger in developing countries through the use of biotechnology

## Approach

Facilitate sharing of information and experiences on crop biotechnology through a global network

Transfer and deliver appropriate biotechnology applications to developing countries

