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Dear Ms. Hingston,

It is my pleasure to provide a letter of support to Food Plant Solutions.

Clearly the work of Food Plant Solutions aligns very closely with the objectives of Bioversity International, particularly with regard to the need to respond and provide information and technical support to groups interested in making greater use of underutilised species in developing countries to address hunger, malnutrition and food security issues.

One of the greatest barriers to promoting and reviving interest in the use of traditional food crops has been the lack of information on their nutritional properties, an obstacle that both Food Plant Solutions and Bioversity are trying to address by documenting and generating reliable data on the nutritional properties of traditional crops. Efforts undertaken by Food Plant Solutions to document existing information to positively impact nutrition development programmes and food assistance in developing countries are to be greatly commended. As is its focus on raising awareness of the nutritional value of local food plants.

In conclusion, given the much needed improvement to the quality and diversity of diets worldwide and the demand for alternative and sustainable approaches to solving malnutrition, I fully support the efforts of Food Plant Solutions as they seek to provide guidance to new and existing projects that have the resources and ability to deliver the message and implement programs on the ground by making greater use of local food plants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Tutwiler".

Ann Tutwiler
Director General

