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POSITION STATEMENT ON BIODIVERSITY

Earth is home to millions of species of plants, animals and microorganisms that inhabit the ecosystems responsible for providing food and other essentials for life. The wellbeing of agriculture and of communities around the world depends on biodiversity and the landscapes and ecosystems it supports. The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) defines “biological diversity” as the variability among living organisms from all sources including, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems. At Monsanto, we understand and value the importance of biodiversity for agriculture and society at large. We work to conserve and promote the sustainable use of biodiversity within species, between species, and of ecosystems as it relates to our research, products and practices. Our position is informed and guided by the CBD and its objectives, which include the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and landscapes, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources.