## Multi-Crop Passport Descriptors (in GRIN-Global)



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The FAO/BIOVERSITY Multi-Crop Passport Descriptors (MCPD V.2.1 ) is the result of a thorough revision of the original publication released by FAO/IPGRI in 2001. This document describes how GRIN-Global handles these descriptors. See the [table of contents](#descriptors) for the Descriptors.

The FAO document can be found at:  
<https://www.bioversityinternational.org/e-library/publications/detail/faobioversity-multi-crop-passport-descriptors-v21-mcpd-v21/>

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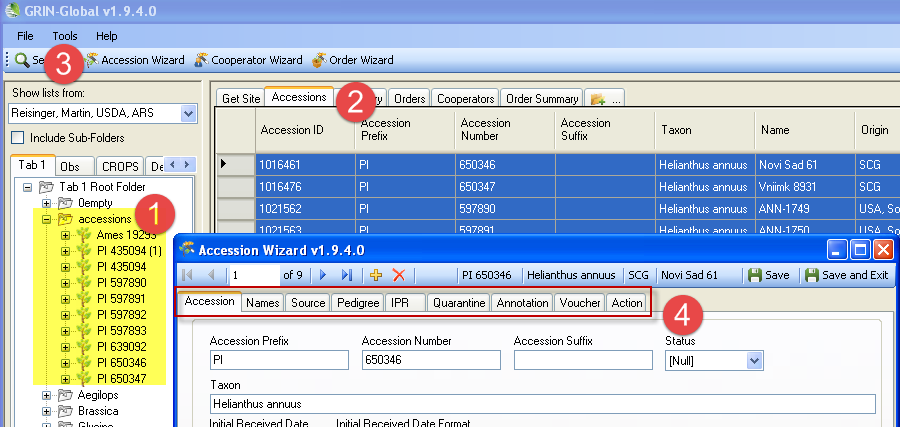
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Comments/Suggestions

Please contact [feedback@grin-global.org](mailto:feedback@grin-global.org) with any suggestions or questions related to this document. The [Appendix](#appendix_revision_notes) revision notes contains this document’s revision notes.

##### How are Passport Descriptors handled in the Curator Tool?

In general, passport data is stored in the Accession tables. “Tables” (plural) because there is the main Accession table and multiple children accession tables. There are also multiple accession\_inventory tables which are children to the main accession table. In the Curator Tool, the **Accession** and the **Accession\_Inventory** dataviews are used to access this data.

For a specific accession, the simplest way to display or edit its passport data is to select the accession record in the data grid (the accession dataview is the displayed dataview) and then start the accession wizard. Using the wizard, you can easily review the related accession dataviews where much (but not all) of the passport data is stored. (Germplasm data will be found in the Inventory dataviews.)   


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The following table indicates where passport data is stored in GRIN-Global:

| **MCPD\*** | **GRIN-Global** |
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| 0. Persistent Unique Identifier (PUID)  The Secretariat of the International Treaty on PGRFA is facilitating the assignment of a persistent unique identifier (PUID), in the form of a DOI, to PGRFA at the accession level. (<http://www.planttreaty.org/doi>).  See also: <http://www.fao.org/3/I8840EN/i8840en.pdf> | **Accession** dataview: **Digital Object Identifier** field  Prior to GG server version 1.10.4, DOIs were handled by creating an accession\_inventory\_name record.  In server release 1.10.4, the DOI field was added to the schema and the accession dataview was modified. In later releases, an index and the Public Website will be modified to handle searches for DOIs.  Use the accession dataview to edit the DOI field, labeled as **Digital Object Identifier**. Refer to the Guide <https://www.grin-global.org/docs/gg_doi.docx> for directions for using DOI’s in GG. |
| 1. Institute Code (INSTCODE)   |  | | --- | | FAO WIEWS code of the institute where the accession is maintained. The codes consist of the 3-letter ISO 3166 country code of the country where the institute is located plus a number (e.g. COL001). For institutes, the codes from FAO WIEWS should be used. The current set of Institute Codes is available from the FAO WIEWS site (<http://www.fao.org/wiews>). For those institutes not yet having an FAO Code, or for those with 'obsolete' codes, see 'Common formatting rules (v)' | | **Site** dataview: **FAO Institute Number** field  In GRIN-Global, institute and organization data is stored in the Cooperator table. Note that this table does not have a field to hold FAO WIEWS code.  However, the accession record has a MAINTENANCE SITE field – this field is Read-only and is the site with which the accession owner is associated. To get to the FAO WIEWS code, you need the accession’s MAINTENANCE SITE field and join it to the Site table.  Use the **Site** dataview to edit the Site records to maintain the FAO institute codes. |
| 2. Accession Number (ACCENUMB)  This number serves as a unique identifier for accessions within a genebank, and is assigned when a sample is entered into the genebank collection (e.g. PI 113869) | **Accession** dataview: **Accession** -**Prefix, -Number** and -**Suffix** fields  Collectively, these three fields comprise the Accession’s identifier. Every accession must have a unique identifier; an organization can use up to three fields to create this identifier. Examples: PI 500001 or VIR 123456 2001. If the organization only uses accession\_number\_part1 for the identifier, then each one must be unique. If the organization uses either of the other two fields -- accession\_number\_part2 or \_part3, then the two or three accession\_number\_ parts, when combined, must be unique. |
| 3. Collecting Number (COLLNUMB)  Original identifier assigned by the collector(s) of the sample, normally composed of the name or initials of the collector(s) followed by a number (e.g. FM9909”). This identifier is essential for identifying duplicates held in different collections. | **Accession\_Inv\_Name** dataview: **Name** field  Input name fields in the **Accession\_Inv\_Name** dataview. Although an Accession can have multiple names (and therefore multiple name records), only one name can be listed in the Accession dataview. (Some refer to this name as the “top name.”) If an accession does not have any related records in the accession\_inv\_name table, the Name field is empty. When an accession has multiple related name records, the name displayed in the Accession dataview is the name with the lowest **Name Rank** value in the Accession\_Inv\_Name table. \* |
| 4. Collecting institute Code (COLLCODE)  FAO WIEWS code of the institute collecting the sample. If the holding institute has collected the material, the collecting institute code (COLLCODE) should be the same as the holding institute code (INSTCODE). Follows INSTCODE standard. | Refer to the GRIN-Global column for **Institute Code.** |
| 4.1 Collecting Institute Name (COLLNAME)  Name of the institute collecting the sample. This descriptor should be used only if COLLCODE cannot be filled because the FAO WIEWS code for this institute is not available. | The **Cooperator** table is used to store to cooperators (individuals or organizations). Add the Institute to the **Cooperator** table via the Cooperator dataview or the Cooperator wizard.  For each accession, source cooperators are stored in the **Accession Source** record. The cooperators may be donors, collectors, or developers. (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard to supply the source records and cooperators.) |
| 4.1.1 Collecting Institute Address (COLLINSTADDRESS)  Address of the institute collecting the sample. This descriptor should be used only if COLLCODE cannot be filled because the FAO WIEWS code for this institute is not available. | The address of the institute is stored in the institute’s cooperator record in the **Cooperator** table. |
| 4.2 Collecting Mission Identifier COLLMISSID)  Identifier of the collecting mission used by the Collecting Institute (e.g. CIATFOR-052, CN426) | Three tables are involved.  (1) In the **Accession Inventory Name** dataview, create an inventory **Name**; for **Category**, select **Exploration identifier**. In the record, create a name.  (2) **Exploration** dataview: create an exploration record using the same name as used in step 1.  (3) **Exploration map** dataview: record the cooperators involved with the mission; the map makes it possible to relate (map) multiple collectors to one mission. |
| 5. Genus (GENUS)  Genus name for taxon. Initial uppercase letter required.  6. Species (SPECIES)  Specific epithet portion of the scientific name in lowercase letters. Following abbreviation is allowed: ‘sp.’ | **Accession** dataview: **Taxon** field  When GRIN-Global is installed, an organization has the option to load the taxonomy tables as used in the United States. However, an organization can omit these tables, it can edit them, and it can supplement the tables with the taxonomies preferred by the organization.  The recommendation is to use the GG taxonomy tables as they have been vetted and are continuously maintained. |
| 7. Species Authority (SPAUTHOR)  Provide the authority for the species name.  8. Subtaxa (SUBTAXA)  Subtaxa can be used to store any additional taxonomic identifier. Following abbreviations are allowed: “subsp.” (for subspecies); “convar.” (for convariety); “var.” (for variety); “f.” (for form).  9. Subtaxa Authority (SUBTAUTHOR)  Provide the subtaxa authority at the most detailed taxonomic level. | **Genus** and **Species** dataviews  The **Genus** dataview has a **Genus Authority** field.  The **Species** dataview contains the additional taxonomic identifiers and their respective authority fields: **Species**, **Subspecies**, **Variety**, **Sub-varietal**, **Forma**, and **Taxon**. |
| 10. Common Crop Name (CROPNAME)  Name of the crop in colloquial language, preferably English (i.e. 'malting barley’, 'cauliflower', or 'white cabbage') | **Crop** dataview  Use the **Crop** dataview to store crop names and descriptions.  In GG, the Crop information is indirectly related to the Accession via the Observation records for the Accession. (Only if an accession has observations will there be a relationship to the **Crop** table (and **Crop** field). |
| 11. Accession Name (ACCENAME)  Either a registered or other formal designation given to the accession. First letter uppercase. Multiple names separated with semicolon without space. For example: Rheinische Vorgebirgstrauben;Emma;Avlon | Refer to the description for **Collecting Number**. |
| 12. Acquisition Date [YYYYMMDD] (ACQDATE)  Date on which the accession entered the collection where YYYY is the year, MM is the month and DD is the day. Missing data (MM or DD) should be indicated with hyphens or “00” (double zero). | Use the **Accession Source** dataview.  For each accession, the acquisition dates are stored in the Accession Source record. (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard to supply the source records and cooperators.) |
| 13. Country of Origin (ORIGCTY)  3-letter ISO 3166-1 code of the country in which the sample was originally collected (e.g. landrace, crop wild relative, farmers’ variety), bred or selected (breeding lines, GMOs, segregating populations, hybrids, modern cultivars, etc.). | Use the **Accession\_Source** dataview. Select the **Is Origin?** field; select the source from the **Geography** field.  (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard to supply the source records.) |
| **(Use 14-16 only if accession was collected)**  14. Location of Collecting Site (COLLSITE)  Location information below the country level that describes where the accession was collected. | Use the **Accession\_Source** dataview to store the collector **Formatted Locality** data. |
| 15. Geographical Coordinates  For latitude and longitude coordinates, two alternative formats are proposed, but the one reported by the collecting mission should be used | GG stores the decimal formats (15.1 and 15.3) only. If you need to store the degree formats, you could store these in the **Note** field.  There are many converters online, such as one at <http://andrew.hedges.name/experiments/convert_lat_long/> |
| 15.1 Latitude of Collecting Site (Decimal degrees format) (DECLATITUDE)  Latitude expressed in decimal degrees. Positive values are North of the Equator; Negative values are South of the Equator (e.g. -44.6975)  15.2 Latitude of Collecting Site (LATITUDE)  Degree (2 digits) minutes (2 digits), and seconds (2 digits) followed by N (North) or S (South) (e.g. 103020S). Every missing digit (minutes or seconds) should be indicated with a hyphen. Leading zeros are required (e.g. 10----S; 011530N; 4531--S). | For each accession, the **DECLATITUDE** is stored in the Accession Source record. (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard or **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Latitude** field. ) |
| 15.3 Longitude of Collecting Site (Decimal degrees format) (DECLONGITUDE)  Longitude expressed in decimal degrees. Positive values are East of the Greenwich Meridian; negative values are West of the Greenwich Meridian. (e.g. 120.9123)  15.4 Longitude of collecting site (LONGITUDE)  Degree (3 digits), minutes (2 digits), and seconds (2 digits) followed by E (East) or W (West) (e.g. 0762510W). Every missing digit (minutes or seconds) should be indicated with a hyphen. Leading zeros are required (e.g. 076----W). | The two are mutually exclusive formats for Longitude. GRIN-Global expects latitude data in the Decimal Degrees format.  For each accession, the **DECLONGITUDE** is stored in the Accession Source record.  (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard or the **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Longitude** field. ) |
| 15.5 Coordinate Uncertainty (COORDUNCERT)  Uncertainty associated with the coordinates in meters. Leave the value empty if the uncertainty is unknown. | **Coordinate Uncertainty** is stored in the Accession Source record. Use the Accession Wizard or the **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Uncertainty** field. |
| **15.6 Coordinate Datum**  **(COORDDATUM)**  The geodetic datum or spatial reference system upon which the decimal latitude and longitude coordinates are based (WGS84, ETRS89, NAD83). The GPS uses the WGS84 datum. | **Georeference Datum** is stored in the Accession Source record. Use the Accession Wizard or the **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Georeference Datum** field. |
| 15.7 Georeferencing Method (GEOREFMETH)  The Georeferencing Method used (GPS, determined from map, gazzetteer, or estimated using software. Leave the value empty if the Georeferencing Method is unknown. | **Georeference Protocol** is stored in the Accession Source record. Use the Accession Wizard or the **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Georeference Protocol** field. |
| 16. Elevation of Collecting Site (ELEVATION)  Elevation of collecting site expressed in metres above sea level. Negative values are allowed. | **Elevation Protocol** is stored in the Accession Source record. Use the Accession Wizard or the **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Elevation** field. |
| 17. Collecting Date of Sample [YYYYMMDD] (COLLDATE)  Collecting date of the sample, where YYYY is the year, MM is the month, and DD is the day. Missing data (MM or DD) should be indicated with hyphens or (00) [double –zero.] | **Source Date** is stored in the Accession Source table. Use the Accession Wizard or the **Accession\_Source** dataview to supply the **Source Date** field. |
| 18. Breeding Institute Code (BREDCODE)  FAO WIEWS code of the institute breeding the sample. If the holding institute has collected the material, the breeding institute code (BREDCODE) should be the same as the holding institute code (INSTCODE). Follows INSTCODE standard. | Refer to the GRIN-Global column for **Institute Code.** |
| 18.1. Breeding Institute Name (BREDNAME)  Name of the institute or person who bred the material. This descriptor should be used only if BREDCODE cannot be filled because the FAO WIEWS code for this institute is not available. | The **Cooperator** table is used to store to cooperators (individuals or organizations). Add the Institute to the Cooperator table via the **Cooperator** dataview or the **Cooperator** wizard.  For each accession, cooperators are stored in the Accession Source record. The cooperators may be donors, collectors, or developers. (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard to supply the source records and cooperators.) |
| 19. Biological Status of Accession  (SAMPSTAT) | Coding scheme...wild, weedy, traditional ...  Add the FAO codes to the IMPROVEMENT\_LEVEL Code Group. Used in the **Accession** dataview; **Level of Improvement** field. |
| 20. Ancestral Data (ANCEST)  Information about pedigree or other description of ancestral information (e.g. parent variety in case of mutant or selection). | Use the **Accession Pedigree** dataview. |
| 21. Collecting / Acquisition Source (COLLSRC)  The Coding scheme ... | Specific and General Codes...  Add the FAO values to the **ACCESSION\_SOURCE\_HABITAT\_TYPE** Code Group -- Used in the **Collecting or Acquisition Source** field in the **Accession Source** dataview |
| 22. Donor Institute Code (DONORCODE)  FAP WIEWS code of the donor institute. | The **Cooperator** table is used to store to cooperators (individuals or organizations). Add the Institute to the Cooperator table via the **Cooperator** dataview or the **Cooperator** wizard.  For each accession, cooperators are stored in the Accession Source record. The cooperators may be donors, collectors, or developers. (Recommendation: Use the Accession Wizard to supply the source records and cooperators.) |
| 22.1 Donor Institute Name (DONORNAME) | **The Organization** data is stored in the **Cooperator** table – use the Cooperator Wizard or dataview to enter cooperator data. |
| 23. Donor Institute Number (DONORNUMBER) | **Accession Inventory Name** dataview: **Name** field  Input name fields in the **Accession\_Inv\_Name** dataview. Although an Accession can have multiple names (and therefore multiple name records), only one name can be listed in the Accession dataview. (Some refer to this name as the “top name.”) If an accession does not have any related records in the accession\_inv\_name table, the Name field is empty. When an accession has multiple related name records, the name displayed in the Accession dataview is the name with the lowest **Name Rank** value in the **Accession\_Inv\_Name** table. \* |
| 24. Other Identifiers Associated with the Accession (OTHERNUMB) | Refer to the GRIN-Global description for **Collecting Number**. |
| 25. Location of Safety Duplicates (DUPLSITE)  FAO WIEWS code of the institute(s) where a safety duplicate of the accession is maintained. | **Accession** dataview; **Backup Location 1** and **Backup Location 1** fields. The FAO Institute Numbers are stored In the Site record for each site. |
| 25.1 Institute Maintaining the Safety Duplicate (DUPLINSNAME)  Name of the institute(s) where a safety duplicate of the accession is maintained. | The **Backup Location 1** and **Backup Location 1** fields use the GG Site Codes. The Site Long Name FAO Institute Numbers are stored In the Site record for each site. |
| 26. Type of Germplasm Storage (STORAGE) | Add the FAO values to **GERMPLASM\_FORM** group code |
| 27. MLS Status of the Accession (MLSSTAT)  The status of an accession with regards to the Multilateral System (MLS) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic resources for Food and Agriculture.  0 – No (Not included)  1 – Yes (Included)  99 – Other (Elaborate in REMARKS) section. - | Currently GG has no equivalent field. [tbd] |
| 28. Remarks (REMARKS)  The Remarks field is used to add notes. | Both the **Accession** and the **Accession\_Source** dataviews have **Note** fields. |

\* Most of the text in the MCPD column is taken directly from the [Multi-crop Passport Descriptors (MCPD V.2.1)](https://www.bioversityinternational.org/fileadmin/user_upload/online_library/publications/pdfs/FAOBIOVERSITY_MULTI-CROP_PASSPORT_DESCRIPTORS_V.2.1_2015_2020.pdf) publication.

### Appendix: Document Revision Notes

#### – April 22, 2021

* minor formatting changes

#### – April 3, 2019

* added the 0. PUID (DOI) field
* corrected several typos
* updated the reference to FAO **Multi-Crop Passport Descriptors V.2.1**

#### – August 21, 2017

* updated the link to FAO **Multi-Crop Passport Descriptors V.2.1**

#### – July 21, 2015

* included additional notes regarding the “site” table under INSTCODE