

Some goals

- » Fomenting, publicizing and formalising the decentralised and autonomous exchange of seeds between persons and collectives
- » Moving our store of seeds
- » Creating a mechanism by which other people/collectives can also obtain and exchange seeds
- » Possibility of exchanging seeds with people you don't know directly or who live far away
- » Possibility of more enriching exchanges (eg, different varieties or sharing work experiences, etc)
- » Creating more biodiversity

Use

The idea is to share seeds, with the condition that within a certain time (1 or 2 years, for example) a similar quantity are returned after having been cultivated in similar conditions, so that the sharing can continue. The exchange process is simple:

1. Download and print out a Plantaré form.
2. When you exchange seeds with another person, you can reach any type of agreement that best suits both parties. For example, in some cases instead of returning the actual seeds, you could collaborate by helping to grow the plants, or you could return seeds of a different species of plant, or whatever. You just have to talk about it and reach an agreement.
3. Once you have reached an agreement, write down the terms and conditions on the Plantaré form and exchange it for the seeds. Keep the receipt so that you know what you owe to who.
4. When the seeds (or whatever goods or services are agreed) are returned, the Plantaré form is also given back and debt is cancelled.

Share and share alike

As seeds are a common good, we encourage you to share them with other people or collectives in the same way that we are doing with you. Each in accordance with their particular needs and possibilities.

So please download this user manual, the Plantaré forms in: <http://plantare.ourproject.org>, print them out, translate them into your language, adapt them to your particular needs, and use them. Grow and distribute seeds freely and encourage seed exchanges.



PLANTARÉ

a kind of IOU for seeds

COMMUNITY
CURRENCY
FOR SEED
EXCHANGE

USER MANUAL

*Sharing seeds so that
they can be replanted,
returned and
exchanged again*

Like a library

Libraries lend out books on the condition that the borrowers return them within a certain time and in the same condition. This is the reason why there are books available for lending so that other people can read them in the future. We are doing the same thing using Plantaré forms (a kind of IOU for seeds) but instead of lending books, we are lending seeds, and with the added benefit of having more possibilities for exchanges.

Download and print more of these Plantaré forms at: <http://plantare.ourproject.org>
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COMMUNITY CURRENCY FOR SEED EXCHANGE

WRITE HERE YOUR NAME: Jane Doe
EMAIL, PHONE, ETC: jane.doe@example.com
CONTACTABLE AT: jane.doe@example.com
RECEIVE FROM: 40 seeds of black tomatoe
FROM: Richard Lee
RECEIVED FOR ME: 10 seeds of black tomatoe
DATE: Jul / 2010

and I promise to return before (month/year): Jul / 2012:
 a similar amount to the one received
 or an equivalent work of 5 hours
or

Signed, JaneD on Jul 3 / 2010

PLANTARÉ
COMMUNITY CURRENCY FOR SEED EXCHANGE
CONTACTABLE AT: richardlee@example.com
RECEIVED FOR ME: 10 seeds of black tomatoe
FROM: Jane Doe
DATE: Jul / 2010



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