

Update from inbred irrigated breeding program

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Rice Science for a Better W©rld





Increasing the rate of genetic gain in rice



New Gates Foundation project:

BILL&MELI

TFS foundation

Transforming Rice Breeding (TRB)

- US \$12.5 million 5 years
- Focus on IRRI's irrigated pipelines + cross-cutting activities
- Emphasis on irrigated rice South Asia (India & Bangladesh) – US \$2.5 million
- Starting in 2014



IRRI irrigated breeding program has been completely re-designed

- New PBGB structure and systems
- ✓ Improved cost efficiency
- ✓ Quicker breeding cycle
- Exploit new technologies and methods





Eero Nissila, Head PBGB



IRRI VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PIPELINES



New PBGB structure



Using rapid generation advance (RGA)







More efficient data collection and exploitation

- Data collection
 - ✓ Portable data collectors
 - ✓ Bar coding of plots
 - ✓ Computerized systems
- New statistical methods
 - improved experimental designs
 - spatial analysis







GRiSP Product 4.3.4. Market analysis and information for developing specialty rices and rice-products

- Quality maps allow targeted breeding to provincial level.
- Also provide platform for collaborative research to further define each quality type, and provide a host of new consumer-relevant traits of quality.



Achim Dobermann, GRiSP report 2012

Direct seeding



Mechanized field trials









Multi-location trials



Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO

IRRI MET system

IRRI

Metrics

- Financial
 - Budget/year & expenditure
- Program
 - Size of breeding operation
- Progress
 - Genetic gain, yield performance of new test entries compared to checks





Molecular breeding: example of Swarna-Sub1



Impact of Swarna-Sub1



New Sub1 varieties under development

Country	Variety	Target date
Nepal	Sabitri	2014
Pakistan	IR6, Super Basmati	2015
Philippines	NSIC Rc222, Rc238, Rc302	2016-2017
Myanmar	Manaw thukha	2017





New SNP genotyping platforms

Illumina "BeadXpress" 384 SNPs

"Fluidigm EP" 24, 48 or 96 SNPs with flexible assays

Using markers in f**orward breeding**: Sub1, Xa4, xa5, Xa13, Xa21, blast genes + others

Establishing partnerships with NARS in S and SE Asia

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Thank you







