

FAO-ICARDA International Technical Cooperation Network on Cactus Pear (CACTUSNET)

Creation of FAO- CACTUSNET: 1st August 1993, Mexico Objectives:

To collect and disseminate information on production and planting, trade and markets, crop research, postharvest and processing and cochineal;

To cooperate in the collection, conservation, exchange, evaluation and utilization of germplasm

To promote the ecological and social benefits of cactus pear:

• To develop new food and carminic acid uses;

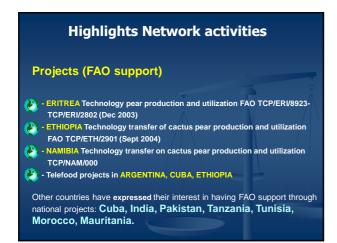
workshops and meetings.

• To exchange expertise and organize training courses,





## Highlights Network activities Congresses / General Meetings September 1992, Santiago (Chile) -- Idea of a network 1st August 1993, Mexico - Creation of CACTUSNET 2nd December 1994, Italy 3rd January 1996, ISHS South Africa 4rd October 2000, ISHS Tunisia 5th August 2004, ISHS Mexico 6th October 2007, ISHS Brazil 7th October 2010, ISHS Agadir (Morocco) 8th October 2013, ISHS Palermo, Italy 9th September 2016, Mexico



Introduction of cactus pear clones for forage to INDIA.

Introduction of cactus pear clones for forage and nopalitos to ARGENTINA.

Introduction of cactus pear fruit varieties to IRAN (FAO-ICARDA TCP / IRA / 4557 Tropical Fruits).

Improvement of cactus pear cultivation - FAO-ICARDA TCP / ARG / 8821 Frutales de zonas áridas.

Introduction of cactus clones for forage and fruits production to Syria, Mauritania, Jordan, Pakistan.

Introduction of cactus clones for the creation of a germlasm collection to Oman.



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We look forward to hearing from you.