

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

**Creation of FAO- CACTUSNET:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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;
- To exchange expertise and organize training courses, workshops and meetings.







**Highlights Network activities**

**Congresses / General Meetings**

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

## Highlights Network activities

### Projects (FAO support)

-  - **ERITREA** Technology pear production and utilization FAO TCP/ERI/8923-TCP/ERI/2802 (Dec 2003)
-  - **ETHIOPIA** Technology transfer of cactus pear production and utilization FAO TCP/ETH/2901 (Sept 2004)
-  - **NAMIBIA** Technology transfer on cactus pear production and utilization TCP/NAM/000
-  - Telefood projects in **ARGENTINA, CUBA, ETHIOPIA**

Other countries have expressed their interest in having FAO support through national projects: **Cuba, India, Pakistan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania.**

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 germplasm collection to Oman.

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### Publications : Technical reports, Newsletter,...



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