

CELEBRATING THE CLOSURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF QUINOA

In December 2013, the closure of the [International Year of Quinoa](#), that has achieved impacting results, has been celebrated in different Countries.

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2011, and coordinated by FAO (United Nations for Food and Agriculture), this initiative was born by the proposal of the Government of Bolivia and it has been built with the support of many countries and [major international partners](#). President Evo Morales of Bolivia and the First Lady Nadine Heredia Alarcón Humala of Peru have been named FAO Special Ambassadors for the International Year of Quinoa.

With FAO support more than 70 [events have been realized to promote Quinoa](#) in the interested countries and internationally. In Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, countries that have a high biodiversity of Quinoa, they have also produced and published catalogues of the different varieties of this grain.

The initiative was an important opportunity to enhance worldwide the extraordinary nutritional qualities of Quinoa, its adaptation to different agro- ecological contexts and its potential to ensure good nutrition. Above all, it was an opportunity to enhance the communities of the Andes that have protected and encouraged the Quinoa production with their knowledge and traditional practices. In the Andean countries, the production of this grain is still guaranteed by small producers and local associations.

In his [closing speech of the initiative](#), the [FAO General Director](#) stresses the importance of recovering traditional food to assess local cultures and improve the food quality for the population.

In the website of the International Year of Quinoa, implemented by FAO, there is an extensive documentation on the characteristics of Quinoa, its history, its current use and its potential for the future.

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