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1 INTRODUCTION

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THE SLOW FOOD AFRICA NETWORK AND ITS DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME



Before the first edition of Terra Madre in Turin in 2004, creating an effective Slow Food network in Africa was little more than a dream. Thanks to Terra Madre, when delegates from Africa came to meet the rest of the world, this dream has now become reality.

The foundational pillars on which we built our first convivia, food communities and educational projects were shared motivation, hope and the belief that we could rise to the challenge.

The main driver for the expansion of the Slow Food network in Africa has been a commitment to creating school and community food gardens, which have not only served as cultivation spaces but also as meeting points and incubation centers for local food leaders.

We cannot underestimate the vital role played by the University of Gastronomic Sciences, which is constantly shaping young leaders who are working to consolidate and strengthen this network. The facilitation and coordination role played by the Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity is another central point in the growth and strength of the African Slow Food network.

At present, the Slow Food network is established in 35 African countries, with a total of 295 convivia, 334 food communities, 43 Presidia and 2,834 food gardens, as well as four Earth Markets, in Uganda, Mauritius and Mozambique. In building this network, Slow Food has given the most important gift to the African continent: nurturing the leadership potential of young African people. Through our network, they are working day by day at a grassroots level to construct a robust structure on a firm foundation of ideas, the Slow Food philosophy.

This is just the beginning. There is great potential for further growth in our network through the campaigns and initiatives launched at local levels. Now we must have faith in the capabilities of the local leaders and players and offer our concrete support to African-based initiatives, programs and projects.

East, West, South, North and Central: Africa is now one effectively growing network.

Edward Mukiibi

Slow Food Vice President

President of Slow Food Uganda

10,000 GARDENS IN AFRICA



In 2011, Slow Food launched the 1,000 Gardens in Africa project. The original objective was to create a thousand good, clean and fair food gardens in schools, villages and urban areas to ensure that communities had access to high-quality, healthy and sustainable food. The project also promotes a positive outlook on food, agriculture and the environment to young people, raising awareness of the threats to their food sovereignty and empowering them to reject the corporate takeover of the African food system. Thanks to the hard work of the network, this objective was achieved in 2013 and was then scaled up with a new target of 10,000 gardens.

The project has played a significant role in strengthening Slow Food in Africa. To date, more than 2,800 gardens have been established in 35 countries, involving more than 50,000 people. New food communities have been formed, food biodiversity is being defended, local products are being catalogued on the Ark of Taste.

The gardens serve as “classrooms without walls” where the principles of sustainable agriculture, traditional crops and food culture are promoted. They also act as centers for the selection, multiplication and sharing of seeds by community members.

Moving forward, the project will play a critical role in mitigating the impacts of climate change through the enhancement of agroecology and the prioritization of resilient crops. Climate change is real, and Africa is particularly vulnerable, as we have a limited capacity to cope with the extreme and unpredictable weather that has become the new norm. This is the most serious threat of all to our future food security, but through the gardens we have the power to resist.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the entire Slow Food family for their hard work, for believing in us and giving us your best. Together we can restore dignity to our small-scale farmers.

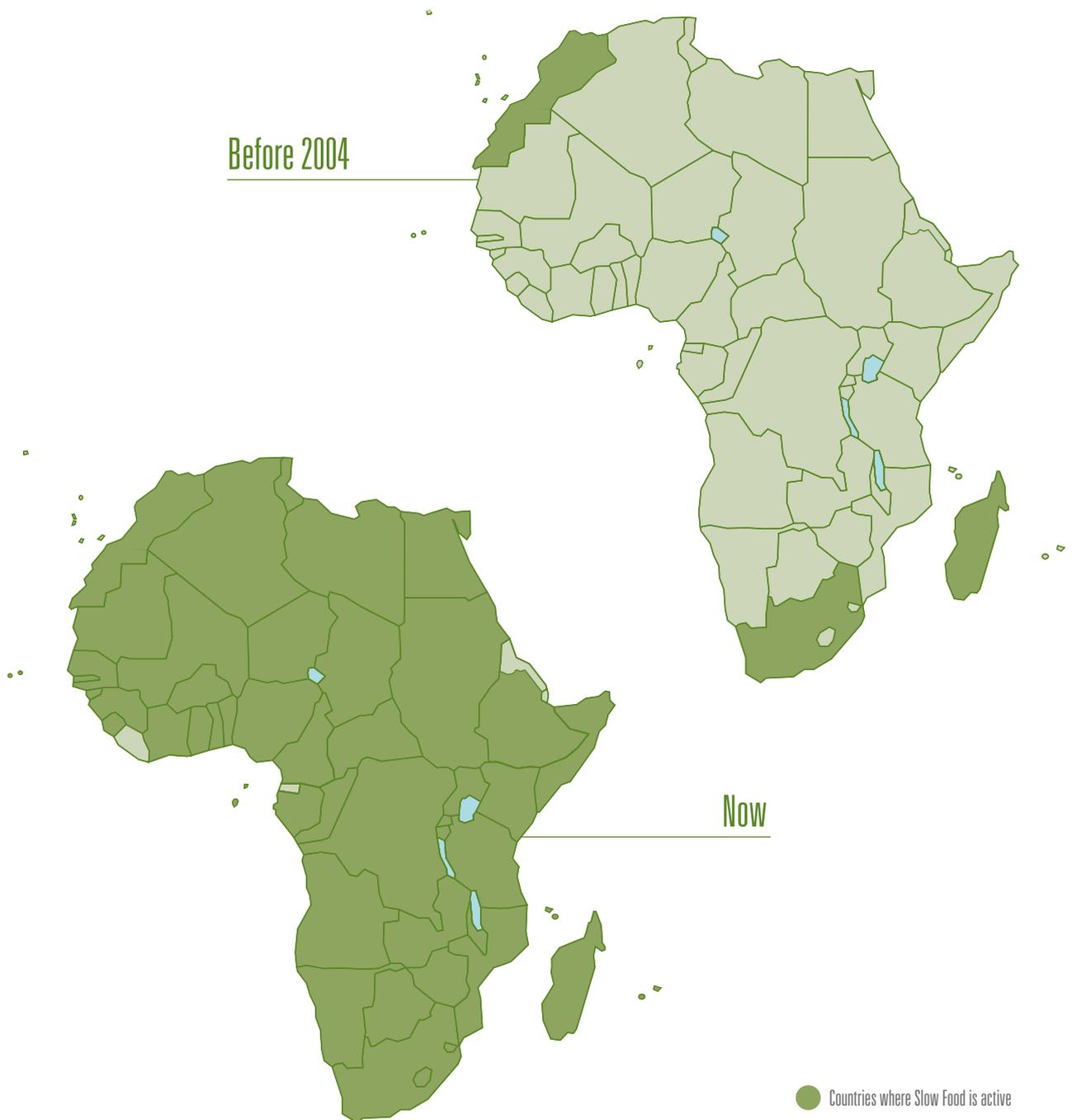
John Kariuki Mwangi

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Coordinator of Slow Food activities in Kenya*

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The Slow Food Network

SLOW FOOD IN AFRICA BEFORE TERRA MADRE 2004 AND NOW



LA RETE DI SLOW FOOD



45 COUNTRIES WHERE SLOW FOOD IS ACTIVE



295 CONVIVIA

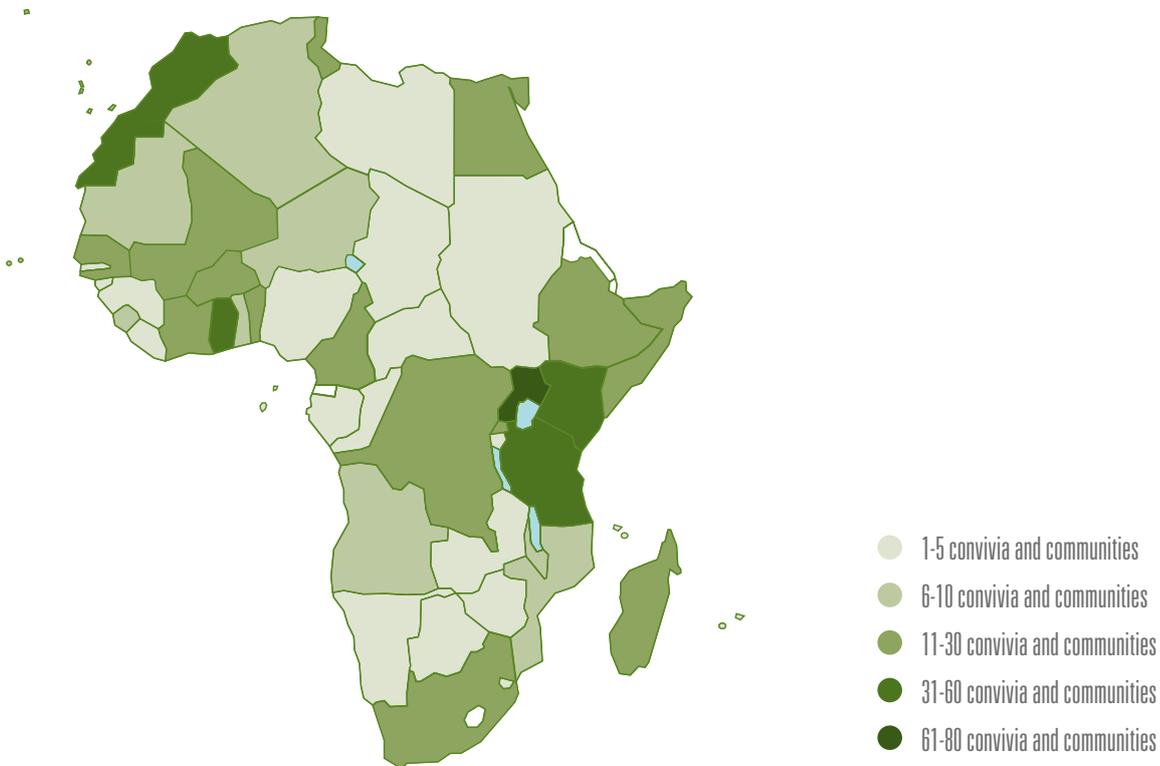


334 FOOD COMMUNITIES



80,000 PEOPLE INVOLVED

NUMBER OF CONVIVIA AND FOOD COMMUNITIES PER COUNTRY



Slow Food Projects



2,834 GARDENS IN AFRICA



43 SLOW FOOD PRESIDÍUM



457 PRODUCTS IN THE ARK OF TASTE

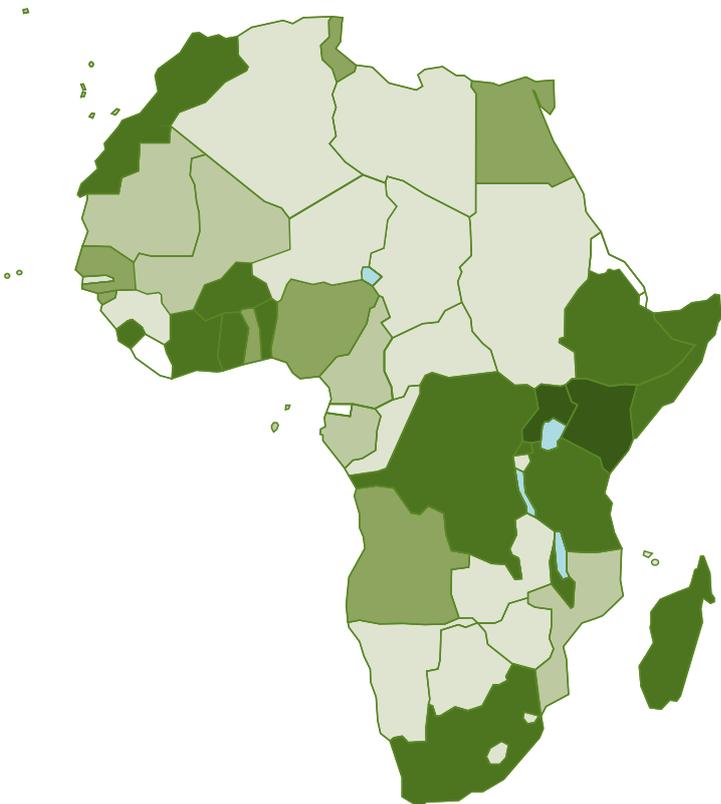


3 SLOW FOOD CHEFS' ALLIANCE



4 EARTH MARKETS

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER COUNTRY



3,305 PROJECTS



43 COUNTRIES INVOLVED

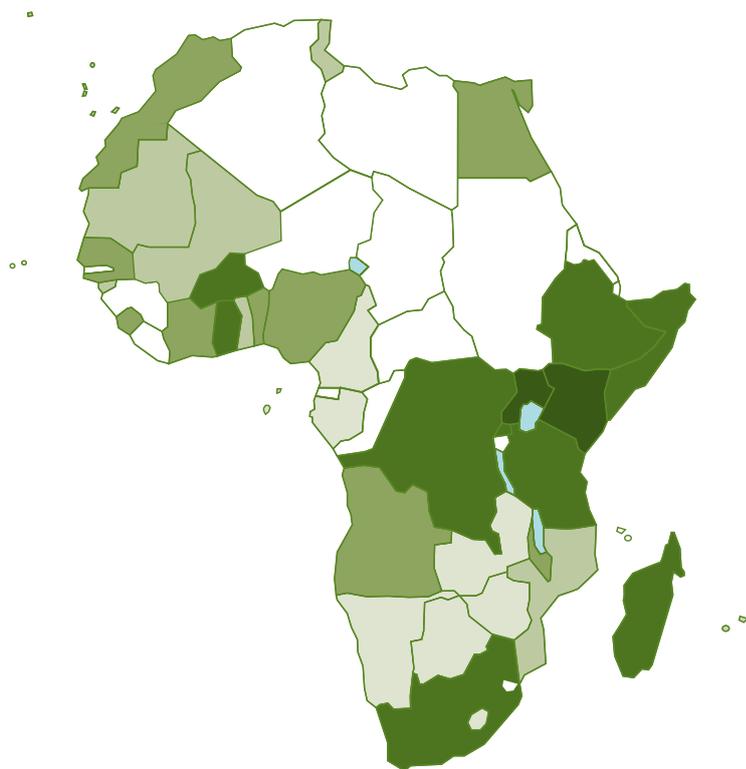
- 0-25 projects
- 25-50 projects
- 50-100 projects
- 100-250 projects
- 250-500 projects

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER COUNTRY

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
ALGERIA	3
ANGOLA	57
BENIN	93
BOTSWANA	3
BURKINA FASO	146
CAMEROON	24
CAPE VERDE	9
CHAD	1
CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE	1
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	94
EGYPT	73
ETHIOPIA	184
GABON	10
GHANA	119
GUINEA	1
GUINEA-BISSAU	57
COMOROS ISLANDS	3
KENYA	471
LESOTHO	7
LIBYA	6
MADAGASCAR	118
MALAWI	101

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
MALI	28
MAROCCO	109
MAURITANIA	47
MAURITIUS	7
MOZAMBIQUE	34
NAMIBIA	11
NIGER	2
NIGERIA	96
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	129
RWANDA	173
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE	25
SENEGAL	74
SIERRA LEONE	105
SOMALIA	108
SOUTH AFRICA	198
TANZANIA	137
TOGO	49
TUNISIA	53
UGANDA	347
ZAMBIA	13
ZIMBABWE	15
TOTAL	3305

NUMBER OF GARDENS PER COUNTRY

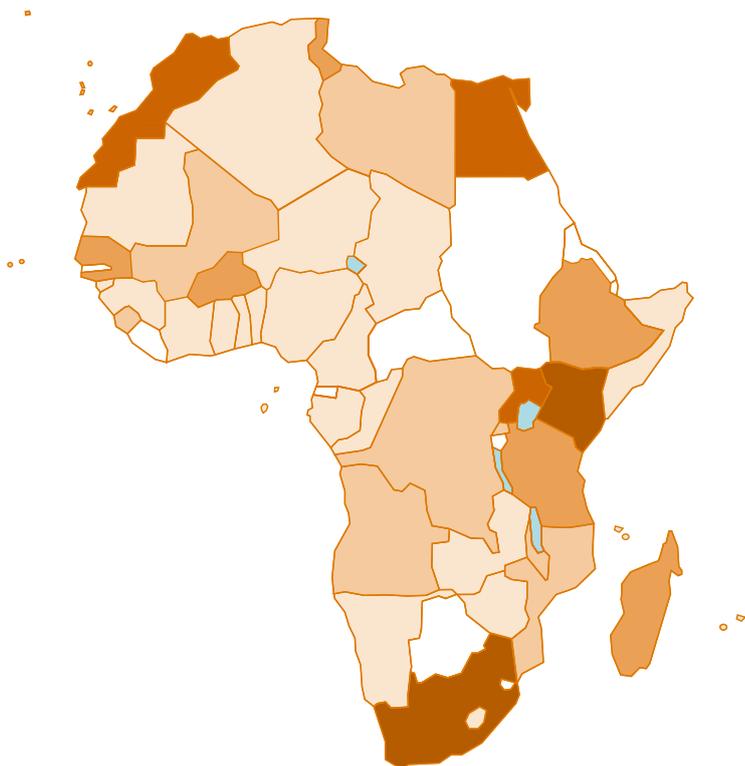


 **2,834** GARDENS IN AFRICA

 **35** COUNTRY

- 0-25 gardens
- 25-50 gardens
- 50-100 gardens
- 100-250 gardens
- 250-500 gardens

NUMBER OF ARK OF TASTE PRODUCTS PER COUNTRY

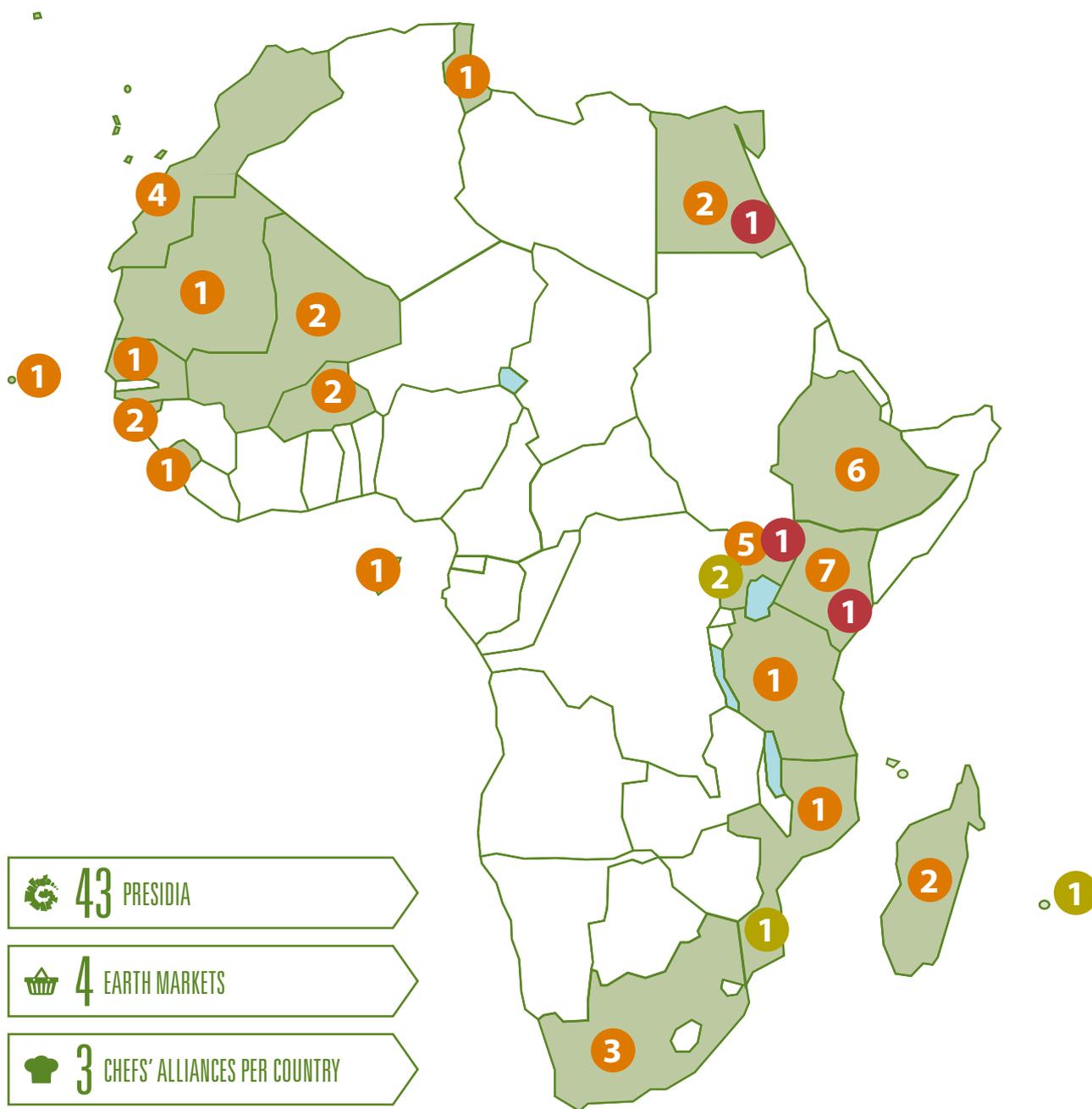


 **457** ARK OF TASTE

 **42** COUNTRY

- 1-5 Ark of taste
- 5-10 Ark of taste
- 10-25 Ark of taste
- 25-40 Ark of taste
- 40-60 Ark of taste

NUMBER OF PRESIDIA, EARTH MARKETS AND CHEFS' ALLIANCES PER COUNTRY



3 THE GARDENS

The Gardens Network

NUMBER OF GARDENS IN 2012



1,000 GARDENS CREATED



25 INVOLVED COUNTRIES

NUMBER OF GARDENS NOW



2,834 ORTI REALIZZATI



35 INVOLVED COUNTRIES

Supporters



2,755 GARDENS FUNDED SINCE THE START OF THE PROJECT



1,000 SUPPORTERS



2,480,105 € RAISED



30 DONOR COUNTRIES

COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST DONATIONS



1,821,699 € ITALY



150,920 € JAPAN

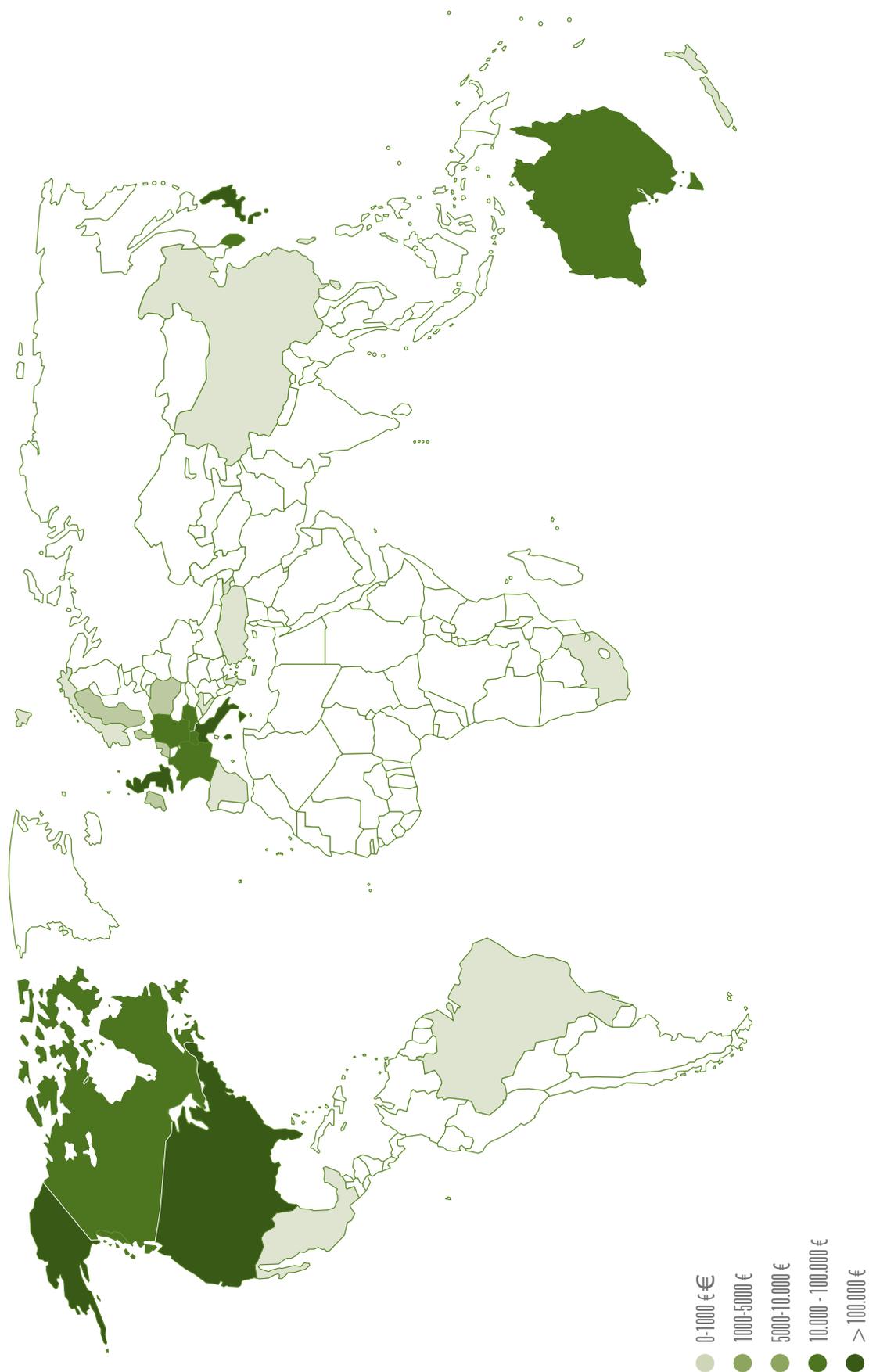


137,282 € UNITED KINGDOM



115,521 € UNITED STATES

DONATIONS BY COUNTRY



Analysis of the Impact of the Gardens Project

In summer 2016 work began to evaluate the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the project. In collaboration with the University of Turin, a questionnaire was designed, with 58 questions on various aspects linked to the gardens, such as the type of produce grown, how the produce is used (preserves, etc.), the number of people involved and the type of work carried out. During the initial phase, 83 gardens were analyzed, 44 community gardens and 39 school gardens, in seven countries (Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Ghana and Madagascar).

The results will be presented in 2018 and made available online.



4 EXPERIENCES

“We are convinced that the real strength of Slow Food lies in the interweaving between the local and international. This is why, since the start of the project, our convivium has been working to make its contribution to Africa, one of the parts of the world suffering the most from the injustices of the food system. The greatest satisfaction has been seeing how much passion the Trieste schools that participate in the Orto in Condotta school gardens project have put into raising funds to create new gardens in Africa thanks to their end-of-year markets where they sell the produce from their own gardens. Food gardens generating more food gardens is the most beautiful message that we want to share.”

Andrea Gobet

Coordinator of the Orti in Condotta network of gardens in Trieste



“My story with Slow Food began in 2010 when I supported the application of two small-scale producers, working to safeguard biodiversity in their village in Madagascar, to attend Terra Madre Salone del Gusto. When I found out that both of their applications had been accepted I was very surprised. I wondered why Slow Food wanted to give space to these two small-scale farmers from a tiny, remote village in the heart of my country. The surprise was even greater when we got to Turin and saw that there were thousands of other local and indigenous small-scale producers from different countries, wearing their traditional dress, all gathered together to talk together about the same thing: how to defend their land, their gastronomic heritage, their food biodiversity, their ancestral knowledge... In Madagascar over 80% of the country's population lives in rural areas and for more than 90%, agriculture represents their main source of income. But despite this, food-producing families are often vulnerable and subjected to the influence of ill-judged government policies and the phenomenon of land grabbing by foreign companies. Thanks to the Gardens in Africa project, these small-scale farmers have started to join together and create a network of women, men, teachers, farmers, cooks and experts of all kinds, a network that is fighting to protect its heritage.”

Heritiana Andramalala

Coordinator of the Gardens project, Madagascar

“So many people have been telling us about poverty eradication but no one had given us this opportunity to sell our products directly to consumers. It has always been the middlemen buying my products at a very cheap price just because I did not have an option, but now I can sell them at a better price and the customers get them at a cheaper price. Thanks to Slow Food now I can even manage to take my kid back to school and now I am farming with a lot of hope.” //

Kakayi Sylvia

Matooke banana producer, Manafwa Earth Market, Uganda



“Since the introduction of Slow Food in Limpopo, local people have started to take the matter of producing food into their own hands, and the network is increasing day by day with many people involved. Slow Food also gave value to Baleni salt by making it a Presidium, thus helping over 26 women involved in the project to continue harvesting salt using traditional knowledge, which we know is a sustainable method.” //

Themba Austin Chauke

Coordinator of the Baleni Salt Presidium, South Africa

