



The Pays de Cocagne Sustainable Development Group (PCSDG) and its partners are happy to inform you that a project called **'Semences pour la vie'- Seeds for life** - is happening in our region. This is possible because of financial support from the New Horizons for Seniors- NB program of Service Canada.

This project will help us understand the essential life supporting role played by locally produced seeds. It is a project hoping for participation from all, but especially from the +50 years old generations.

Seeds are the foundation of our food system. Food is essential to the health and vitality of individuals, communities, economies and ecosystems. The more extreme and unpredictable climate conditions we are recently witnessing, also add to the importance of identifying locally produced seeds to respond to our needs.

*A few facts according to the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security <http://www.seedsecurity.ca>*

- ❖ *Nine out of ten bites of food begin with seed*
- ❖ *Seed security is food security*
- ❖ *Globally, we have lost 75% of agricultural biodiversity in the last 100 years*
- ❖ *75% of the world's food is derived from only 12 plant and 5 animal species, and 50 crop commodities contribute 90% of food calories, protein, fat, and weight around the world*
- ❖ *Due to corporate consolidation in the seed industry, 3 companies now control 53% of the global commercial seed market. The top ten seed companies account for 75%!*
- ❖ *Organic is the fastest growing agri-food sector in Canada today. Still, organic farmers rely primarily on seeds bred for uniformity, performance under controlled conditions, with routine application of synthetic inputs*

**THANK YOU** for your help in the discovery of our hidden local heritage treasures by **filling out the following survey**. We will share the beginning of a locally produced seed inventory with you in the fall.

1. Do you grow food?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_
2. Do you save seeds?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_
  - a. If yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If yes, why do you save those seeds? \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Would you be willing to share seeds with someone else?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_  
 Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ (we will contact you)
3. Do you know someone who saves seeds?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_
  - a. Thank you for sharing this survey with them or contact us with their information
4. Do you think it is important to save seeds?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_
5. Demographics (optional):
  - a. Age :    less than 50\_\_\_ 50 + \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Female\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_
  - c. Living in Kent County    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_
  - d. Name, tel, email \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_



6. Would you be willing to add your contact information to a list of people interested in this project?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_
7. Are you interested in working with us on this project?    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_  
 Let us know 506-576-8247, [gddpcjocelyne@bellaliant.com](mailto:gddpcjocelyne@bellaliant.com)

**\*\* Your contact information will remain confidential unless otherwise stated above \*\***

Comments :

Please return completed survey by **June 30, 2015**: P.O. Box 1035, Cocagne, NB E4R 1N6; 506-576-8247; [gddpcjocelyne@bellaliant.com](mailto:gddpcjocelyne@bellaliant.com) ou fill out online at <http://fr.surveymonkey.com/s/splv1>

