

Vegetable Card Sorts







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1. Do you eat this plant?

A. Don't eat TRADE/EXTEND

B. Used to eat -> *Why don't you eat it now?*

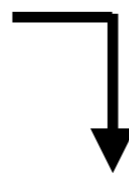
C. Eat 

2. How do you get the plant?

A. Buy in market GROW IT LOCAL

B. Collect from forest —> *Easy or hard to find?*

C. Grow it ourselves TRANSPLANT



3. How do you get the seeds?

A. Save it ourselves TEST SEEDS

B. Collect from forest SAVE YOUR OWN

C. Buy in market —> *Cheap or expensive?*



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Bunong: mrach dak ព្រៃទាប

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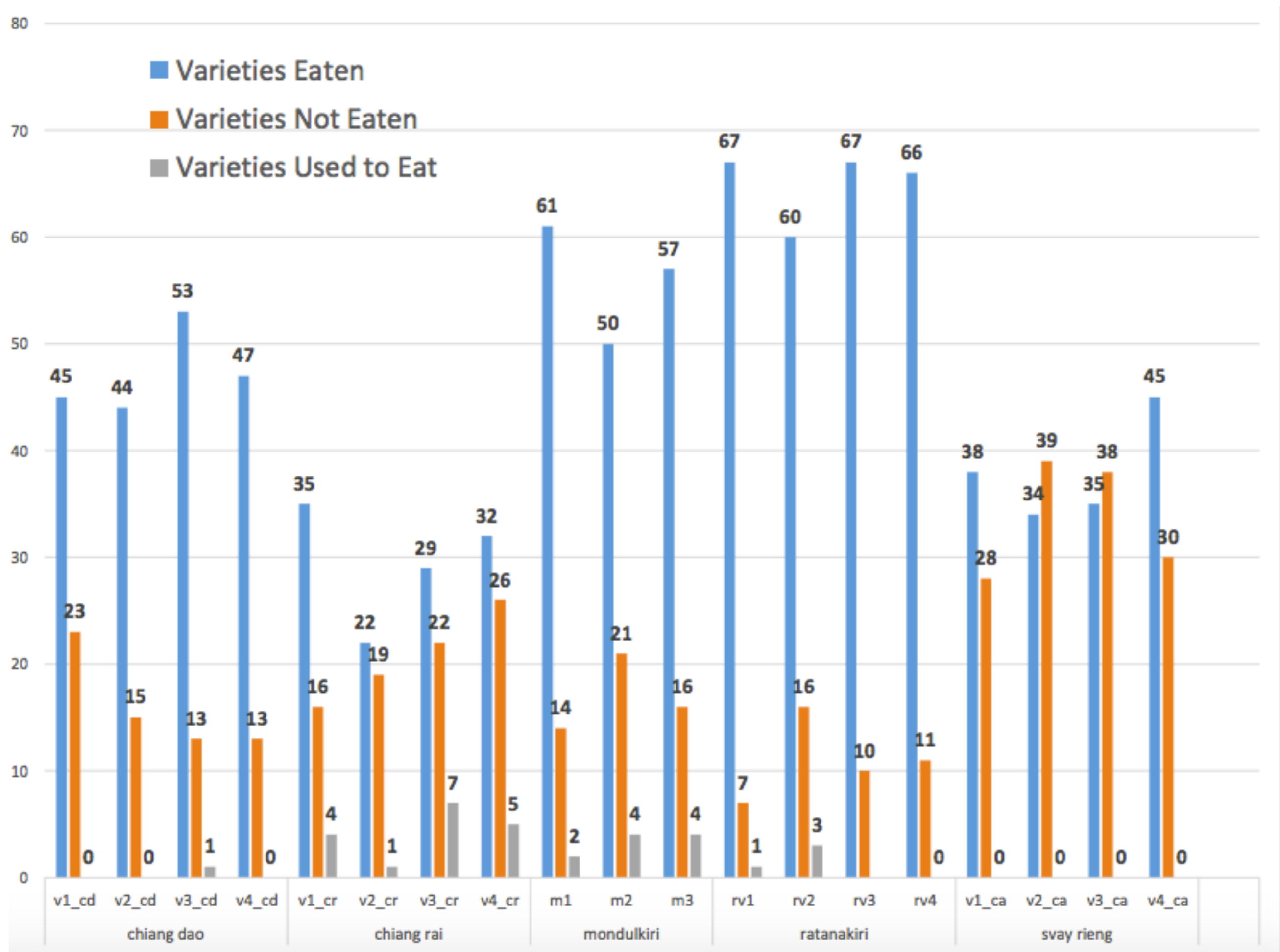


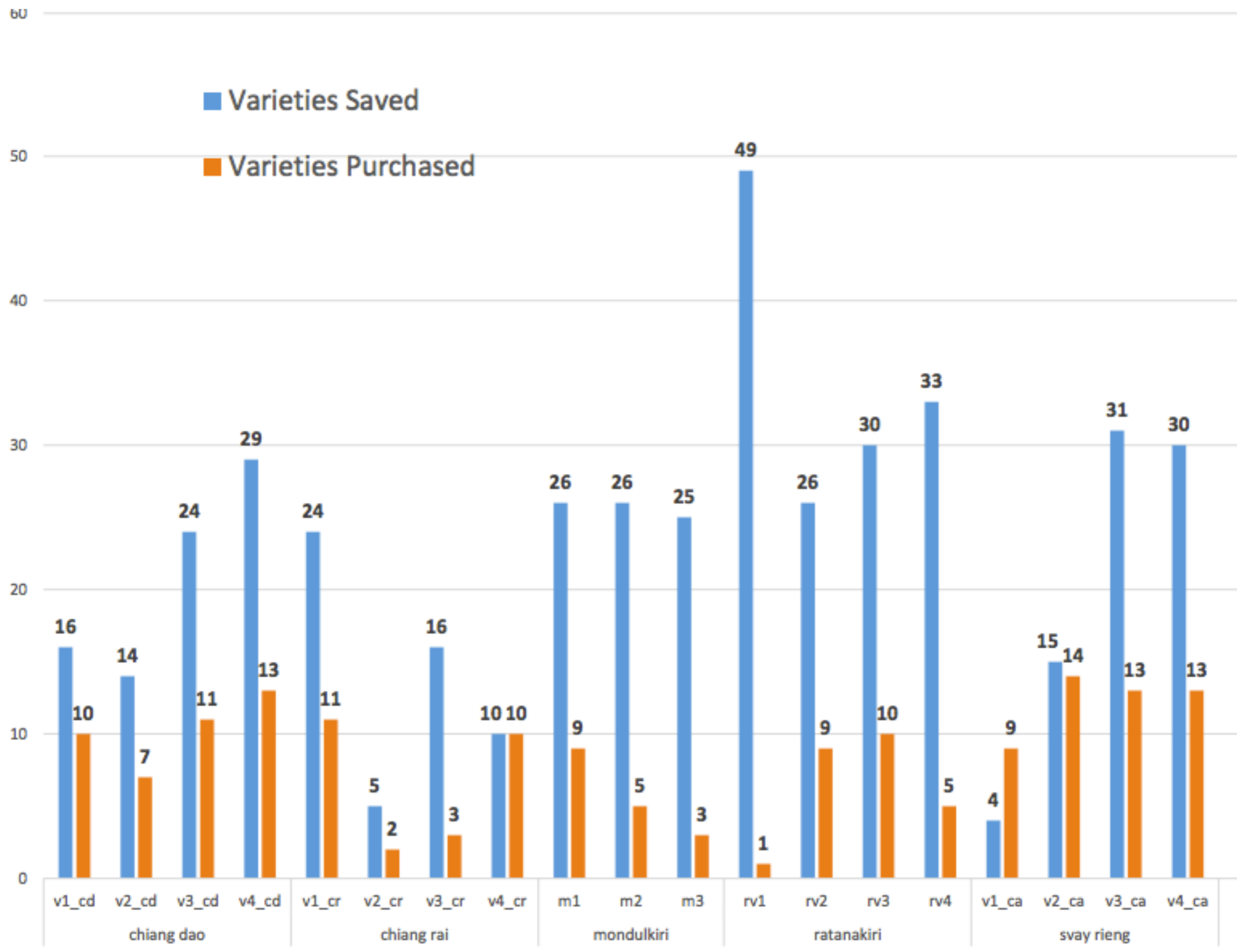


Results

How many of our 77 plants do these communities eat?

	<i>Out of 77</i>	<i>Potential</i>
Tomboun	64	13+
Jarai	61	16+
Brao	61	16+
Bnong - Kohnyak	57	20+
Krung	56	21+
Bnong - Maymawng	53	24+
Bnong - Dakdam	50	27+





Vegetable Card Sorts:

Research benefits

- Photos make it **easy to communicate**
- Farmers are **excited** to participate
- Get data fast — **77 cards in 90 min**
- Target your interventions *by cultivar*

TRADE/EXTEND

TRANSPLANT FROM FOREST

GROW IT LOCAL

TEST SEEDS

SAVE YOUR OWN

Vegetable Card Sorts:

Development benefits

- Reinforce value of local plants and seeds
- Inspire curiosity about other regional plants
- Can troubleshoot farmers' experiences with specific plants
- Inspire farmers to exchange seeds and knowledge within their own community
- Can include training about nutrition and health, home gardening techniques, and market participation

Research

7 vegetable card sorts

37 interviews about seed saving

50 home garden observations

25 varieties for germination testing

Research Tips

- Prepare lots of translated data sheets
- One local researcher should train ALL translators and research staff
- Collect both quantitative and qualitative data
 - Quantitative data can be processed quickly
 - Qualitative data can lead to surprising stories and insights you don't expect (gardens, fields, stream gardens, paddies, swidden riverbanks, etc)