



## Agrobiodiversity of Mediterranean Crops

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The agrobiodiversity of Mediterranean crops has played an important role in the evolution of agriculture in the Western world, and its typical climate is characterized by mild and humid winters, with limited rainfall, and hot, dry summers, similar to that found in some areas of California, Chile or Australia.

Therefore, unless Mediterranean crops are irrigated or greenhouse-grown, they must be sown in autumn and harvested in early summer, or be able to withstand drought. The importance of the impact of future climate change on the biodiversity of Mediterranean crops is implicit as well as the consequent impact on our existence.

This Special Issue aims to address the main scientific evidence and the best strategies for safeguarding agrobiodiversity (plant and animal biodiversity, aquatic systems, but also ecosystem services), highlighting, in particular, their economic, social and health impacts, as well as the strategies necessary to cope best with climate change, especially as it concerns the Mediterranean area.

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