

Welcome

Welcome to our special biotechnology newsletter. For some, GM crops are the solution to the global food crisis; for others they bring unacceptable environmental and safety risks. But what is the reality? Our Biotechnology Research Archive brings together more than a decade of work from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, investigating the impact of GM crops on agricultural production and poverty and the institutional, regulatory and wider policy issues that arise. To coincide with the launch of the archive we have published new Working Papers, media articles and id21 and Eldis resources, as well as holding an even in the UK parliament. Just click on the headlines and pink links to go direct to the resources and, as ever, [do get in touch](#).

Best wishes, Julia Day, *Communications Manager*

New on steps-centre.org



[Biotechnology Research Archive](#)

Our new online archive brings together 10 years of research into genetically-modified crops, development and the global food crisis. The archive is organised into four themes. Within each theme the archive is split in to one general and several regional sections, covering Africa, China, India and Latin America.

- > [Poverty reduction & food security: impacts of GM crops](#)
- > [Regulating GM crops](#)
- > [The role of the private sector and corporate control](#)
- > [Public participation and the politics of policy](#)



[Nature: Africa's Biotechnology Battle](#)

Ian Scoones, co-director of the ESRC STEPS Centre, and Dominic Glover of the Technology and Agrarian Development Group at Wageningen University, explore the fallout of a new book on agricultural biotechnology in Africa. The full version of their article is on the STEPS website, with related articles from both authors.

- > [Nature: Africa's Biotechnology Battle](#)
 - > [Full article: GM Crops in Africa, by Scoones & Glover](#)
 - > [Ian Scoones: GM Crops: 10 Years On](#)
 - > [Dominic Glover: GM Crops ten years on: the undying promise](#)
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[**New Biotechnology Resources from id21 and Eldis**](#)

Two new id21 and Eldis resources explore key questions about biotechnology and GM. In the id21 viewpoint on GM, Ian Scoones asks how much GM crops have lived up to the hype of a “gene revolution” in the last ten years. The Eldis guide reviews issues of biotechnology and governance, including climate change, developing countries’ experience of GM, and food security.

- > [id21 Viewpoints: GM Crops ten years on](#)
 - > [Eldis Biotechnology Key Issues Guide](#)
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[**GM Crops event in Parliament**](#)

The STEPS Centre held an event in Parliament on June 10 entitled “GM Crops and the Global Food Crisis”, as part of the Institute of Development Studies' Dangerous Ideas in Development debates, organised with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Debt, Aid and Trade. The event launched the STEPS Biotechnology Research Archive and a new paper on Bt Cotton by Dominic Glover. Dominic, Peter Newell of UEA and Erik Millstone were the speakers.

-  [Podcast: GM Crops and the Global Food Crisis event, June 10](#)
 -  [Photos from GM Crops event in Parliament](#)
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[**New publications on Biotechnology**](#)

Our recent publications include working papers by Dominic Glover on Bt Cotton and GM Crops. Each paper has a short, easy to read companion briefing.

- > [STEPS Working Paper 15 - Undying Promise: Agricultural Biotechnology's Pro-Poor Narrative, Ten Years On](#)
 - > [STEPS Briefing 15 – Transgenic Cotton: A ‘pro-poor’ success?](#)
 - > [STEPS Working Paper 11 - Made by Monsanto: the Corporate Shaping of GM Crops as a Technology for the Poor](#)
 - > [STEPS Briefing 11 – GM Crops: a ‘pro-poor’ technology?](#)
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[New project: Beyond Biosafety](#)

Our new pilot project aims to open up debates about biosafety, focussing on Kenya and the Philippines, which have been seen as regional ‘test cases’ for biotechnology and biosafety regulatory development.

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