



Seeds

Title	<p>SEEDS “ON SHOW”</p> <p>Seeds supplied by ITAS- F.Bocchialini</p>
Description	<p><i>"Seeds are the beginning and the source of each and every form of life; for millions of years seeds have evolved in nature: gradually, the strongest and most generous plants have prevailed over all the others. But seeds bear inside, not just the years of natural evolution, but also all the improvements farmers have obtained in the course of millennia through man-operated selection. And we know that seeds will be able to produce plants with ever-changing features for many more million years ahead. In other words, a seed holds in itself both past and future."</i> (Vandana Shiva)</p> <p>A fascinating theme that inspires the whole Project.</p>
Materials and Time needed	<p>The kit supplies: the seeds and a key to the test</p>
Instructions	<p>Discussion on seeds can lead to many different themes:</p> <p>Starting from some of Vandana Shiva’s books (“Making Peace with the Earth”, “Seeds of Suicide and Slavery versus Seeds of Life and Freedom”, for example), her position on seeds could be investigated in greater detail</p> <p>An expert agronomist could expound on genetic engineering by comparing the production of GMOs with other kinds of innovative technologies of genetic manipulation</p> <p>Listening to the podcasts on Radio3Scienza “SEEDiversity – A Journey to the Origins of wheat(s) and seeds” (starting on 28 July 2014): five legs of a journey through Europe, Africa and the Middle East, exploring agro biodiversity, where seeds are valued as the key to food safety.</p> <p>Finding more information about the theme of Seed Banks, special and tight-security places where man is storing the most precious treasures for the future of humanity to come: from the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, in Norway, to the many other National Seed Banks in other countries.</p>