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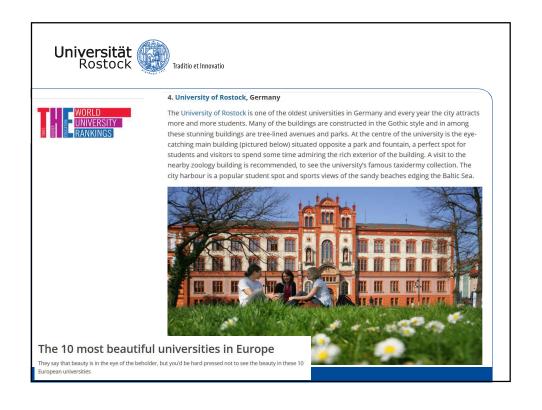
- Facultas Artium,
   today: Liberal Arts and Education
- Faculty of Law
- Medicine and Dentistry

1432 Faculty of Theology



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### **Facts and Figures**

9 faculties and70 courses of studies

About 14 000 students 1500 international students (11 %)

staff: 3100

full professors: ca. 300



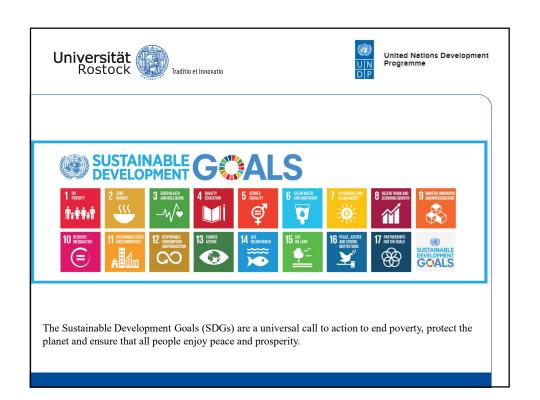
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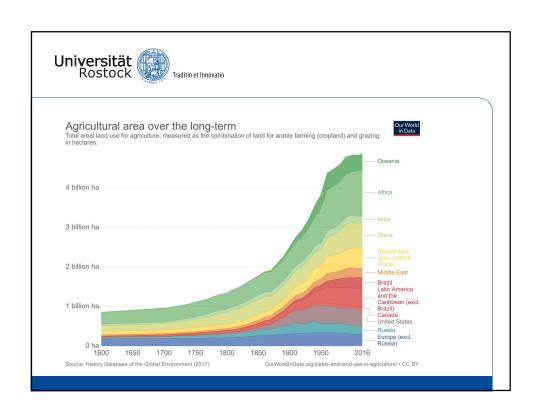
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### **Agrobiodiversity**

The variety and variability of animals, plants and micro-organisms that are used directly or indirectly for food and agriculture

- Comprises the diversity of genetic resources (varieties, breeds) and species for food, fodder, fiber..
- Includes the diversity of non-harvested species that support production (soil micro-organisms, predators, pollinators),
- Species in the wider environment that support agro-ecosystems as well as the diversity of the agro-ecosystems. (FAO, 1999)













### Agrobiodiversity

# Distinctive features of agrobiodiversity - compared to other components of biodiversity:

- 1. agrobiodiversity is actively managed by farmers
- 2. many components of agrobiodiversity would not survive without human interference
- 3. local knowledge and culture are integral parts of agrobiodiversity management
- 4. many agricultural systems are based on 'alien' crop or livestock species
- 5. diversity within species is at least as important as diversity between species
- 6. conservation of agrobiodiversity in production systems is inherently linked to sustainable use preservation through establishing protected areas is less relevant
- 7. much crop diversity is held ex situ in gene banks rather than on-farm.



### Agrobiodiversity

#### Diversity of species:

- 13 million species of animals, plants and micro-organisms
- 250 000 to 300 000 known edible plant species
- 7000 cultivated plant species
- 120 plant species important for food and agriculture
- Only 3 rice, maize and wheat contribute nearly 60 % of calories
- 6 other species (sorghum, millet, potato, sweet potato, soybean, sugar cane and sugar beet) provide further 15 % = 75% of calories
- 30 % of livestock breeds are at risk of extinction; 6 breeds are lost each month

### Intra species diversity in agriculture:

- 4,000 potatoe "varieties"
- 100,000 rice "varieties"

#### Dramatic loss of agric.diversity:

· Estimations: 3/4 of agricultural plants are lost

