

## Flood-resistant rice to be developed in the Philippines

Plant breeders are starting to develop flood tolerant rice potentially using genes “COP1” and “Kidari” that can turn out to help Philippines grow rice in flooded conditions amid climate change threats.

The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is collaborating with the International Society for Plant Anaerobiosis (ISPA) in developing rice with more intensive resistance against flooding similar to how aquatic plants survive in long submergence.

“The way to go is to produce more plants under conditions of flooding. We have more people in this planet. We need to produce more food,” said IPSA President Voesenek ACJ Laurentius in an interview at an IRRI forum.

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