

National Geographic ignoring crop biotechnology in 'Future of Food' series

Although it's headquartered in the United States, *National Geographic* is a global publication. For more than 25 years, I've read it here in India, where it has a good reputation. I'm pleased to see that the magazine has launched a special series on ["The Future of Food."](#) As a farmer in a nation that struggles with food security, I spend a lot of my time thinking—and worrying—about this topic.

National Geographic seemed reluctant to discuss biotechnology in this issue. The lead article—"A Five-Step Plan to Feed the World"—said virtually nothing about GM crops. Yet they are the need of the hour, and *National Geographic* should use its prestige and expertise to combat the phony controversies and outright falsehoods that surround biotechnology.

I would love to benefit from the disease resistance and yield increases that have transformed and improved agriculture wherever they've been adopted. Yet my country's agriculture remains stuck in the 20th century, beset by political activists who fail to understand the science behind this safe technology. As *National Geographic* continues its exploration of "The Future of Food," I hope that it will discover the solutions we all need.

Read the full, original article: The "Future of Food" should be about solutions we all need