



The Minor Use Foundation (MUF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the goal to refine and implement processes for generating global, regional or national residue data to establish Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) (and/or other national MRLs). The MUF works very closely with the IR-4 Project in the United States, United States Department of Agriculture-Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), the Canadian Government's Pest Management Centre, and other stakeholders to accomplish the goals and objectives associated with the Foundation.

Our mission is to develop technical capacities in developing countries, in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and the main objective is to take the data generated by the MUF project teams around the world and prepare a data package to be sent to the JMPR for evaluation for the establishment of new MRLs.

We are also participating in other related projects with donations from USAID and the STDF focused to increase and encourage the use of biopesticide in the different regions.

Early next year in the month of February 2024 the Minor Use Foundation will be hosting the fourth version of the Global Minor Use Summit in Madrid, Spain, where a prioritization of crops/pest will be done and other topics of interest will be discussed <https://minorusefoundation.org/gmus-4/>. In addition, a field trip is going to be organized in Valencia, Spain.

A more detailed information about the Minor Use Foundation is listed below:

**Minor Use Foundation:**

**(a) Organizations requesting "Observer Status" (a) Official name of the organization:**

Minor Use Foundation (English)  
Fundación de Uso Menor (Spanish)  
Fondation à usage mineur (French)

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**(c) Aims and subject fields (mandate) of organization, and methods of operation. (Enclose charter, constitution, by-laws, rules of procedures, etc.). Date of establishment.**

Minor Use Foundation (MUF) was founded in 2019 in Princeton, NJ. Its headquarters are currently located in Raleigh, North Carolina, United States of America.

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***Mission***

Harmonize global residue tolerances through developing and implementing research priorities set through the collaboration of universities, domestic and foreign governments, specialty crop growers and grower groups, non-profits and for-profit organizations. Facilitate and coordinate cooperation among Minor Use Organizations globally. Implement Global Minor Use priorities (Grower Plant Protection Needs) and host Global Minor Use Priority setting meetings and the Global Minor Use Summit.

***Vision***

- A network of partners across the world will work together to generate residue data necessary for local registrations and establishing MRLs (Codex, U.S., other national).
- Annually, partners and stakeholders will discuss farmer priorities for new pest control products and MRLs needs, while sharing new or potential pest threats that need to be addressed quickly.
- Partners will then develop plans to distribute and share work assignments; location of trials, number of trials, timing of trials, resources available.
- Data generated under cooperative work will be publicly available and used both for national registration and international standard (MRL) setting needs.

**(d) Structure (assembly or conference; council or other form of governing body; type of general secretariat; commissions on special topics, if any; etc.).**

The MUF is directed by a Board of Directors, which has on its staff an operations director, as well as a team of consultants who help develop the work in the different regions.

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**(e) Indication of source of funding (e.g. membership contributions, direct funding, external contributions, or grants).**

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