

# Making plural values visible from the meaning and caring of traditional seeds by women in the Huasco river basin, Atacama, Chile.

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## General Objective

To decipher the valuations and analyze the meanings of the caring of traditional seeds by women in the Huasco basin.

## Introduction

The research is situated in a global context threatened by the **privatization of seeds** and in a local environment that is undergoing changes due to the presence of **agribusiness and large-scale mining**. Seeds and their caring by peasant women in northern Chile are presented as practices that can account for values and meanings rooted in **peasant and indigenous Diaguita traditions**, as well as glimpsing **continuities that have made life possible in this valley**.

Study area: Upper basin of the Huasco Valley, Atacama Region, Chile.



## Final Conclusions

- Caring and its values are not seen in terms of dispossessing others. That is to say, there is an understanding of care that is not limited, but expands to a territorial care that links **water-land-seeds as sources of life essential for permanence**.
- Although various values can be identified, those of a **relational nature are present together at all times**, even when intrinsic and instrumental values are identified.
- Caring for seeds and their durability are constituted as a milestone that **transcends memories**, from peasant **traditions and continuities** and Diaguita indigenous legacies; **as resistance for coexistence in the Huasco Basin**.

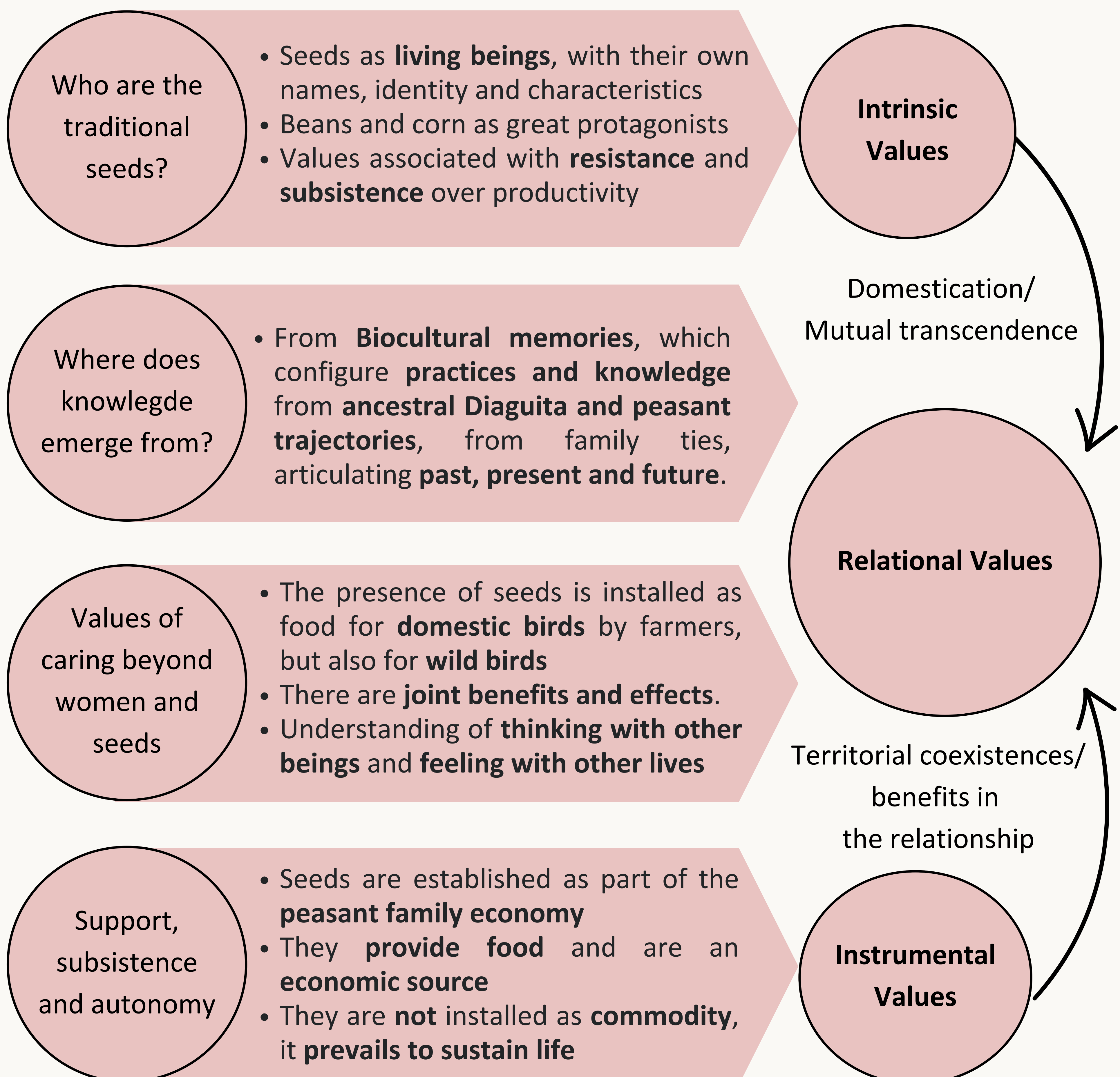
## Methodology



The research was conducted using a **qualitative methodology**, in which an **ethnographic** exercise was carried out with four women farmers during July 2023 and June 2024 in the upper basin of Huasco Valley, Chile. During the field work, semi-structured interviews were conducted and participant observation was employed to engage with daily activities, which allowed us to enter into the **relationship of women with traditional seeds through their caring**, making it possible to glimpse the **values associated with these practices**.



## Important Finding



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