SEED SAVING Mind Map - Bega Valley Seed Savers

- Store in vermin-proof & airtight container
- Freeze for 48 hours to kill insects
- Store in a cool, dry area keep records
- · Check years of viability

** Keep good records

at each step

- Veg species
- Veg variety
- Date
- Location

'Dry'

- Put plant material with attached seeds in paper bag to dry in the shade
- Separate seeds from frass & dust: Manually
 - Sieve
 - Rolling Pin
 - Rubbing
 - Stomping
- Winnow seed if necessary

RESOURCES

Bega Valley Seed Savers

- Calendar
- Gatherings
- · Website/Facebook

SEED

SAVING

Library

STORE

- PRELIMINARY ·

- Choose vegetable e.g. *Brassica oleracea* (cauliflower)
- Choose variety of vegetable *Brassica* oleracea var. botrytis (white cauliflower)
- Choose seeds Non Hybrid
- Check pollination self or cross check separation distance
- Decide how many plants to grow



HARVEST

- Record plant details
- · Propogate seeds
- Plant & grow as normal
- Set aside the healthiest plants for seed production
- Select Plants with favourable traits

PROCESS

'Wet'

- Leave fruit to over-ripen on bench
- Scrape out sees & pulp
- Allow to ferment for a couple of days
- Rinse away pulp & immature seeds
- Dry seeds on tea towel

Allow seeds to mature on the plant

- 'Dry' seeds, e.g. Lettuce, beans, etc allow seeds to go brown & dry
- 'Wet' seeds, e.g. tomatoes allow fruit to fully ripen on the plant
- Harvest whole plant or whole ripe fruit or pick seeds as they mature
- Harvest when dry (no dew) if possible