

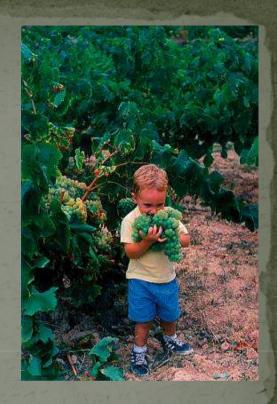
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United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage



The Mediterranean diet

Spain; Greece; Italy; Morocco





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#### The Mediterranean diet

Inscribed in 2010 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Country(ies): Spain, Greece, Italy, Morocco

Identification

Slideshow

Video

#### Description

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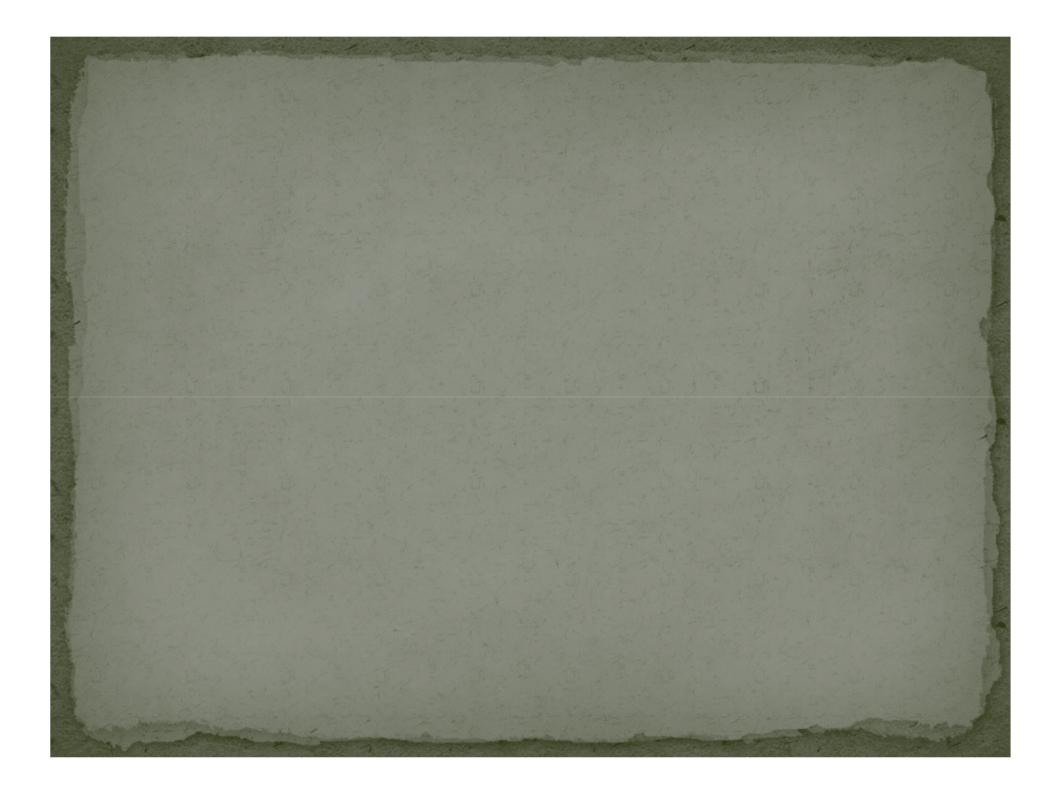
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