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Cover shows a woman farmer harvesting upland rice. Unlike ordinary rice variety commonly cultivated in irrigated rice paddies, upland rice is grown in dry soil and diverse ecosystem. Rice is a staple food especially in Asia. Understanding the potential of cultivating traditional upland rice could alleviate rice shortage. Find out more about the genetic diversity of upland rice on page 177. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Florence Lasalita-Zapico).

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