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The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing: Why is it relevant and how to comply

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Who we are

Regulatory Delivery (RD)

- Enforcement authority for Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in the UK
- Technical and product-based Regulations with environmental focus
- Expertise in risk-based market surveillance, supporting compliance and addressing non-compliance in a proportionate and pragmatic manner

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- Policy lead on Access and Benefit Sharing
- National Focal Point (NFP)



The Convention on Biological Diversity

(third objective)

The Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilisation

Adopted in 2010, requiring users to comply with national access legislation

Regulation (EU) No. 511/2014 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1866

Compliance measures for users in the EU

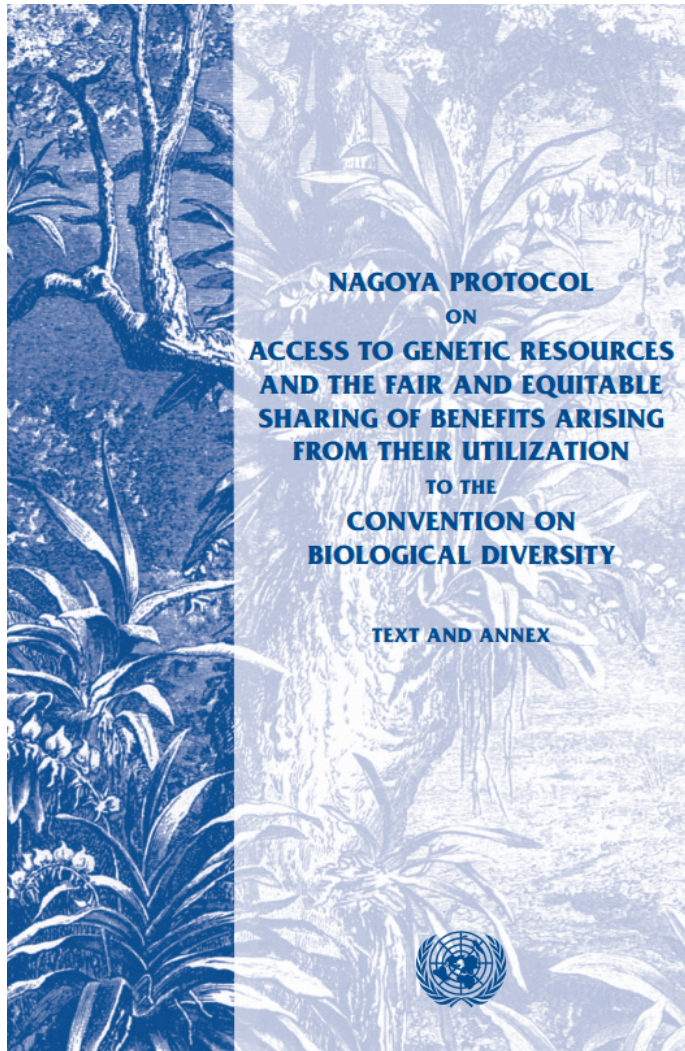
The UK Statutory Instrument

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International

Regional

National



NAGOYA PROTOCOL

- Supplementary to CBD
- Legal framework for implementation of the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from utilisation of genetic resources
- More predictable conditions for access to GRs
- Help ensure benefit-sharing when GRs leave the country of origin
- Traditional knowledge associated with GRs
- Tools: Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House

Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House (ABS-CH)

About the ABSCH | Search | Submit | Country Profiles

The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house (ABSCH) is a platform for exchanging information on ABS and a key tool for facilitating the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.



96 Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

1 Ratified, not yet Party

102 Non-Parties

<https://absch.cbd.int/>

JS map by amCharts


South Africa

Party Status: **Party to the Nagoya Protocol**
Entered into force on: 12 Oct 2014
Ratification on: 10 Jan 2013
Signatory: **Signed on 11 May 2011**
CBD Country Profile: www.cbd.int/countries/?country=za

Responsible advising on procedures and requirements for obtaining PIC and setting MAT

+ABS National Focal Points (NFP)

+ Competent National Authorities (CNA)

+ Legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing (MSR) 

+ National Databases and Websites (NDB)

+ Checkpoints (CP)

+ Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance (IRCC)

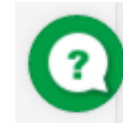
+ Checkpoint Communiqués (CPC)

+ Interim National Report on the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (NR)

The ABS Clearing House, <https://absch.cbd.int/>

ABS Clearing-House

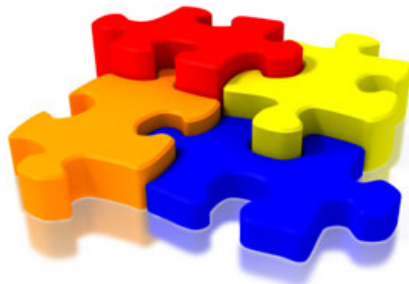
- Platform to exchange info
- Connecting users and providers
- Country profiles and summaries
- Helps countries monitor utilisation of genetic resources
- Publically available



<https://absch.cbd.int/>

Implementation in the UK

- Regulation (EU) No. 511/2014 (user compliance)
- EU Implementing Regulation (due diligence, best practices, registered collections)
- UK Statutory Instrument (powers to enforce)
- Regulatory Delivery – UK Competent Authority



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 821

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Nagoya Protocol (Compliance) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - 17th March 2015

Laid before Parliament 23rd March 2015

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

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Regulation (EU) No 511/2014 on compliance measures for users

- Entered into force on 12th October 2014
- Access in accordance with applicable legislation of the provider country
- Research and development
- Genetic material (plant, animal, microbial, other) and traditional knowledge
- Due diligence
- Does not address access to genetic resources in Europe



Assessing scope (EU Legislation)

The EU Regulation applies to genetic resources that meet all of the following conditions:

- I. from countries that **exercise sovereign rights**
- II. where countries have **established applicable access measures and ratified the Nagoya Protocol**
- III. if **accessed after 12 October 2014**
- IV. those that are not already **governed by specialised international instruments**

Why is it of relevance?

Activities considered to be in scope of the EU Regulation

- Research on a genetic resource leading to the isolation of a biochemical compound used as a new ingredient incorporated into a product
- Breeding programme to create a new plant variety based on naturally occurring plants
- Genetic modification – creation of a genetically modified animal containing a gene from another species



Activities considered to be out of scope

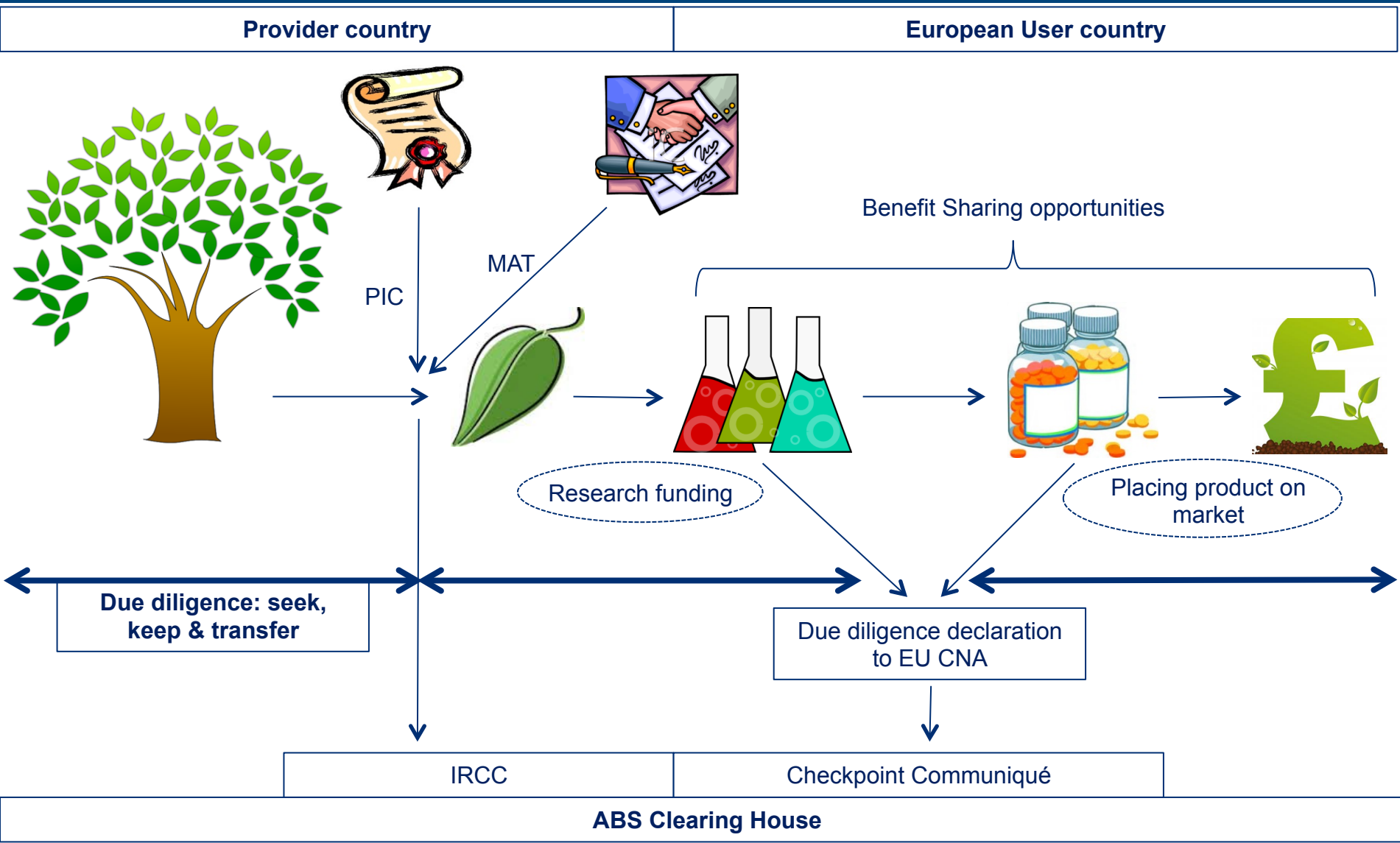
- Handling and storing of biological material and describing its phenotype
- Genetic resources as testing tools (GR is not the object of the research)
- Supply and processing of relevant raw materials for incorporation into a product (no new research)



Due diligence

- ...'exercise due diligence to ascertain that the genetic resource which they utilise have been accessed in accordance with the applicable legislation'.
- Seek, keep and transfer information along the value chain
- ABS Clearing House and contacting NFP
- IRCC or equivalent
- Best practices and Registered Collections (Implementing Act)
- EU Checkpoints:
 - Stage of research funding and / or placing a product on the market
 - DECLARE – EU IT Tool







ABSCH-IRCC-IN-204353-1

Internationally recognized certificate of compliance constituted from information on the permit or its equivalent made available to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House

In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, a permit or its equivalent issued in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 3 (e) and made available to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, shall constitute an internationally recognized certificate of compliance.

General Information

Issuing country
INDIA
Verification link (view latest version)
http://absch.cbd.int/database/ABSCH-IRCC-IN-204353
ABS-CH Unique Identifier (UID)
ABSCH-IRCC-IN-204353-1

Issuing Authority

<small>(Competent National Authority)</small> National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) 5th Floor, TICEL Bldg, CSIR Road, Taramani Chennai, Tamilnadu 600 113, India Phone: +91 44 2254 2777 Fax: +91 44 2254 1200 Email: secretary@nbaindia.org , chairman@nba.nic.in , secretary@nba.nic.in Website: http://www.nbaindia.org
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Details of the permit or its equivalent

Reference number of the permit or its equivalent	
India/NBA/App/9/KB4	
Additional national references or identifiers	
Application in Form-I for accessing ethno-medicinal knowledge of the Siddi community from Gujarat for research	
Date of issuance of the permit or its equivalent	Date of expiry of the permit or its equivalent
27 Mar 2015	26 Mar 2018

Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Information

Confirmation that prior informed consent (PIC) obtained or granted
YES
Provider The person or entity that holds the right to grant access to the genetic resources in accordance with domestic legislation.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
Entity to whom PIC was granted
Ms Seema Solanki

Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) Information

Confirmation that mutually agreed terms (MAT) have been established

YES

Additional information about the mutually agreed terms

1. The user shall not obtain any form of IPR based on the biological resources and /or associated knowledge accessed under this agreement in any manner without obtaining the prior approval of NBA under provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
2. The applicant shall submit a report to NBA on the outcome of the research work.

Subject-matter

Subject-matter or genetic resources covered:

Accessing ethno-medicinal knowledge of the Siddi community from Gujarat for research

Support for users: EU Guidance

- Horizontal – published cross-sector guidance
- Sector specific – in preparation
 - Cosmetic
 - Pharmaceutical
 - Bio-control
 - Plant breeding
 - Animal breeding
 - Food & feed
 - Biotechnology
 - Collections and research institutions

II
(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

COMMISSION NOTICE

Guidance document on the scope of application and core obligations of Regulation (EU) No 511/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the compliance measures for users from the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilisation in the Union

(2016/C 313/01)

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Formal Notices

Enforcement Undertakings

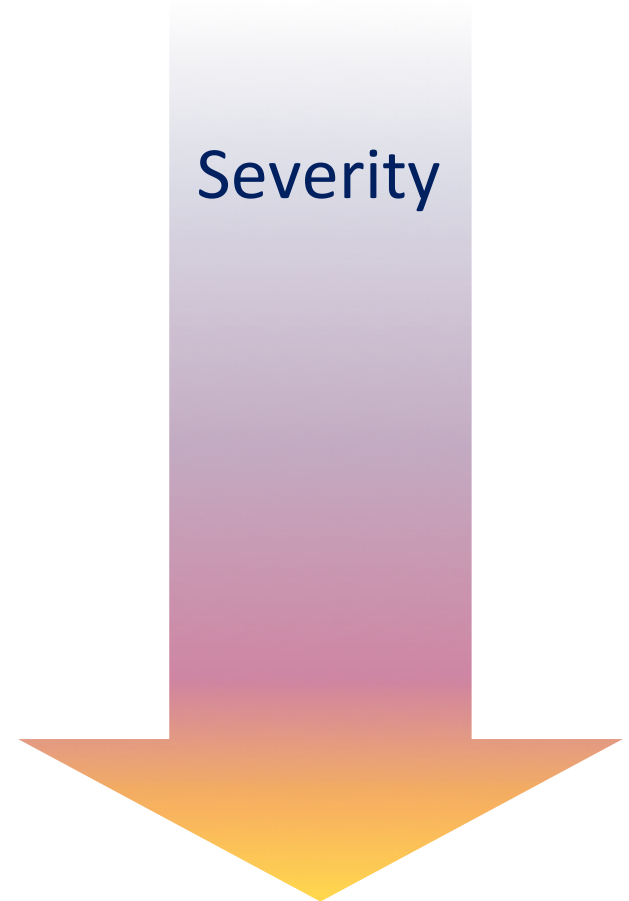
Fines and Monetary Penalties

Formal Caution

Material/Product Withdrawal/Seizure

Court Action

Publicity



Thank you for your attention

