



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Access and Benefit Sharing in basic research – how to comply with the new requirements

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The implementation of the Nagoya Protocol with its requirements regarding ABS ("Access and Benefit Sharing") introduces new rules to the acquisition of biological material in foreign countries and its subsequent use for research. This concept – originally intended as a measure against biopiracy – includes the ownership of genetic resources by the country of origin; researchers thus will have to approach the administration ("Competent National Authority") of member states of the Nagoya Protocol to obtain the necessary paperwork prior to collecting specimens. Such paperwork usually includes PIC ("Prior Informed Consent") and MAT ("Mutually Agreed Terms"), which must be negotiated before sampling biological material in that country. Since MAT delineate all future uses of this material, careful planning is needed to cover the whole spectrum of intended research on these samples. Eventually, researchers who utilize biological material from those countries, will have to report to the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation at certain points and might be checked by this authority at any time. This workshop will introduce participants to the concepts of the new regulations, the duties of researchers in this context and how to deal with the regulations using case studies as examples in a practical training.



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