

Advancing the Nagoya Protocol in Countries of the Caribbean Region

-Status of Project Preparation-



3rd Caribbean ABS Workshop
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GIZ – ABS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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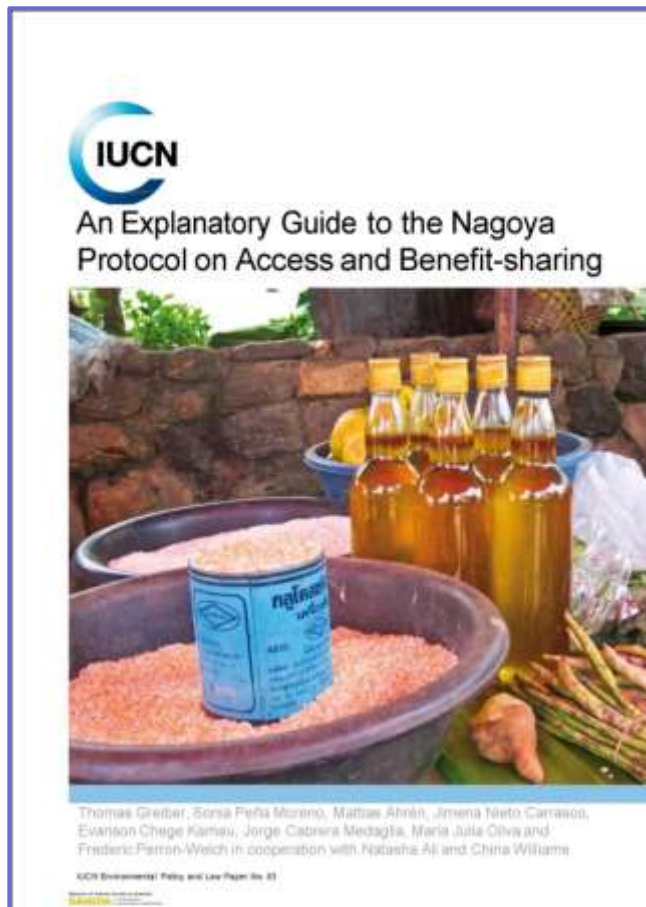


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IUCN's experience in implementing ABS



- In 2012, IUCN adopted a Resolution to Support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing.
- In 2012, the IUCN Environmental Law Center developed, validated and launched the first **“Explanatory Guide to the Nagoya Protocol on ABS”**.
- IUCN follows CBD processes closely, and has supported the [Nagoya Protocol](#) negotiations from the onset.
- The Aichi Targets are at the center of IUCN's 2013-2016 Global Programme

GEF ABS Project Participating Countries & Counterpart Agencies



PARTICIPATING COUNTRY		COUNTERPART AGENCY
	Antigua & Barbuda	Environment Division
	Barbados	Min. of Environment & Drainage
	Dominica	Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries
	Guyana	Environmental Protection Agency
	Grenada	Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
	Jamaica	Ministry of Land and Environment National Environment and Planning Agency
	St. Kitts & Nevis	Department of Physical Planning and Environment
	St. Lucia	Sustainable Development and Environment Division
	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Environmental Management Department
	Trinidad & Tobago	Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources



GEF ABS PROJECT OBJECTIVE, BUDGET & TIMELINE



- *Project Objective:* Seeking uptake of the Nagoya Protocol and implementation of key measures to make the protocol operational in Caribbean countries.
- *Current Status:* Consultations held in 9 of 10 countries of the Project; Preparation of Project Document underway with Draft PRODOC by February 2015 and submission to GEF by April 2015.
- Budget : GEF Grant of 1.826 m USD.
Counterpart of 1.85 m USD
- Implementing period : 36 months project cycle with 24 months of active implementation.
- Executing Office: IUCN Regional Office for Mesoamerica and the Caribbean with hiring of Caribbean staff.



SNAP SHOT OF PROJECT BASELINE SCENARIO - NATIONAL



Country	Snap-Shot of Baseline	Sources of Baseline Information
Antigua & Barbuda (Signed NP)	<p>Prioritized ABS Roadmap Produced in 2014 focused at: Legislation, Administrative or Policy Measures Leading to Ratification of the Nagoya Protocol; Implementation of National Enabling Environment; Inventory of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge; Development of Gene/Seed Bank linked to the National Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>Environmental Protection and Management Bill (Including the ABS Section) about to be passed by legislature.</p>	<p>5th National report to the CBD</p> <p>Plant Protection Act, 2012</p> <p>The Forestry Act, Chap 178</p> <p>GOAB Draft ABS Road Map, 2014</p> <p>NBSAP</p>



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Barbados	<p>Equitable biodiversity and traditional knowledge access and benefit sharing is an integral part of Barbados NBSAP</p> <p>No administrative procedures or legislation specific to NP, but for access and related to new plant varieties and research. Biodiversity Project to define way forward on NP accession and ratification.</p>	<p>4th National report to the CBD NBSAP</p> <p>Barbados Country Presentation – CARICOM Regional Training Workshop on Drafting Legislation for Implementation of the NP on ABS</p>



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Dominica	<p>A draft ABS law exists.</p> <p>A local committee has been set up to work with various stakeholders to guide the process of setting up local laws compatible with the various international protocols (including ABS issues).</p> <p>NBSAP has provisions for: Development Plan for Indigenous Carib Peoples; the enactment of legislation on Rights to Genetic Resources and Access and Benefit Sharing; Program for the Conservation of Traditional Knowledge, Culture and Values; and Develop a program that captures and shares traditional knowledge and encourages practice of self reliance.</p> <p>Party to roadmap defined in 2nd Caribbean ABS Workshop</p>	<p>4th National Report to the CBD</p> <p>NBSAP</p> <p>Fisheries Act</p> <p>Forestry and Wildlife Act</p> <p>CISDL, 2012</p> <p>Dominica National Parks and Protected Areas (Amendment) Act 2001</p>



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Country	Snap-Shot of Baseline	Sources of Baseline Information
<p>Guyana</p> <p>(Ratified to NP)</p>	<p>National Biodiversity Research Information System established as a database of research permits.</p> <p>National ABS Policy adopted in 2007</p> <p>Capacity needs for ABS assessed</p> <p>Legal framework to protect traditional knowledge and role of traditional users in management of access to genetic resources with support of the Justice Institute</p> <p>Party to roadmap defined in 2nd Caribbean ABS Workshop</p> <p>Awareness and sensitization of ABS issues well underway</p> <p>Legal framework for bio-prospecting and research priority in Protected Areas</p> <p>ABS governance and planning exist at the local level</p>	<p>National ABS Policy, 2007</p> <p>Revised 1st Draft of Biosafety Bill, 2014</p> <p>Capacity Building Needs Assessment for Access and Benefit-Sharing of Genetic Resources, 2009</p> <p>Thematic Report on Access and Benefit-Sharing, 2009</p> <p>Amerindian Act of 2006</p> <p>ABS in Guyana – Workshop Presentation by the EPA, 2013</p> <p>Biodiversity Enabling Activities Project</p> <p>Protected Areas Act</p>



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Grenada (Acceded the NP)	<p>Party to roadmap defined in 2nd Caribbean ABS Workshop (GIZ)</p> <p>ABS Focal Point Defined</p> <p>Identified need for sensitization, institutional and legal framework, and capacity building for NP implementation</p> <p>ABS recognized and embraced at high policy levels</p> <p>Absence of an integrated coastal and marine management regime</p>	<p>5th National Report to the CBD NBSAP</p> <p>National Parks and Protected Areas Act</p> <p>National Environmental Summary Grenada 2010</p> <p>Birds and Other Wildlife Act</p> <p>Fisheries Act</p> <p>Wild Animals and Birds Sanctuary Act.</p>



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Jamaica	<p>-Party to roadmap defined in 2nd Caribbean ABS Workshop (GIZ)</p> <p>-Draft Biosafety Policy and a Biotechnology Policy exist</p> <p>-Policy directive requiring sensitization and legal framework before accession to NP</p> <p>-ABS Focal Point Defined</p> <p>-Steering Committee to facilitate development of legal framework created</p> <p>-Identified need for Communication/Public Awareness plan to be incorporated into all local and national project initiatives</p>	<p>4th National Report to CBD NBSAP</p> <p>Draft Biosafety Policy</p> <p>Biotechnology Policy</p> <p>Forest Act 1996</p> <p>Fishing Industry Act 1975</p> <p>Wildlife Protection Act</p> <p>NEPA (Executive Agencies Act)</p>



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St. Kitts & Nevis	<p>No visible progress towards accession of NP. Identified need for baseline and gap analysis of national ABS status, national inventory, legal requirements, business opportunities tied to ABS, public awareness and capacity building.</p> <p>General provisions for biodiversity and environment in the existing legal framework; non specific to ABS Traditional Knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Department of Physical Planning and Environment -Development Control & Planning Act, 2000 & 2006 -National Physical Development Plan of 2006 -National Environmental Strategy -National Conservation and Environmental Protection Act -NBSAP

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St. Lucia	<p>Party to roadmap defined in 2nd Caribbean ABS Workshop (GIZ) in 2013</p> <p>Need for national enabling policies;</p> <p>Defined need for local inventories of TK and GR and support for creation and strengthening of institutional and legal framework;</p> <p>Biodiversity Law, including ABS, exists in draft;</p> <p>General provisions for biodiversity and environment in the existing in sector-specific legal framework and plans</p> <p>Identified need for capacity building at all levels to address ABS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th National Report to the CBD Coastal Zone Plan NBSAP (Result E, Outcome 2) Saint Lucia Forest Policy Physical Planning Act Fisheries Act



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Country	Snap-Shot of Baseline	Sources of Baseline Information
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Identified prioritized ABS roadmap including legal technical support, national gap analysis, national inventories of TK and GR, public awareness, building of institutional framework, public awareness, communication strategy, and capacity building. Biosafety Policy	4 th National report to the CBD NBSAP Forest Resource Conservation Act Wildlife Protection Act Forest Resource Conservation Plan Fisheries Act National Environmental Summary 2010

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Trinidad & Tobago	Legal framework for conditions of access. Country identified that no monitoring of benefits to local communities exists; International corporation is needed for monitoring access; No National ABS Policy No ABS Focal Point No legal instruments for biotechnology No legal framework for PIC or MAT No legal framework for TK or GR Implementation and monitoring of the ABS-NP will be a major challenge	4 th National Report to the CBD NBSAP Forests Act and Fisheries Act Conservation of Wildlife Act An Outline of the feasibility of the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in Trinidad and Tobago



REGIONAL PROJECT BASELINE INFORMATION SOURCES

(In addition to all listed National Sources)

Sources of Information for Regional Baseline

Report – First ABS Workshop for the Caribbean Region. Trinidad & Tobago, 2012

Report – Second Caribbean Access and benefit sharing Workshop, Jamaica, 2013

All Presentations – BIOPAMA Regional Workshop, Barbados, 2013

MEAs-ACP CARICOM Fact Sheet

Relevance of Marine Bio-prospecting in ABS Frameworks, GIZ-ABS Capacity Development Initiative

Benefit Sharing in ABS: Options and Elaborations, UNEP, 2009

The Oceans Economy: Opportunities and Challenges for Small Island Developing States, UNCTAD, 2014

Overview of National and regional Measures on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing - Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing the Nagoya Protocol, CISDL, 2012

Report - CARICOM Regional Training Workshop on Drafting Legislation for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, held in Roseau, Dominica June 26-28, 2013



COMP 1. Baseline analysis to identify common assets, issues and needs between countries.



Expected Outcomes

1.1a. Regional Stock Staking and Gap Analysis of Common Assets/Values , Capacities and Systems produced and disseminated, covering all 10 project countries.

1.1b. Fact sheets produced on the basis of the regional survey on shared assets/values in relation to GR and TK of the Caribbean

1.2a. Guidelines with key principles and elements for national and regional ABS policy formulation produced .

1.2b. Summarized information items produced to disseminate policy-related progress at the national and regional levels through websites, bulletins, annual reports and other means, as relevant.

1.3a. Project Website and Virtual Regional ABS Forum serving as openly-accessible platforms for dissemination, exchanges, synergy and collaboration.

1.3b. Regional discussion, involving key regional players and all 10 project countries, on the convenience of and modalities for regional mechanisms to support national ABS regimes.

1.3c. Caribbean ABS COP side-event takes place with a high level (50% or more) of Caribbean participation..

1.3d. Roster of ABS experts for the region.

1.3e. Inter-institutional coordination included in ABS national agendas for all project countries



COMP 2. Uptake of the Nagoya Protocol

Expected Outcomes

2.1a. Assessment of Existing Legal Framework to Incorporate ABS and Specific Legislative & Regulatory Needs completed for project countries and used to target and prioritize project interventions in support of creating the necessary enabling legal environment for the uptake of the Nagoya Protocol.

2.1b. Assessment of Implications of Ratification of the NP Protocol produced and disseminated to all 10 project countries.

2.1c. An ABS Guideline for Countries of the English Speaking Caribbean produced and used to sensitize parliamentarians through Regional ABS Workshop for Parliamentarians.

2.1d. Nagoya P Protocol Ratification Instruments produced for nine (9) countries and made available to National CBD Focal Points for necessary follow-up and due diligence with the CBD Secretariat.

2.1e. Public Education and Awareness Campaign using radio spots, ABS sensitization workshops, printed materials, and interactive ABS web portal under full implementation in ten (10) countries.



COMP 3. Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol establishing an enabling environment for the implementation of basic provisions of the NP



Expected Outcomes

3.1a. Regional Strategy and Action Plan for the Implementation of ABS Measures with Country-specific Targets produced with at least 40% implementation by EOP.

3.1b. National ABS Policies formulated and submitted to the competent authorities of project countries.

3.1c. Standardized Training Manual for ABS Implementation developed and used among key line agencies engaged in ABS through-out the region.

3.1d. Caribbean Regional ABS Training of Trainers Workshop with at least twenty (20) trainers trained, with trainers identified on a Regional ABS Experts Roster, and available to provide expertise in the development of ABS capacity in the region..

3.1e. Standardized Templates Governing ABS agreements for use through-out the Caribbean Region finalized and adopted by at least eight (8) countries.

3.1f. Standardized Methodology for the creation of national inventories finalized and being implemented in at least eight (8) countries.

3.1g. Regional Inventory of Common Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge produced and widely disseminated through-out the Caribbean region.

3.1h. Regional ABS Research & Monitoring Database populated with relevant ABS research and data produced by the project and by other national and regional initiatives

3.1i. Business Module for Countries of the Caribbean which highlights multiple economic scenarios possible under an ABS regime developed and available as a tool for countries in their national decision-making processes on ABS.



COMP 4. Regional coordination, technical support and capacity development

Expected Outcomes

4.1a. Project Inception Meeting completed with all project partners introduced to detailed project work plan, Project Logical Framework, implementation timeline, administrative procedures, monitoring and evaluation functions, and overall project governance

4.1b. Three (3) Annual Meetings of the Regional Steering Committee held to assess the project's results and to review and participate in one-on-one discussions on the way forward for successful project implementation

4.1c. Collaboration agreements reached with other key actors in the region resulting in joint planning and implementation of activities, avoidance of duplication, and optimization in the use of resources available to the region.

4.2a. Project staff hired and Regional Steering Committee established to ensure appropriate institutional arrangements are in place for project start-up.

4.2b. National Coordinators hired by the project's implementing agency to provide on-the-ground project support and follow-up with National Project Focal Points.

4.2c. Seven (7) Virtual Monitoring & Evaluation Meetings conducted to provide continuous inputs to project implementation.

4.2d. Mid Term Evaluation completed with project successes and lessons learned evaluated and used to inform the implementation of the rest of the project.

4.2e. Terminal Evaluation completed with achievement of project goals and objectives evaluated, interpreted, published and disseminated.





Thank you!!

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