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Release of new report

Towards Access and Benefit-Sharing Best Practice

Pacific Case Studies

The Nagoya Protocol among other aspects addresses the relevance of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources relevant to access, benefit-sharing and compliance. Parties to the Protocol are to take into consideration indigenous and local communities' customary laws, protocols and procedures.

A new report highlights four case studies from the Pacific to demonstrate best practice biodiscovery access and benefit-sharing agreements, as well as the challenges stakeholders face in seeking to achieve the fair and equitable sharing of benefits.

The report addresses the mechanisms required by the Protocol, such as national focal points (NFPs), competent national authorities (CNAs) and the Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House Mechanism (CHM). It is hoped that lessons will be derived that can be applied to the development of national systems for ABS.

Any issues identified are also highlighted such that Pacific countries considering implementing the Nagoya Protocol can be mindful of potential implementation challenges and also benefits that an international regime on ABS would provide. Last, the case studies may be useful as a reference for biodiscovery researchers seeking to comply with the principles and terms of the Nagoya Protocol.

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Download the report [here](#).

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