CBD Notification 2021-063 Views and new or additional approaches, options or modalities on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol

**Submission by the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources on Food and Agriculture**

Background

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources on Food and Agriculture was developed in harmony with the CBD. It is implemented in a mutually supportive manner with other international instruments. Its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing is recalled in the Preamble of the Nagoya Protocol.

Criteria to consider for policy options

In Annex II of document CBD/WG2020/3/4, “effective linkages across biodiversity regimes and international forums*”* is one of the criteria for assessing policy options on DSI. Recalling the overarching principle of mutual supportiveness, FAO invites the negotiating parties of the OEWG to continue considering such criterion, in particular in relation to coherence with existing systems of access and benefit-sharing and across international agreements covering different sectors, as also suggested in the document.

Modalities

As the OEWG is considering, among the multiple modalities to address DSI, a multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism, FAO wishes to recall the Benefit-Sharing Fund that operates under the Multilateral System of the International Treaty, which has accumulated significant experience, and invite negotiating parties of the OEWG to consider lessons learned from, and possible cooperation, with the Fund.