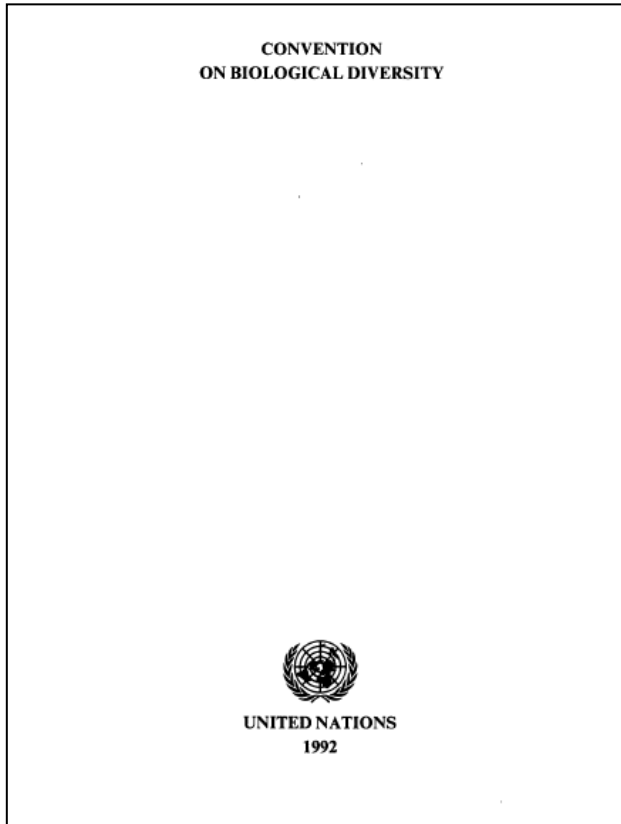


**Protected areas .... equity and equitability**  
**A quick review of CBD decisions on protected areas**

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# Convention on Biological Diversity 1992



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## CBD Article 8 (j)



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## CBD Article 19 (2)



2. Each Contracting Party shall take all practicable measures **to promote and advance priority access on a fair and equitable basis** by Contracting Parties, especially developing countries, to benefits arising from biotechnologies based upon genetic resources.

## 2004 COP 7 Decision VII/28



### Programme of Work on Protected Areas

#### Goal 2.1: To promote equity and benefit-sharing

Target: Establish by 2008 mechanisms for the **equitable sharing of both costs and benefits arising from the establishment and management of protected areas.**



## PoWPA Programme Element 3

### Goal 3.1: To provide an enabling policy, institutional and socio-economic environment for protected areas



3.1.4 Consider governance principles, such as the rule of law, decentralization, participatory decision-making mechanisms for accountability and **equitable dispute resolution institutions and procedures.**



## Programme Element 3 (continued)



3.1.9 Identify and foster economic opportunities and markets at local, national and international levels for goods and services produced by protected areas and/or reliant on the ecosystem services that protected areas provide, consistent with protected area objectives and **promote the equitable sharing of the benefits.**



## 2008: COP 9 Decision IX/18 Review of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas



6(e) Further develop and implement measures for the **equitable sharing of both costs and benefits** arising from the establishment and management of protected areas and make protected areas an important component of local and global sustainable development consistent with national legislations and applicable international obligations;



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19. *Encourages* Parties to ensure that conservation and development activities in the context of protected areas contribute to the eradication of poverty and sustainable development and ensure that **benefits arising from the establishment and management of protected areas are fairly and equitably shared** in accordance with national legislations and circumstances, and do so with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities and where applicable taking into account indigenous and local communities' own management systems and customary use;

# 2010 COP 10 Decision X/18 Strengthening implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas



31. *Invites* Parties to:

(a) **Establish clear mechanisms and processes for equitable cost and benefit-sharing** and for full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, related to protected areas, in accordance with national laws and applicable international obligations;

# 2010 COP 10 Decision X/2

## *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*

### *Target 11:*

By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, **are conserved through effectively and equitably managed,** ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.



# The use of the concept “equitable”

## Equitable sharing:

- of the **benefits** arising from the use of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components
- of **costs and benefits** arising from:
  - the use of genetic resources
  - the establishment and management of protected areas

of the **benefits** arising from ecosystem goods and services

**Recognition equity** (who is a legitimate rights holder or stakeholder)

**Distributional equity** (for legitimate beneficiaries) in a suite of tangible and intangible benefits

**Procedural equity or fairness/justice** in the process of arriving at an outcome characterised by equity