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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Information on access and benefit-sharing measures

Dear Madam/Sir,

A database on access and benefit-sharing measures has been developed by the Secretariat in order to provide information on measures taken by Governments or relevant organizations to assist with the implementation of the access and benefit-sharing provisions of the Convention. The database may include a broad range of measures such as: national or regional strategies, policies, legislations, regulations, community management plans, guidelines or codes of conduct on access and benefit-sharing. It is available at the following address: <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/measures.aspx>.

In order for the database to provide an accurate overview of existing access and benefit-sharing measures worldwide, Parties and relevant organizations are invited to provide information to the Secretariat on these measures by **31 December 2006** by filling out the data entry form in Annex 1. In addition, Parties are invited to provide information regarding measures under development, as it becomes available.

Please note that in order to facilitate preparatory work all submissions should be provided in Word format.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and ABS National Focal Points

ANNEX 1



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Database on Access and Benefit-sharing measures

DATA ENTRY FORM

General guidelines for completing the form

Parties and relevant organisations are invited to fill out this form in order to identify the main characteristics of the measures undertaken to address access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits, in accordance with Article 15 of the Convention. Parties and relevant organisations are also encouraged to forward to the Secretariat **a copy of the measure, preferably in electronic form** (Word format would be appreciated), which will be accessible through the Clearing House Mechanism, for information purposes.

In the event that more than one measure has been adopted at the national or regional level, Parties and relevant organizations are requested to fill in a separate form for each different type of measure.

Identification of level and name

1) In the second column, please indicate whether the measure has been undertaken at the regional, national, sub-national, community or local level.

	Level
Regional	
National	
Sub-national	
Community	
Local	
Other	

2) Please provide the name of the region or of the country and, if applicable, of the sub-national level (e.g. State, Province, etc) or community or locality within that country to which the measure applies:

/...

Area of activity

Please indicate whether the measure is general or whether it has been undertaken to apply to specific sectors (e.g. agriculture, forestry) and/or whether it is meant to apply to specific categories of users (e.g. industry, botanical gardens, research institutes, ex situ collection holders).

General	
Sectoral	
Specific to a category of users	

If sectoral and/or specific to a category of users, please specify the sector and/or category of user:

Type of measure in place and official title

Please indicate whether the measure undertaken has taken the form of a national or regional strategy, policy, legislation, regulation, community management plan, guidelines or a code of conduct on access and benefit-sharing.

Strategy	
Policy	
Legislation	
Regulation	
Community management plan	
Guidelines/Code of conduct	
Other	

If other, please specify:

Please provide the official title of the measure:

Scope

Please indicate whether the policy, strategy, legislation, regulation, community management plan, guidelines or code of conduct related to access and benefit-sharing is within the framework of a broader measure dealing with sustainable development, environment or biodiversity or whether it is a distinct measure focusing only on access and benefit-sharing:

Sustainable Development	
Environment	
Biodiversity	
Access and Benefit-sharing	

Coverage

Please indicate which of the following specific issues related to access and benefit-sharing are covered by the measure:

Access to Genetic Resources	
Equitable Sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources	
Equitable sharing of benefits from the utilization of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices	
Intellectual property rights related to genetic resources	
Intellectual property rights concerning the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices related to genetic resources	
Customary or traditional use of genetic resources	
Other	

If other, please specify:

Current status of the measure

Where applicable, please indicate whether the measure is still in draft form, or whether it has been adopted and has entered into force and if so, at which date it has been adopted and/or has entered into force.

Status	Date (Day/Month/Year)
Draft	
Adopted	
Entered into force	