



24 April 2017

**Call for expressions of interest
Study on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources**

In [decision XIII/16](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to commission a fact-finding and scoping study to clarify terminology and concepts and to assess the extent and the terms and conditions of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol (paragraph 3(b)).

The Executive Secretary invites the submission of expressions of interest from researchers interested in undertaking this project.

Timeline

The tentative timeline for the study is as follows:

Date	Activity
May-June 2017	Selection of researchers and contractual arrangements
Week of 26 June 2017	Researchers provide outline for the study
1 September 2017	First draft of study submitted to Secretariat
1 October 2017	Revised draft of study submitted to Secretariat
15 October – 15 November 2017	Peer review of study
1 December 2017	Final study submitted to Secretariat
13-15 February 2017	Meeting of Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group

Due to the limited time available to carry out the activities on digital sequence information on genetic resources requested by the Parties, the selected researcher(s) will be expected to commit to providing deliverables on time.

Expected Outcomes

Expected outcomes include a 2-5 page executive summary highlighting the key findings of the study and a 25 to 30 page study addressing the aspects identified in decision XIII/16, paragraph 3(b).

Qualifications

It is expected that the selected researcher or team of researchers will have a combination of qualifications and experience in legal or policy matters, biological sciences and knowledge management/data analysis.

Demonstrated experience with the issue of access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and the Nagoya Protocol is also required.

How to apply

Expressions of interest should include:

- A statement of interest, including a brief overview of the proposed approach to the project (no more than 1 page);
- Brief biographies or curricula vitae of the researcher(s) who would undertake the work indicating relevant experience and qualifications.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible and no later than **19 May 2017**.