

How to check national legislation by using the ABS-CH

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Overview presentation

- ABS-CH : What does it stand for?
- Why use ABS-CH?
- How to use it



ABS-CH: What does it stand for?

- ABS-CH = Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing-House
- Based on article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol
- Information sharing on:
 - (a) Legislative, administrative and policy measures
 - (b) Information on the national focal point and competent national authority or authorities; and
 - (c) Permits or their equivalent issued at the time of access as evidence of the decision to grant prior informed consent and of the establishment of mutually agreed terms.



ABS-CH: What does it stand for?

Website : <https://absch.cbd.int>

Available information:


National Records

📄 National records are published by Governments and include national information obliged to provide in accordance with the Protocol.

- ABS National Focal Point 📄
- Competent National Authorities 📄
- Legislative, administrative or policy measures 📄
- National Websites and Databases 📄
- Internationally Recognized Certificate of Compliance 📄
- Checkpoints 📄
- Checkpoint Communiqués 📄
- Interim National Report on the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol 📄

Party Status

- Party to the Nagoya Protocol
- Ratified, not yet Party to the Nagoya Protocol
- Not a Party to the Nagoya Protocol
- Signatory to the Nagoya Protocol



ABS-CH: What does it stand for?


Available information:

⊕ CLOSE FILTERS
▼ National records
▼ Reference records
▼ SCBD records
▼ Keywords
▼ Country
▼ Regions
▼ Date

Reference Records

ⓘ Reference records include a number of ABS relevant resources and information. They can be submitted by any registered user of the ABS Clearing-Parties, governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders.

- Virtual Library Resources ⓘ
- Model Contractual Clauses, Codes of Conduct, Guidelines, Best Practices and/or Standard ⓘ
- Community Protocols and Procedures and Customary Laws ⓘ
- Capacity-building Initiatives




Why use ABS-CH?

- In order to be compliant with National legislation and EU regulation
- Projects that undertake collection missions should take into account the Protocol
- Foreign student researcher (for example South African) who brings genetic resources along for study
- When projects, financed by DGD, develop “innovative” products or medicins based on genetic resources

See FAQ for more information



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How to use ABS-CH?

- Go to <https://absch.cbd.int>


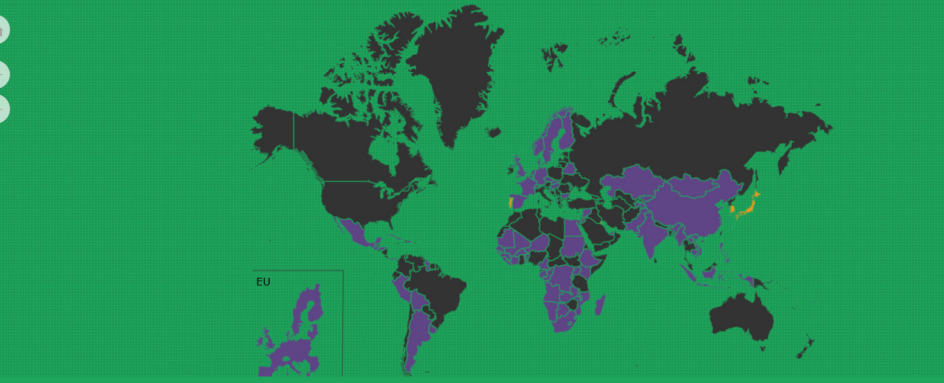


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The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house (ABSCH) is a platform for exchanging information on ABS and a key tool for implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. ⓘ



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How to use ABS-CH?

Democratic Republic of the Congo PARTY

- 1 ABS National Focal Point
- 0 Competent National Authorities
- 0 Legislative Administrative or Policy Measures
- 0 National Databases and Websites
- 0 Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance
- 0 Checkpoints
- 0 Checkpoint Communiqués

VIEW COUNTRY PROFILE

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Party Status:	Party to the Nagoya Protocol
Entered into force on:	05 May 2015
Ratification on:	04 Feb 2015
Signatory:	Signed on 21 Sep 2011
CBD Country Profile:	www.cbd.int/countries/?country=cd

- + ABS National Focal Point (NFP)
- + Competent National Authorities (CNA)
- + Legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing (MSR)
- + National Databases and Websites (NDB)
- + Checkpoints (CP)

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Possible Role for Foreign Affairs/DGD

- Check that projects are compliant with National Legislation in partner countries
- Raise awareness on NP of Belgian Scientists that visit Embassies
- Raise awareness at Universities and research institutes in Belgium on NP (e.g. CEBioS)
- Assist good governance on NP in partner countries
- Ensure through Governmental processes that checkpoints are in place in Belgium to facilitate replies to requests on compliance



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Some examples

- Be: Merci de faire le nécessaire pour être en accord avec les dispositions nationales du Maroc dans le cadre du Protocole de Nagoya avant de voyager vers la Belgique.
- Ma: le point focal au Maroc Mr. Lalami khalid, il m'a expliqué que jusqu'à maintenant le système de délivrance de permis ou autorisations pour l'exportation de specimens dans le cadre du protocole de Nagoya, n'est pas encore mis en place. Aucun département du ministère ne peut délivrer d'autorisations.



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Some examples

- Be: Merci de faire le nécessaire pour être en accord avec les dispositions nationales dans le cadre du Protocole de Nagoya avant de voyager vers la Belgique.
- Je ne pense pas que ce serait encore possible d'avoir cette lettre auprès du ministère. Nous venons souvent avec les échantillons si nous avons une lettre de l'institution.
- Nous sommes dans deux ministères différent et donc c'est mon directeur qui doit demander ça auprès du Ministère de la recherche puis le ministre demande son homologue de l'environnement. Vous voyer comment ça peut prendre assez de temps.



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