

The CIESM Charter

on Access and Benefit-Sharing
of Marine Genetic Resources



The Mediterranean Science Commission

A Charter for blue biotechnology
development and against biopiracy

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Équité et Impartialité

Equity and Fairness

Share fairly and equitably with the country providing access to its national water, any monetary or non-monetary benefits arising from the utilization of Marine Genetic Resources. Engage a re-negotiation process with the country if downstream commercialization is foreseen.

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Compréhension des Droits de Propriétés Intellectuelles existants et octroyés

Certainty of Property Rights

IPRs assignments - Ensure with certainty the existing property rights and assign new one fairly and equitably.

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Responsabilité et Légalité

Legality / Liability

Identify clearly regulations and laws governing access to and utilization of Marine Genetic Resources collected in the country providing access and comply with domestic and international laws and Access and Benefit-Sharing laws.

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Transparence

Transparency

Communicate the objectives, any third parties and the proposed research that will be carried out to access and to utilize the Marine Genetic Resources.

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Traçabilité

Traceability

Keep records of Marine Genetic Resources sampling and analysis processes, including repositories location (data and material) and any third parties involved.

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Relations Réciproques

Reciprocal Relations

Cooperate with and involve scientific communities from the country providing access in all aspects of research projects in a mutual relationship; identify and discuss together the best way to share non-monetary or monetary benefits, exchange on mutual benefits.

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Partage des Données
Concerted Handling of Commons

Ensure that the contributors share responsibilities for data preservation, delivery and management. Any information handled by one party should be shared with the other so as to facilitate the mutual exchange for Marine Genetic Resources access and analysis.

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Préservation de la Nature et Respect de l'Environnement

Nature Conservation and Environmental Respect

Ensure that the sampling sites are not damaged and conservation of marine biodiversity is not impeded by the research.

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Efficacité

Efficiency

Ensure Transaction cost are minimized in governance structures.