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Eleventh meeting (COP11)**

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***Agenda Item 2: Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to
Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of
Benefits Arising from Their Utilization and related
developments***

Summary

WWF welcomes the recommendations of the *Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization* (ICNP) as detailed in UNEP/CBD/COP/11/5 and 6), as well as progress report on the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/11).

WWF urges the COP to adopt the ICNP recommendations and in particular to:

- request the GEF to support building the capacity of Parties to develop, implement and enforce domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing, with full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as to support the implementation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development in support of the implementation of the Protocol. (Recommendation 2/1.)
- promote awareness raising activities to support ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Protocol. (Recommendation 2/6.)
- reconvene the ICNP for a third meeting to address outstanding issues of its workplan in preparation for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. (Recommendation 2/8.)

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Background and Rationale

WWF realises the importance of genetic resources for development especially for medicine and food security and believes that an inclusive and representative international framework is required to ensure access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

WWF believes that the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol at COP 10 in Japan in 2010 was an important milestone in global efforts to promote for more equitable biodiversity conservation and functioning of the CBD.

WWF recognizes the inextricable link between genetic resources and traditional knowledge in the traditional lands, territories and resources of indigenous peoples and local communities and believes that the Nagoya Protocol must be implemented in ways that do not adversely affect the culture, spiritual values, natural environment and rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

WWF believes that fair and equitable benefit-sharing regimes associated with the ABS Protocol can only be developed with the full and effective participation inclusion of indigenous peoples and local communities in all stages of the negotiations, at international and national levels.

WWF hopes that the Nagoya Protocol will provide new opportunities to promote scientific research, documentation of traditional knowledge and practices, and development of community protocols to establish rights and fair benefit-sharing schemes and the conservation of biological diversity.

WWF encourages full respect for the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities regarding traditional knowledge and practices related to ABS framework. In particular WWF encourages the fair and effective development of community protocols to protect traditional knowledge systems as an integral part of ABS in national and international legislation.

WWF is concerned that the Nagoya Protocol has not yet entered into force and encourages renewed efforts to support ratification and implementation of the Protocol including capacity building and awareness raising.

WWF also believes that the ICNP process should be maintained via a third meeting to address outstanding issues in preparation for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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