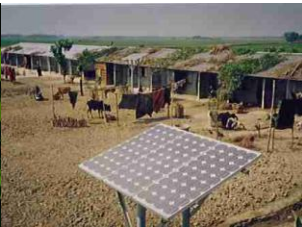




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- I. GEF funded projects
- II. GEF future programming
- III. Mid Term Review





I. ABS Reg'l Projects (GEF-4 Funded)



2. Supporting the Dev. and Implementation of
ABS Policies in Africa (7 African countries)

www.abs-initiative.info

nat'l strategies, comm plans, nat'l chm, laws, training

3. Building Capacity for Reg'l Harmonized
National Processes for Implementing CBD
Provisions on ABS (11 ASEAN countries).

<http://abs.aseanbiodiversity.org>

*ABS mngm't tool, nat'l chm, legal frameworks, pub
awareness strategy*





Other ABS Projects (GEF-4 Funded)



4. Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with Focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions (India) <http://nbaindia.org>, "initiative" *Potential/valuation, 25 ABS agreements*

5. Capacity Building for ABS and Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plants (Ethiopia)





Other ABS Projects (GEF-5 Funded)



1. Capacity Building for the early entry into force of the Protocol on ABS (Global)

executed by the CBD Secretariat (cbd web site)

2. ABS Guatemala: Access to and Benefit Sharing and Protection of Traditional Knowledge to Promote Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use

1. Development of national framework; 2. Protecting TK associated with sustainable use of biodiversity to catalyze its potential for rural development; 3. ABS pilots -sustainable development potential at selected sites in territories



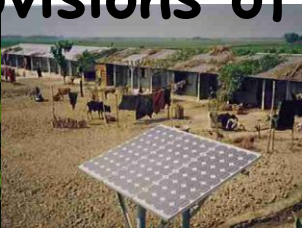


Other ABS Projects (NPIF Funded)



Exploring potential, operationalization of ABS Agreements and Benefit Sharing, Building capacity (Government, private sector, academia partners)

1. Discovering nature-based products and building capacities for the application of the NP in *Fiji* (*exploring marine biodiversity for pharmaceuticals*)
2. Promoting the application of the NP in *Panama* (*pharmaceutical and agro-chemicals*)
3. The development and production of *natural dyes* in the Chocó Region of *Colombia* for the food, cosmetics and personal care industries under the provisions of the NP





Other ABS Projects (NPIF Funded)



4. Global support for the ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (30 countries)
Needs assessment, awareness raising

Additional Regional Support under NPIF?
Andean, Central America, Caribbean?
Individual countries?





II. GEF-6 Programming Priorities 2014-2018



1. Stocktaking and assessment: ABS provisions in existing policies, laws and regulations, stakeholder identification, user rights and intellectual property rights, and institutional capacity including research organizations adding value to genetic resources (i.e. bio-prospecting).

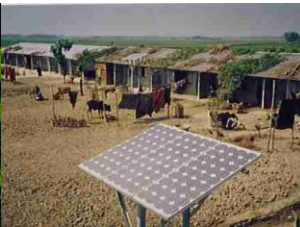




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2. Development and implementation of a strategy and action plan for the implementation of ABS measures (i.e. policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks governing ABS, National Focal Point, Competent National Authority, Institutional agreements, administrative procedures for ABS Agreements with proper Prior Informed Consent [PIC], Mutually Agreed Terms [MAT], and Benefit Sharing, monitoring of use of genetic resources, compliance with legislation and cooperation on trans-boundary issues); and

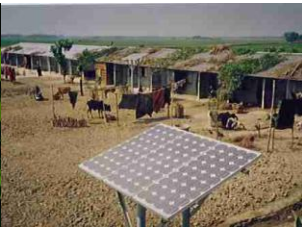




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3. Building capacity among stakeholders (including indigenous peoples, local communities) to negotiate ABS agreements, including domestic protocols, model contractual clauses, and minimum requirements to secure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits. Countries may consider institutional capacity-building to carry out research and development associated with the valorization of genetic resources (bio-prospecting). The GEF would support the development, or updating of existing tools to facilitate the negotiation and implementation of ABS agreements.



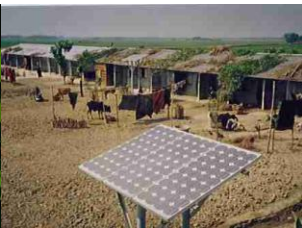


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Additional of interest:

- The GEF will also support initiatives, when properly justified, to enhance national implementation of the Nagoya Protocol through **regional collaboration**.
- support efforts to address the needs and priorities of **indigenous peoples, local communities** and other stakeholders.
- Increase **capacity of research centers and national universities** to carry-out the scientific research needed to bring new uses of genetic resources or derivatives into markets.



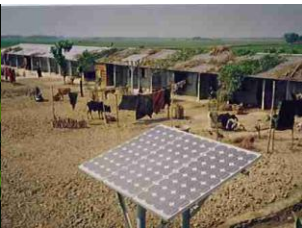


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Support the **development and implementation of ABS agreements** between providers and users of genetic resources that include the three core key elements of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS: PIC, MAT, and Benefit Sharing Providers.

Users can include Parties of the CBD as well as those **interested in the resources** including, for example, sectors like the pharmaceutical industry, biotechnology, ornamental horticulture, and natural personal care and cosmetics.





GEF III. Mid Term Review (MTR)



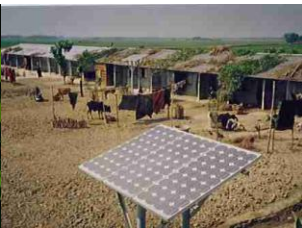
Status: seeking a consultant

Dates: May-June 2013 (4 months late)

Terms of Reference: circulated to NFPs,

Expectation: Interviews with NFPs, partners EA (IUCN) and IA (PNUMA).

All reports, technical, financial (including co-financing, end 2012) and product outputs will be reviewed.





Mid Term Review (MTR)



A. Attainment of objectives (inc. relevance, effectiveness and efficiency) **and planned results**

B. Sustainability (socio-political , financial, institutional, environmental) **and catalytic role**

C. Processes affecting attainment of project results
(project preparation and readiness, implementation approach and management, stakeholder participation and public awareness, country ownership/drivenness, project finance, UNEP supervision , M & E)

D. Complementarity with UNEP prog. & strategies





IV. Co-financing Reporting



- Training workshop and working groups
- Knowledge cafes (coordination and technical support for meetings)
- Use of hardware and equipment
- Office and meeting facilities
- Telecommunications

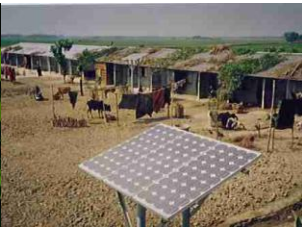




Co-financing Reporting



- Salaries
- Rental of Office Space
- Communication
- transport
- Office and General Expense
- **Total**





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