



The Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing House

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ABS-CH PILOT PHASE

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What is the ABS-CH?

The ABS-CH is a platform for exchanging information on ABS and a key tool for facilitating the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol by enhancing transparency on procedures for access and on the utilization of genetic resources, and in this way increasing the opportunities for benefit-sharing. [▶ more](#)

Participate.

The value of the ABS-CH lays in the information published by Parties and others. For the ABS-CH to become an important tool for implementing the Protocol and enhancing transparency, certainty and clarity on access and benefit-sharing, information published by Parties and others needs to be comprehensive and reliable.

Development of the pilot phase

The ABS-CH is currently in its pilot phase and needs your participation and feedback so that it can be fully operational by the time of entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

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The ABSCH – what is it for?

- Information resource for materials provided by non-Government sources
 - Information relevant to ABS
- An information resource for materials provided by Governments ('National Records')
 - Information on *Legislative, administrative or policy measures on ABS*
 - Information on *National Websites and Databases*
 - *Internationally-Recognised Certificates of Compliance*
 - Information on Government contacts
 - *National Focal Points*
 - *Competent National Authorities*
 - *Checkpoints*
- A communication tool for Governments
 - *Checkpoint Communiqués*

Who can use it?

- Anyone can search its contents
- Anything placed on the ABSCH is openly published and visible to everyone
- Any registered user can submit a 'Virtual Library Record'
 - CBD Secretariat will review for appropriateness and publish
- Only Government appointees can submit a National Record
 - All national submissions have to be approved by a single National Publishing Authority



Creating a Virtual Library Record

- Any registered user can submit a 'Virtual Library Record'
- These will be very broad in their scope, although can be grouped according to type
- To submit:
 - Create a CBD Account and sign in
 - Select "Reference Records" – "Virtual Library record" and a form allowing addition of a resource is presented
 - Once completed it can be saved and submitted for publication



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National Records

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Legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing

IRCC 1 4 4

Permit or its equivalent constituting an internationally recognized certificate of compliance

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Information for the Checkpoint Communiqué

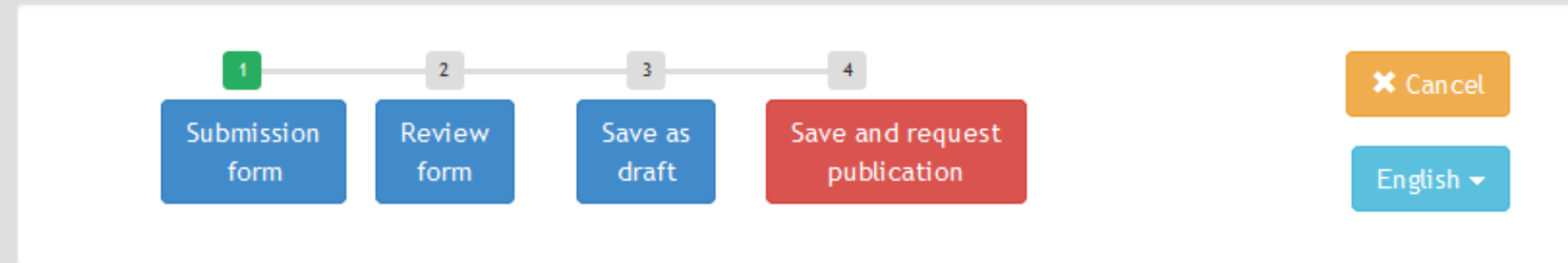
NDB 1

ABS National Website or Database

Reference Records

VLR
Virtual Library Record

VLR Virtual Library Record + more



General information

Title *

EN

Author(s) *

Name of the person who has authored the publication or information resource.

EN

Author's contact information

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Publication year *

Organization(s) involved in the publication of this resource

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▶ **Report from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft "Supplementary instructions for funding proposals concerning research projects within the scope of the Convention on Biological Diversity"**

Introduction Background Report on Guidelines and Good Practices - DFG The Legal Framework (Within DFG, Germany and the EU) Overview of the Guidelines and Current Impact on Procedures Outlook for Future Work Under the Scope of the Nagoya Protocol

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VLR Virtual Library Record

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LINK TO THE RESOURCE(S)

- [ECCO_core-MTA_V1_Febr09.pdf](#)
- [ECCO core Material Transfer Agreement \(http://www.eccosite.org/docs/ECCO_core-MTA_V1_Febr09.pdf\)](http://www.eccosite.org/docs/ECCO_core-MTA_V1_Febr09.pdf)

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National Records

- National Records created and edited in private workspace visible only to National Authorized Users
 - *Legislative, administrative or policy measures*
 - *National Websites and Databases*
 - *Permit or its equivalent constituting an Internationally-recognized Certificate of Compliance*
 - *Checkpoint Communiqué*
 - *Government contacts (Competent National Authorities; Checkpoints)*
- Behaviour similar to Virtual Library Records, although published **Nationally**
- Countries can publish what they want, and documents can be in any language.

How is ABSCH of use during access of GR *IN Situ*?

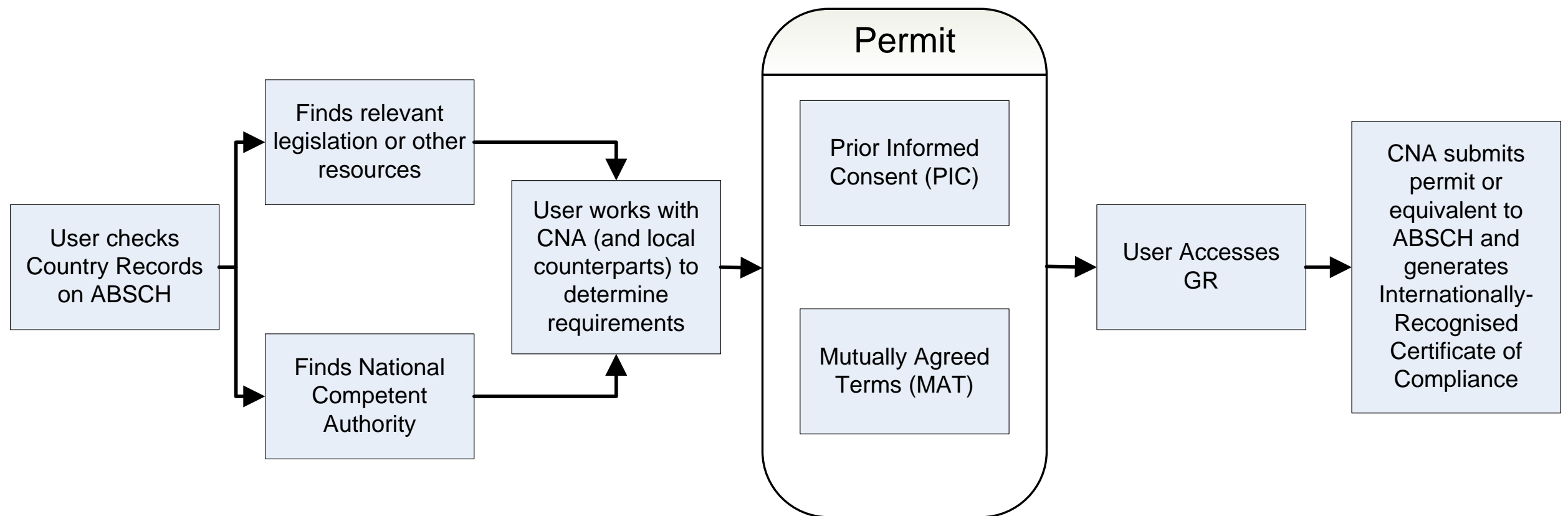
1. Prior to access

- User employs Search Information facility to identify the Competent National Authority to contact for permit information and issuance
- User employs Search Information facility to locate national legislation or policy measures on ABS

2. After Access

- Competent National Authority published permit or its equivalent, which becomes an *Internationally Recognised Certificate of Compliance*
 - This may not include all the information on the permit / MAT
 - Some may be agreed to be confidential
 - The CNA may not have the capacity (time) to enter all the information if it is not needed

Arranging to collect samples in providing countries: PIC, MAT and the Internationally-Recognised Certificate of Compliance



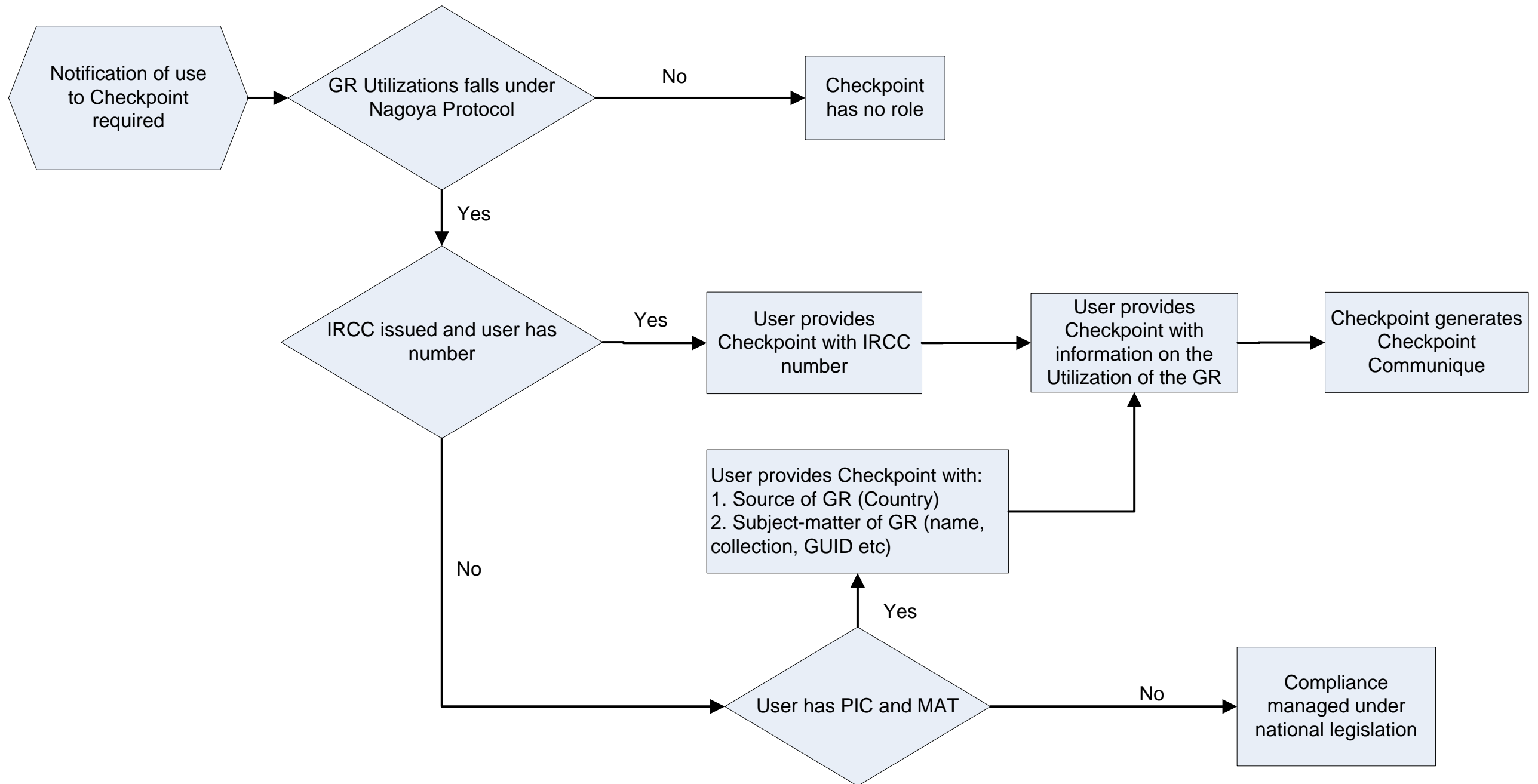
Item	Field type	Mandatory?	Confidentiality possible?
Issuing Authority	Selection	Y	N
Reference number of permit or its equivalent.	Free text	Y	N
Additional national references or identifiers field (national identifiers).	Free text	N	
Date of issuance of permit or its equivalent.	calendar	N	
Date of expiry of permit or its equivalent.	calendar	Y	N
The provider.	Contact details	N	
Confirmation that PIC was obtained or granted.	Must be 'yes'	Y	N
Additional information about PIC	Free text. Can attach document	N	
Person or entity to whom PIC was granted.	In CNA database.	Y	Y
Confirmation that MAT were established.	Must be 'yes'	Y	N
Additional information about the MAT.	upload / link to document	N	
Subject-matter or GR covered by permit	Free text	Y	Y
Specimen data.	Link to specimen record	N	
Taxonomy	Link to GBIF, CoL etc	N	
Geographic coordinates of access	Geojson file	N	
Keywords to describe the subject-matter or GR.	drop-down box	N	
Does permit cover commercial and/or non-commercial use.	Menu	Y	Y
Additional information about the specified uses covered by permit or use restrictions.	Free text	N	
Conditions for third party transfer.	Free text	N	
Copy of permit or equivalent, or other relevant open-access document.	upload / link to document	N	

Compliance and Checkpoints

- Each country will identify methods of monitoring compliance by users within its jurisdiction
 - E.g. when GR 'utilized' or submitted to the market
- This may involve one or more 'Checkpoints' who will collect appropriate information
- Once Checkpoint has information it will notify Providing Country through '*Checkpoint Communique*'
- This does not replace any communication required between the user and the Providing Country



Compliance and Checkpoints



The Checkpoint Communiqué

- When the Checkpoint publishes information on the ABSCH about utilization:
- Information required includes a similar set to that required for the IRCC
- User will have to supply the Mandatory information
- This will be needed in a minimum data set retained with samples
- The information includes optional links to specimen record, name etc
 - This could include the GUID if a suitable model is developed



Item	Field type	Mandatory?
Reference number(s) of IRCC	lookup	Y
Source of the genetic resource.	Select country	Y if no IRCC
Subject-matter or genetic resources relevant to the information collected or received.	free-text	Y if no IRCC
Specimen data.	Link to voucher	N if no IRCC
Taxonomy.	Link to GBIF, CoL etc	N if no IRCC
Geographic coordinates.	Geojson file	N if no IRCC
Reference or evidence of PIC.	free text	N if no IRCC
Authority responsible for granting prior informed consent (PIC)	Select a reference	N if no IRCC
Person or entity to whom PIC was granted.	Enter details	N if no IRCC
Reference or evidence of establishment of MAT.	free text	N if no IRCC
Information on the utilization of the GR	free text	Y
Person or entity utilizing the GR.	Enter details	Y
Date information started being collected.	Date field	N
Date information was received.	Date field	N
Upload a copy of relevant document.	Link to URL or upload	N

The Checkpoint Communiqué

- The Current format does not require (as mandatory) all the information necessary to identify the original permit if there is no IRCC!
 - i.e. does not require the name of the original permit recipient, or the permit number!
- However, notification that an unknown GR accessed at an unknown time by an unknown person is being utilized may not be sufficient for the providing country
- Who may ask for more precise information, which users will need to retain.

The Checkpoint Communiqué

The EU Regulation requires users to keep information and relevant documents on:

- (i) the date and place of access of genetic resources or of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources;
- (ii) the description of the genetic resources or of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources utilised;
- (iii) the source from which the genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources were directly obtained, as well as subsequent users of genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources;
- (iv) the presence or absence of rights and obligations relating to access and benefit-sharing including rights and obligations regarding subsequent applications and commercialisation;
- (v) access permits, where applicable;
- (vi) mutually agreed terms, including benefit-sharing arrangements, where applicable.

What the ABSCH does and does not do

- It does provide links to valuable information
- It does enable legal surety to be associated with GR
- It does facilitate communication on Compliance
- It does allow any user to provide relevant information

Although

- It does not support all likely workflows
 - It does not provide a communication tool for users within a country
 - It does not provide a 'guide to obtaining PIC'
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- It is still in development, and even though it should be operational next month, there will inevitably be changes

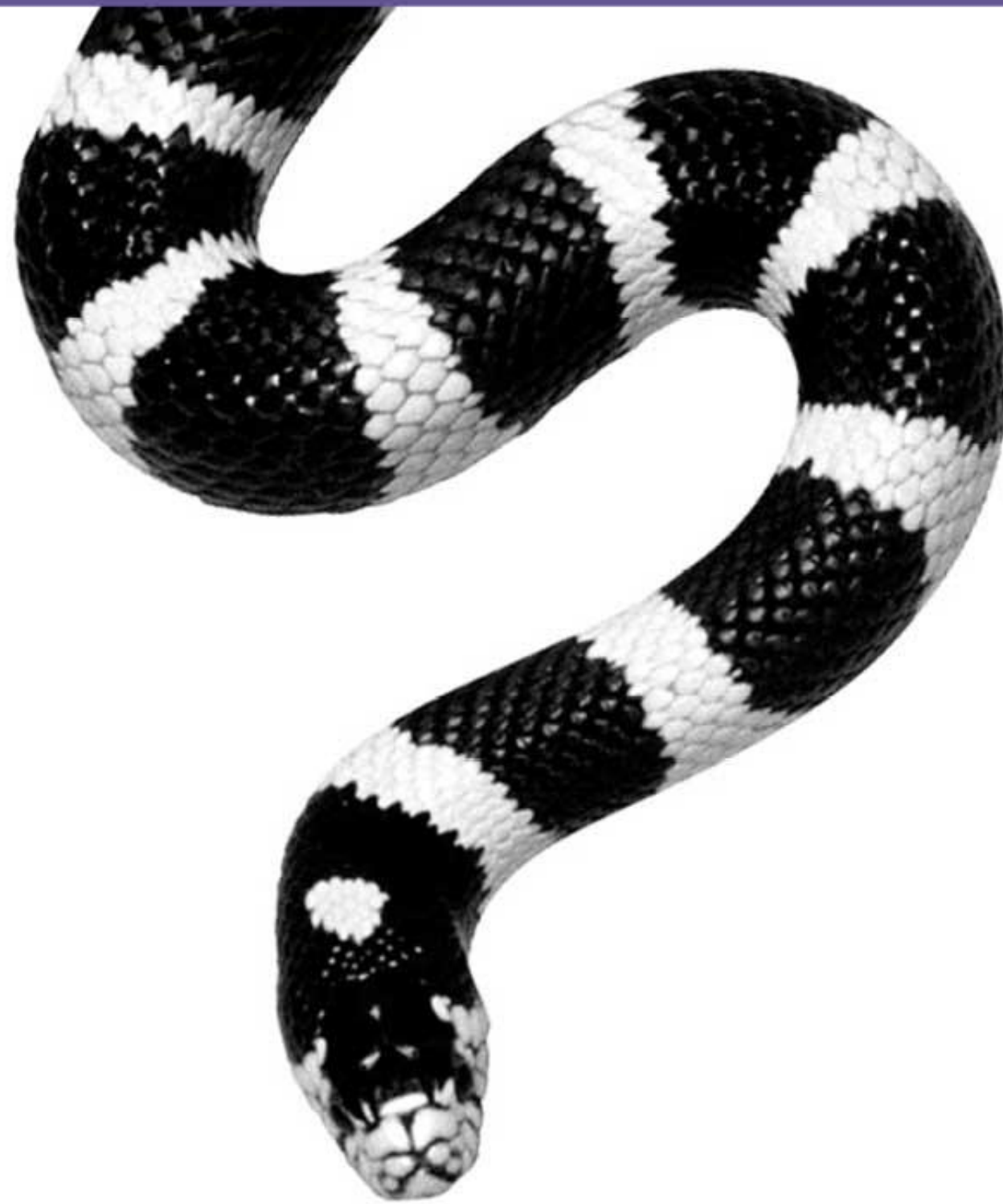


Current situation

- Full functionality still being developed
- Pilot Phase has been under way since March
 - Countries trying to understand functionality and workflows
 - Opportunity to consider how to incorporate it in sectorial workflows
- Also opportunity to develop and publicize Codes of Conduct, Standard Clauses etc



Questions?





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