



# A new dawn for global benefit-sharing: capitalizing on the Global Biodiversity Framework for Marine Genetic Resources from Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

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Between 20 February and 3 March 2023, countries will work towards finalising the draft text for an

2. Use overarching criteria to create a long-term vision for benefit sharing.

The COP decision on DSI under the GBF offers the Biological and Environmental Committee (IGC) a model for high-level agreement on genetic resource-related issues. Negotiators could start first with the vision and agreed criteria for building a solution for fair and equitable benefit sharing on DSI during implementation. The IGC5bis negotiations can shift the focus from benefit-sharing modalities towards a list of criteria consistent with the COP DSI decision (para. 9):

Be efficient, feasible and practical;

Generate more benefits, including both monetary and non-monetary, than costs; Be effective;

3. Focus on efficiency and pragmatism using scientific data for transparency rather than tracking and tracing.

The COP DSI Decision encourages open data and improved metadata standards when depositing DSI, including geographical origin. The collection ~~link~~ of MGR and any DSI generated thereof can be recorded in the metadata in databases or ex situ collections. This would yield ~~for~~ (GPS) tag in the metadata, which is consistent with the draft text proposed notification requirements and with scientific best practices for labelling and using standard metadata to increase transparency, scientific value and utility.

At the same time, ~~the~~ K W ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~information~~ ~~on~~ ~~genetic~~ ~~resources~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~used~~ ~~for~~ ~~tracking~~ ~~and~~ ~~tracing~~ ~~but~~ ~~could~~ ~~determine~~ ~~the~~ ~~amount~~ ~~of~~ ~~BBNJ~~ ~~data~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~global~~ ~~dataset~~; a proxy for

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Harness the GBF to create a single, harmonized, multilateral approach to benefit sharing for DSI on MGRs from ABNJ. Elevate discussions to develop vision and criteria for a solution for fair, equitable and efficient benefit sharing rather than modalities. Consistent with the COP DSI decision, consider extending the multilateral mechanism to genetic resources or biological diversity.
2. A global fund that includes benefits from MGR and planned DSI will require standardized, overarching rules for benefit sharing to facilitate the ambitions of the GBF. Simple rules for the global dataset prevent jurisdiction shopping and ensure benefits from the use of global datasets that already include DSI on MGRs of ABNJ flow back to BBNJ.