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Institutional structures for the implementation of the Protocol

3. Has your country made the information available to the ABS Clearing-House as provided in Article 14.2?

Yes

Please provide further information

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4. Has your country taken legislative, administrative and policy measures on ABS?

Yes

Please provide further information

The Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization (hereinafter referred to as "the ABS Guidelines") were promulgated on May 18, 2017, as a joint public notice of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the Ministry of the Environment, which came into effect on August 20, 2017.

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5. Has your country designated a national focal point as provided in Article 13?

Yes

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for designating a national focal point

Not applicable.

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable.

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6. Has your country designated one or more competent national authorities as provided in Article 13?

No

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for designating one or more competent national authority

Not applicable.

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

7. Has your country made available to the ABS Clearing-House permits or their equivalent issued at the time of access as evidence of the decision to grant prior informed consent (PIC) and of the establishment of mutually agreed terms (MAT)?

Not applicable, since no access requirements are in place

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for making this information available

Not applicable.

Use the text entry to provide further information.

Not applicable.

8. Has your country made available to the ABS Clearing-House permits or their equivalent for the constitution of an internationally recognized certificate of compliance in accordance with Article 17.2?

Not applicable, since no access requirements are in place

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable.

9. Has your country designated one or more checkpoints as provided in Article 17?

Yes

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for designating one or more checkpoints

Not applicable.

Use the text entry to provide further information

The Ministry of the Environment serves as a checkpoint.

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10. Additional information:

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges

Not applicable.

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Any other relevant documents

[The ABS website of the Ministry of the Environment](http://www.env.go.jp/nature/biodic-abs/english.html) (<http://www.env.go.jp/nature/biodic-abs/english.html>)

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

Access to genetic resources (Article 6)

11. Is access to genetic resources subject to PIC as provided in Article 6.1?

No

Please provide further information including indicating if there is any other system in place in relation to access to genetic resources

PIC is not required since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being. This is specified in the ABS Guidelines.
In Japan, however, access and other actions to genetic resources owned by a specific person are restricted due to his or her ownership. Moreover, taking of plants and animals is regulated by several domestic laws on nature protection in order to safeguard biodiversity.
The need for developing access measures is to be further considered within five years from the date on which the ABS Guidelines came into effect, taking into account changes in social circumstances and others concerning access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

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12. Does your country have fair and non-arbitrary rules and procedures on accessing genetic resources as provided in Article 6.3 (b)?

Not applicable

13. Does your country provide information on how to apply for PIC as provided in Article 6.3(c)?

Not applicable

14. Does your country provide for a clear and transparent written decision by a competent national authority as provided in Article 6.3 (d)?

Not applicable

15. Does your country provide for the issuance at the time of access of a permit or its equivalent as provided in Article 6.3 (e)?

Not applicable

16. Please provide the number of permits or their equivalents made available through the ABS-Clearing-House since the entry into force of the Protocol for your country.

Not applicable

17. Does your country have rules and procedures for requiring and establishing MAT as provided in Article 6.3 (g)?

Not applicable

18. Benefits received since entry into force of the Protocol for your country from the utilization of:

No selection made

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

19. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Fair and equitable benefit-sharing (Article 5)

20. Has your country taken legislative, administrative or policy measures to implement Article 5.1 that provides that benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources as well as subsequent applications and commercialization are shared with the Party providing such resources that is the country of origin of such resources or a Party that has acquired the genetic resources in accordance with the Convention as provided in Article 5.3?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers encourage users of genetic resources, to which the legislation in the provider country applies in their access, to conclude contracts that ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization, when they are requested to share the benefits by the providers of such resources.

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21. Has your country taken legislative, administrative or policy measures with the aim of ensuring that the benefits from the utilization of genetic resources held by indigenous and local communities, in accordance with domestic legislation regarding the established rights of these indigenous and local communities over these genetic resources, are shared with the indigenous and local communities concerned as provided in Article 5.2?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers encourage people in Japan, who utilize genetic resources that are held by indigenous and local communities in accordance with domestic legislation of the provider countries, to conclude contracts that ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization, when they are requested to share the benefits by the indigenous and local communities concerned.

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22. Has your country taken legislative, administrative or policy measures in order that benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources are shared with indigenous and local communities holding such knowledge as provided in Article 5.5?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers encourage users of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, to which the legislation in the provider country applies in their access, to conclude contracts that ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization, when they are requested to share the benefits by the providers of such knowledge.

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Compliance with domestic legislation or regulatory requirements on ABS (Article 15 and Article 16) and monitoring the utilization of genetic resources (Article 17)

24. Has your country taken appropriate, effective and proportionate legislative, administrative or policy measures to provide that genetic resources utilized within your jurisdiction have been accessed in accordance with PIC and that MAT have been established as required by the domestic ABS legislation or regulatory requirements of the other Party as provided in Article 15.1?

Yes

Please indicate whether your country has taken measures to address situations of non-compliance with those measures as provided in Article 15.2?

Yes

Please provide further information on the measures taken, including when they entered into force

The ABS Guidelines provide the following measures:

If a person has obtained access to genetic resources, to which legislation or regulatory requirements of the provider country pursuant to Article 6 and posted to ABS-CH as set out in Article 14 applies, and imported them into Japan, and if the country has posted the permit or its equivalent that proves lawful access to ABS-CH pursuant to Article 6.3(e), the Minister of the Environment is to urge the person to submit a report as information to prove that the genetic resources were lawfully accessed, within six months from the date of the posting.

If the report proving lawful access to genetic resources, to which the legislation or regulatory requirements of the provider country that is posted to the ABS-CH applies, is submitted by a person who has received the genetic resources from another person and imported or brought them into Japan, the Minister of the Environment may accept the report.

The Minister of the Environment is to disseminate the reported information in Japan and abroad by providing it to ABS-CH for posting and by publishing it on the website of the Ministry of the Environment.

Please provide further information on cases of non-compliance

The Minister of the Environment is to urge acquirers who did not submit a report within the period provided in the ABS Guidelines to submit the report. Furthermore, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers are to provide the acquirers with necessary guidance and advice concerning the reporting, as appropriate.

If the information of acquirers to whom prior informed consent was given is not available through an internationally recognized certificate of compliance (IRCC) due to its confidentiality, the Minister of the Environment is to publicize unique identifiers of the IRCC on the website of the Ministry of the Environment and call upon the acquires to submit the report.

Have there been specific cases in which your country cooperated with other Parties in cases of alleged violation of ABS measures as provided in Article 15.3?

No

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable at the time of this reporting.

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25. Has your country taken appropriate, effective and proportionate legislative, administrative or policy measures to provide that traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources utilized within your jurisdiction has been accessed in accordance with PIC or approval and involvement of indigenous and local communities and that MAT have been established as required by the domestic ABS legislation or regulatory requirements of the other Party where such indigenous and local communities are located as provided in Article 16.1?

Yes

Please indicate whether your country has taken measures to address situations of non-compliance with those measures as provided in Article 16.2?

Yes

Has your country cooperated in specific cases of alleged violation of ABS measures as provided in Article 16.3?

No

Please provide further information

The ABS Guidelines provide the following measures. There has been no case of alleged violation by the time of this reporting. When a Party to the Protocol other than Japan alleges a violation of legislation of the provider country, the Minister of the Environment is to urge the acquirers, importers, users of the genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and other persons, who handle the genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources concerning the case for which the allegation is made, to provide information on the alleged violation of the legislation of the provider country in relation to the access to, import or utilization of, and other handling of the genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources they have, within the scope of Parties' obligation for cooperation provided in the Protocol, as appropriate. In addition, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers are to provide the persons handling the genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources with necessary guidance and advice concerning the provision of information related to the access to the genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources they have, as appropriate. The Minister of the Environment is to provide the information obtained to the provider country through the designated national focal point as provided for in Article 13.1 or other contact points, as appropriate.

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26. Does your country require users of genetic resources to provide information related to PIC, to the source of the genetic resource, to the establishment of MAT and/or utilization of genetic resources at a designated checkpoint, as appropriate, as provided in Article 17.1 (a)(i) and (ii)?

Yes

Please provide further information

The ABS Guidelines provide the following measures:

If a person who submits a report (regarding report, see question 24) states in the report that he or she will use genetic resources on his or her own, the Minister of the Environment is to request the person to provide relevant information on the utilization of genetic resources after approximately five years have elapsed from the date on which the report was submitted, as appropriate.

Has your country taken measures to address situations of non-compliance?

Yes

Please provide further information

The Minister of the Environment is to re-urge any person who has not provided information despite the above-mentioned request for information to provide relevant information on the utilization of genetic resources. Moreover, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers are to provide guidance and advice to those who have not submitted the information, as appropriate.

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27. Has your country provided the information referred to in Article 17.1 (a)(i) to relevant national authorities, to the Party providing PIC and to the ABS Clearing-House as provided in Article 17.1 (a)(iii)?

No

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges

Under the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment is to provide ABS-CH with relevant information on the utilization of genetic resources upon request of the person who provided the information for its posting to enhance transparency and credibility.

28. Has your country taken measures to encourage users and providers to include provisions in MAT to share information on the implementation of such terms as provided in Article 17.1(b)?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers encourage users and providers of genetic resources to include in MAT provisions to share information on the implementation of terms set out in the MAT, including information under reporting requirements.

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29. Is your country encouraging the use of cost-effective communication tools and systems as provided in Article 17.1 (c)?

Yes

Please provide further information on how your country is encouraging the use of cost-effective communication tools and systems

The Minister of the Environment is using cost-effective communication tools and systems such as the website of the Ministry of the Environment.

30. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Compliance with mutually agreed terms (MAT) (Article 18)

31. Is your country encouraging the inclusion of provisions in MAT to cover dispute resolution as provided in Article 18.1 (a) (b) and (c)?

Not applicable, since no access requirements are in place

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

32. Does your country ensure that opportunity to seek recourse is available under your legal systems in cases of disputes arising from MAT as provided in Article 18.2?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

Should any dispute arise over a MAT, whether the case falls within the jurisdiction of a Japanese court or not will be determined pursuant to relevant provisions of Section 1, Chapter II, Part I of the Code of Civil Procedure, which provide for requirement to be fulfilled to grant a Japanese court to exercise its jurisdiction .
Main relevant provisions of Section 1, Chapter II, Part I of the Code of Civil Procedure are: Article 3-2 (1) and (3); Article 3-3 (1), (3) to (5) and (8); and Article 3-5 (1) and (3).

33. Has your country taken measures regarding the following points as provided in Article 18.3?

Access to justice?

Yes

Utilization of mechanisms regarding mutual recognition and enforcement of foreign judgements and arbitral awards?

Yes

Please provide further information

The relevant provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, the Civil Execution Act and the Arbitration Act specify requirements to validate a final and binding judgement or an arbitral award with a final and binding execution order rendered by a foreign court in Japan.

34. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Special considerations (Article 8)

35. In the development and implementation of ABS legislation or regulatory requirements has your country:

Created conditions to promote and encourage research which contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity including through simplified measures on access for non-commercial research purposes, taking into account the need to address a change of intent for such research as provided in Article 8(a)?

No

Please provide further information

Not applicable, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

Paid due regard to cases of present or imminent emergencies that threaten or damage human, animal or plant health as provided in Article 8(b)?

No

Please provide further information

Not applicable for expeditious access to genetic resources, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

Taken into consideration the need for expeditious access to genetic resources and expeditious fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of such genetic resources, including access to affordable treatments by those in need, especially, in developing countries as provided in Article 8(b)?

No

Please provide further information

Not applicable for expeditious access to genetic resources, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

Taking into consideration the need for expeditious sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources (pathogens, specifically) in present or imminent emergencies that threaten or damage human, animal or plant health, the ABS Guidelines specify that the procedural requirements of domestic measures based on Articles 15 and 16 are relaxed in situations deemed as emergencies, in accordance with the International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization, or domestic legislation (e.g. Infectious Disease Act) or regulatory requirements. In those cases, the acquirer is to submit a report to prove lawful access within six months from the date on which the terms for deeming that the emergency has been settled are fulfilled.

Considered the importance of genetic resources for food and agriculture and their special role for food security as provided in Article 8 (c)?

No

Please provide further information

Not applicable, since Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being.

36. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Provisions related to indigenous and local communities (Articles 6, 7 and 12)

37. Does your country have indigenous and local communities?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

The Ainu community is recognized as an indigenous community.

38. Do indigenous and local communities have the established right to grant access to genetic resources according to your domestic law? (Article 6.2)

No

39. In accordance with domestic law has your country taken measures with the aim of ensuring that traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that is held by indigenous and local communities within your country is accessed with the PIC or approval and involvement of these indigenous and local communities and that MAT have been established as provided in Article 7?

No

40. In implementing the Protocol and in accordance with your domestic law, is your country taking into consideration indigenous and local communities' customary laws, community protocols and procedures with respect to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources as provided in Article 12.1?

No

41. Has your country established mechanisms to inform potential users of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources about their obligations as provided in Article 12.2?

No

42. Is your country supporting the development by indigenous and local communities of the following tools as provided in Article 12.3?

Community protocols

No selection made

Minimum requirements for mutually agreed terms

No selection made

Model contractual clauses

No selection made

43. Has your country endeavoured not to restrict the customary use and exchange of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge within and among indigenous and local communities as provided in Article 12.4?

No

44. Additional information:

No additional information provided.

Contribution to conservation and sustainable use (Article 9)

45. Is your country encouraging users and providers to direct benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources towards the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components as provided in Article 9?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment, in cooperation with other competent ministers, encourages those who provide genetic resources existing in Japan for utilization and those who utilize genetic resources which exist in Japan or to which the provider country's legislation is applied in their access, to allocate benefits arising from their utilization to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.

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46. Please indicate how the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol has contributed to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in your country:

There has been no specific data as domestic measures have just started to be implemented.

47. Additional information:

No additional information provided.

Transboundary cooperation (Article 11)

48. Is your country endeavouring to cooperate, with the involvement of indigenous and local communities concerned, with a view to implementing the Protocol in instances where the same genetic resources are found in situ within the territory of more than one Party as provided in Article 11.1?

No

49. Is your country endeavouring to cooperate with a view to implementing the Protocol in instances where the same traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources is shared by one or more indigenous and local communities in several Parties as provided in Article 11.2?

No

50. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Model contractual clauses, codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards (Article 19 and 20)

51. Is your country encouraging the development, update and use of model contractual clauses for MAT as provided in Article 19?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines, the Minister of the Environment, in cooperation with other competent ministers, encourages relevant organizations to develop, update and utilize cross-sectoral model contractual clauses for MAT. Furthermore, competent ministers encourage industrial associations and other relevant organizations under their respective purviews to develop, update and utilize sectoral model contractual clauses for MAT.
For example, the National Institute of Genetics under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has been preparing for publishing model contracts for universities and other research institutes.

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52. Is your country encouraging the development, update and use of codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices or standards as provided in Article 20?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

According to the ABS Guidelines and others, the Minister of the Environment, in cooperation with other competent ministers, encourages relevant organizations to develop, update and utilize cross-sectoral voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices or standards.
Furthermore, in the ABS Guidelines and others, competent ministers encourage industrial associations and other relevant organizations under their respective purviews to develop, update and utilize voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices or standards.
For example, the National Institute of Genetics under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and the Japan

Bioindustry Association, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, have developed the following documents:

- A brochure on institutional development to explain to universities and other research institutes how to access foreign genetic resources, how to develop contracts, etc. (developed by the National Institute of Genetics).
- A handbook explaining to researchers the procedures and precautions required when accessing foreign genetic resources (under development by the National Institute of Genetics)
- "Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources for Users in Japan" developed for a wide range of users in Japan (developed by the Japan Bioindustry Association)

Moreover, the National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) under the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry has been collaborating with other Asian countries. The collaboration includes joint exploration of microbial resources with Japanese entities for provision and utilization of the resources in Japan, while providing royalties for the resource use and sharing benefits arising from their commercialization to the provider countries. NITE has also been sharing non-monetary benefits, such as transfer of knowledge and technology by holding workshops on microbiology in the provider countries.

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53. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Awareness-raising and capacity (Article 21 and 22)

54. Has your country taken measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and related access and benefit-sharing issues as provided in Article 21?

Yes

Has your country taken measures to implement the awareness-raising strategy for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS?

Yes

Please provide a summary of the measures taken

The Minister of the Environment and other competent ministers have taken measures to raise public awareness on the importance of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and related access and benefit-sharing issues by organizing explanatory meetings and seminars, providing consulting services, developing brochures and handbooks to explain to researchers and plant breeders procedures and precautions required when accessing foreign genetic resources (a handbook for researchers being under development), publishing access guidelines for industries, developing a national ABS-CH, and distributing emails to inform academics of news and events related to the Nagoya Protocol.

55. Has your country taken measures to build and develop capacity and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities to effectively implement the Protocol as provided in Article 22?

Yes

Has your country taken measures to implement the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS?

Yes

Please provide a summary of the measures taken

NITE has concluded joint project agreements with several Asian countries (China, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) to transfer technology for acquisition, preservation, and utilization of microbial resources. In particular, the project to assist Indonesia in constructing conservation facilities for microbial resources is considered to have contributed to future conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in Indonesia. Furthermore, in collaboration with Biological Resource Centers and other relevant organizations in Asian countries, NITE has been leading the Asian Consortium for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Microbial Resources to share information on and discuss various ABS issues.

56. Has your country received external support for building and developing capacity for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol?

No

57. Has your country provided external support for building and developing capacity for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol?

Yes

Use the text entry to provide further information

Japan has been assisting developing country Parties and others with their capacity building for effective implementation of the Protocol through contributions to the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund and the Japan Biodiversity Fund as well as development assistant projects.

58. Additional information:

No additional information provided

Technology transfer, collaboration and cooperation (Article 23)

59. Is your country collaborating and cooperating in technical and scientific research and development programmes as a means to achieve the objective of the Protocol as provided in Article 23?

Yes

Please provide a summary of the measures taken

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and if applicable other related ministries, has been collaborating and cooperating with other Parties in technical and scientific research and development programs within their respective purviews, and also facilitating and encouraging technology transfer to developing country Parties and other countries.

For example, NITE has concluded joint project agreements with several Asian countries (China, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) to transfer technology for acquisition, preservation, and utilization of microbial resources. In particular, NITE engaged in the Sleeping Microbial Beauties Project, to which Japan was committed at the high-level segment of COP 10 in Nagoya, and assisted Indonesia in constructing conservation facilities for microbial resources which contribute to future conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in Indonesia.

Moreover, in collaboration with Biological Resource Centers and other relevant organizations in Asian countries, NITE has established and been serving as the Secretariat of the Asian Consortium for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Microbial Resources which is an active forum for information sharing and discussion on various ABS issues and research and technology development.

Optional additional information

60. Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for becoming a Party to the Nagoya Protocol.

No additional information provided

61. Has your country established a mechanism for budgetary allocations of funds for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol?

Yes

Please provide further information

At COP10 in Nagoya, Japan committed itself to establishing the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund and has supported the implementation of the Protocol as the largest donor to the Fund.

62. a) Has your country made financial resources available to other Parties or received financial resources from other Parties or financial institutions for the purposes of implementation of the Protocol as provided in Article 25?

Financial resources have been made available

Yes

Please provide further information

Japan has provided support for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in developing countries, through funding to the Global Environment Facility, the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund and the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

62. b) Please provide information on experiences related to the mobilization of resources in support of the implementation of the Protocol.

No information provided

62. c) Please provide information on the status of funds mobilized in support of the implementation of the Protocol.

No information provided

63. Does your country have specific staff to administer functions directly related to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol?

Yes

Please indicate how many

10 or more

Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered

Not applicable

Use the text entry to provide further information

Not applicable

64. Any other relevant information:

As specified in question 11, Japan made a determination not to take access measures based on Article 6.1 for the time being. However, the ABS Guidelines also specify measures to ensure access to genetic resources existing in Japan and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization in an appropriate and smooth manner. Taking into consideration that a document to show that genetic resources in question have been acquired in Japan may be required on the occasion of export and others, an agency deemed appropriate by the competent ministers is to issue such a document. NITE was authorized by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry to issue such a document.

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Comments in the reporting format

66. Please provide any comment that you may have regarding the format of this report:

No information provided