

## Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House (ABSCH)

### NEWS

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Illicit centipede raises thorny question: Should journals have refused to publish a paper about it?

Description

In 2018, a new species of centipede graced the pages of the prominent taxonomy journal *Zootaxa*. More than 14 centimeters long, with striking teal-colored legs, it lives in the montane and mossy forests of the Philippines. Now, however, the centipede is in a harsh spotlight. The Philippine government says the Spanish neurologist and amateur biologist who described the species acquired his specimens illegally.

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## Further Information

Questions about the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing or the operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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