

# *Institutional Implementation & Best Practices*

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**OTHER PROVIDER REGULATIONS COVERING COLLECTING  
AND RESEARCH**

**ABS REGIME  
(CBD, BILATERAL CONTRACTS, PROVIDING  
COUNTRIES' NATIONAL LAWS, IPLC  
RELATIONSHIPS)**

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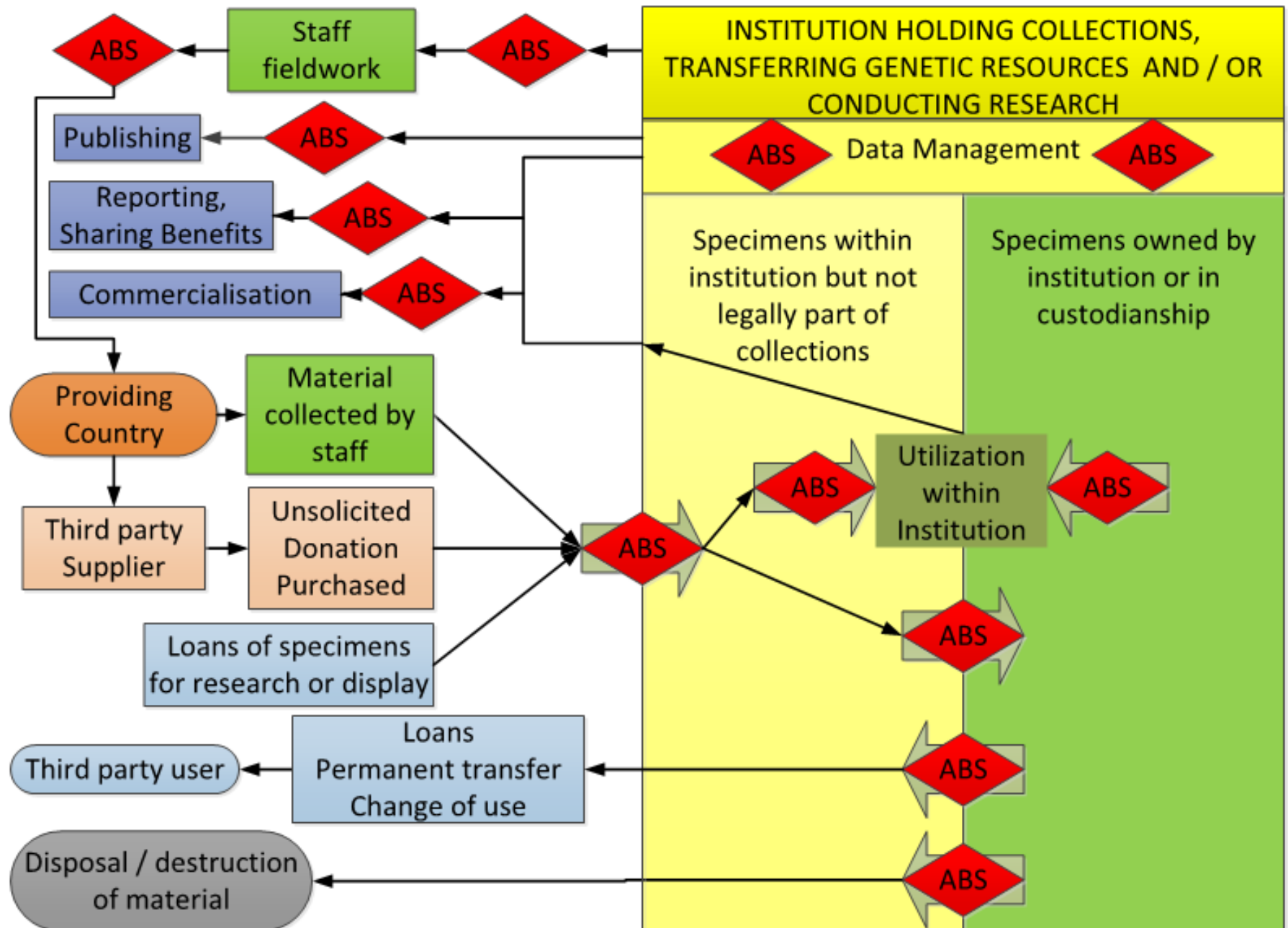
**NAGOYA PROTOCOL**

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REGULATION**

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# ABS Decision Points in a Museum Workflow



# Reviewing activities and understanding requirements

Organization activity		Questions to consider	Y/N from Worksheet 1	What do organisational policies and processes have to achieve? (to be added where previous column is 'Yes')	Is this Relevant?	
					Policy	Procedure
1.1 Acquisition of genetic resources and /or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources (animals, plants, fungi, microbes, pathogens)	1.1.1 Are any genetic resources or derivatives acquired by your organisation? <i>-applies to all elements, not just collecting</i>	Yes		<p><u>Requirement outline:</u> The policies and procedures should ensure - Appropriate staff are aware of legislation and regulations for each case</p> <p><u>Detailed requirements</u> (please enter your requirements here):</p> <p><i>How do we target relevant staff?</i></p> <p><i>What is the role of best "Research Practice" document</i></p> <p><i>What tools do we need to provide staff to make them aware?</i></p> <p><i>What kind of training mechanism do we need?</i></p> <p><i>- electronic training?</i></p> <p><i>What training and reference materials need to be prepared and distributed?</i></p> <p><i>How regularly should this be reviewed?</i></p> <p><i>- Is Research Committee still in existence?</i></p>		
	1.1.2. Do your staff access genetic resources from <i>in situ</i> sources in the countries where they originate?			<p><u>Requirement outline:</u> The policies and procedures should ensure - Staff and anyone else acting in the name of the organization take appropriate actions when collecting GR from <i>in situ</i> sources, including obtaining permits and other relevant agreements and documents.</p> <p><u>Detailed requirements</u> (please enter your requirements here):</p> <p><i>What Policy statements need to be made?</i></p> <p><i>Who is responsible?</i></p> <p><i>How should we care for documents?</i></p> <p><i>What is the role of the Collection Enhancement form?</i></p> <p><i>- also need to consider collections made for research only - with the intention of complete destruction / consumption with no vouchers, so would not include collections enhancement form</i></p> <p><i>- official absence form process is too last-minute</i></p> <p><i>- useful for check-list of what to do as part of a 'start a project' form, including things like per diems for local workers.</i></p> <p><i>Is there a role for this in the OA sign off process?</i></p>		

<http://nagoyaprotocol.myspecies.info/content/self-assessment-tool-abs-compliance-organizations>

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# Developing policies and implementation

- Make use of best practices & advice already produced, e.g.
- **Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities**
  - CETAF Code of Conduct and Best Practice for Access and Benefit-Sharing.
- **Global Genome Biodiversity Network**
  - GGBN Best Practice for Access and Benefit-Sharing and Code of Conduct for ABS.
- **European Marine Biological Resource Centre**
  - EMBRC guide to ABS compliance: Recommendations to marine biological resources collections'
- **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure**
  - MIRRI Best Practice Manual on Access and Benefit Sharing

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# Tools for agreements

- **CETAF** and **GGBN** have developed standard MTAs as part of their Best Practices
- **ABS Capacity-Development Initiative** has published a booklet on contract development
- **Swiss Academy of Sciences** has produced a Toolbox for drafting Mutually Agreed Terms (Agreement on Access and Benefit-sharing for Academic Research).

# Where can I find these tools?

- All resources listed (and others) available by link from the ABS Information Forum  
<http://nagoyaprotocol.myspecies.info/node/2>