



PERU:

-Identified information to be made available at project website.

-Workshop APEC “Successful Experiences in the Implementation de Tools for Traditional Knowledge protection”, organized by INDECOPI (Sept. 2011)

-Intersectorial meeting to plann “ABS Exploratory Workshop” (Feb. 2012) organized by MINAM and German Cooperation

-Process to modify the National Regulation on Access to Genetic Resources aplicable to non commercial research (basic research): Art. 14, 24 and 25 DS No. 003-2009-MINAM

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

Gathered key documents and prepared a state-of-the-art report on ABS. Identified information to be made available to the public through the project website. Began to identify the information needed to systematize the recent case of a contract for access to genetic resources.

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## LAC ABS Project Strengthening the Implementation of Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing Regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean



The Project is executed by IUCN-Sur (International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Regional Office for South America) and implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNEP-ROLAC), with financial support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The main objective is to strengthen the capacities of eight countries (Cuba, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Panama, Peru and the Dominican Republic) in the Latin American and Caribbean region to develop and/or comply with national policy and legal frameworks regarding access to genetic resources, benefit sharing and the protection of traditional knowledge. Project topics include the prevention of illegal use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge, as well as opportunities for bioprospecting initiatives.

The project focuses on knowledge transfer and training, and the use of didactic materials (case studies) together with existing guidelines and tools. The specific objectives of the project are:

#### Objective 1:

Strengthen the capacity of countries to develop, implement and apply the CBD provisions related to access to genetic resources and benefit sharing as well as to traditional knowledge associated with these resources.

#### Objective 2:

Increase the understanding and negotiation skills of countries regarding ABS agreements/contracts in a way that will contribute to aligning bioprospecting projects and national ABS decisions with the CBD, while also benefiting progress under the CBD International Regime on ABS (Nagoya Protocol).

## TECHNICAL PARTNERS

Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (SPDA) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).



Lima-Perú



Gineva-Switzerland

## ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT TO DATE



### CUBA:

- Began a phase of awareness-raising and dissemination of information to national authorities as part of the national ABS project that shares activities with the regional project.
- Identified information to be made available to the public through the project website
- Collection of information regarding traditional knowledge in order to produce informative material

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### COSTA RICA:

Initiated coordination actions with CCAD to share the project's experiences at the subregional level.

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### ECUADOR

Held its first Knowledge Cafe focused on Traditional Knowledge; the event was held in collaboration with the Intercultural Laboratory of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) with the participation of academics and civil society.

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### GUYANA:

Is currently preparing state-of-the-art and institutional analyses since its Environmental Bureau has recently been turned into the Ministry of Environment.

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### PANAMA:

-Identified information to be made available to the public through the project website:

- National law for the protection of expressions of folklore and traditional knowledge
- National regulation No. 25 (April 29 2009) which regulated Article 71 (access to genetic resources) Law 41 (July 1 1998).

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