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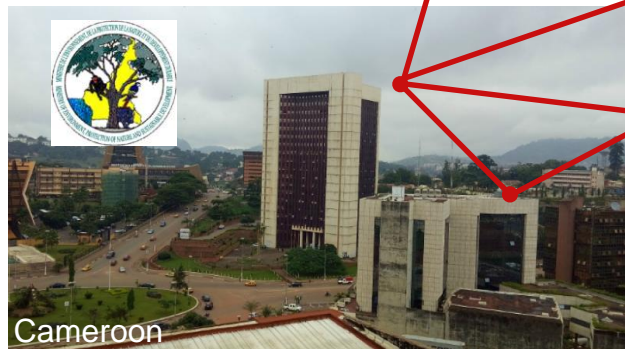
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BIA Technical Exchange Series

Session N°8: Communicating ABS - How BIA can support the elaboration of manuals and visualisations

Date: Thursday, 18/03/2021



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13:15-13:25	Examples of useful approaches (Julia Oliva, UEBT)
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-equitable benefit-sharing for the conservation of biodiversity-

Improving efficiency of
national ABS frameworks

Supporting conservation &
sustainable use

Biodiversity- based
value chains for
sustainable development

Reflecting biodiversity-based
value chains in development
cooperation

Sector-specific manuals to guide the ABS and permitting processes

Training to support ABS
contract development and
support understanding on
VCs and business models

Online application systems
to facilitate access
procedures and follow-up

CNA guidelines for
improving the impact of
supply chains on
sustainability/conservation

Financing mechanisms

Assistance in integrating
sustainability/conservation
aspects into supply chains
(ABS) and corporate
policies

Technical/legal support to
joint ventures with African
partners

Supporting innovations,
products and value
creation based on African
biodiversity for local
development

Technology transfer

New jobs / improved jobs

Collection and analysis of
lessons learned / best
practices

Provide advice on
approaches, instruments
and tools

Strengthen internal
capacity

Possible long-term
integration into the
development portfolio

Output A: ABS Manuals – status quo

Country	ABS manuals
South Africa	1 manual including a visualisation, published in 2012
Namibia	No manuals Individual stakeholders have developed information guides and manuals on ABS for local communities
Madagascar	No manuals Several visualisation exist
Cameroon	1 manual, ABS-CH „Procedures“ are filled in Several visualisations exist



How do visualisations and manuals support the implementation of ABS?

Peter Schauerte, GeoMedia

Why visualisations and manuals?

Legal texts are often difficult to understand for layman and are subject to interpretation

Key ABS actors (private sector, researchers, IPLCs, etc.) usually do not go into details of legal texts

Visualisations and manuals can do both

- 1) If a legal framework does exist: translate the existing legal texts into understandable terms
 - > help actors to understand a given ABS system
- 2) If no legal ABS framework does exist: create a consensus on the way a given country interprets the Nagoya Protocol
 - > orient the experts working on the legal language



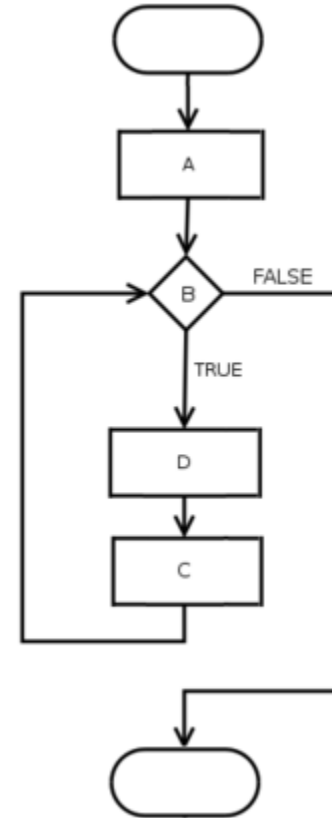
Visualisations and manuals

Widely used to describe ABS systems / procedures

ABS procedures as new category on the ABS-CH

Best option for users and all other stakeholders to quickly get an overview over the ABS system

Guides users along the way and avoids permanent questions to the NFP



Sector-specific manuals and visualisations?

Different actors have different information needs

- > User vs. provider
- > Commercial vs. non-commercial
- > National vs. international user
- > Value chain vs. synthetisation
- > etc.....according to the national ABS system



Scope: which resource and which use is in, which is out?

- > clear guidance avoids lengthy discussions with individual users

TMI (too much information) if all of this is incorporated into one single manual

How to get started?

In depth discussion with the NFP
(or multi-stakeholder group) for a 0-draft

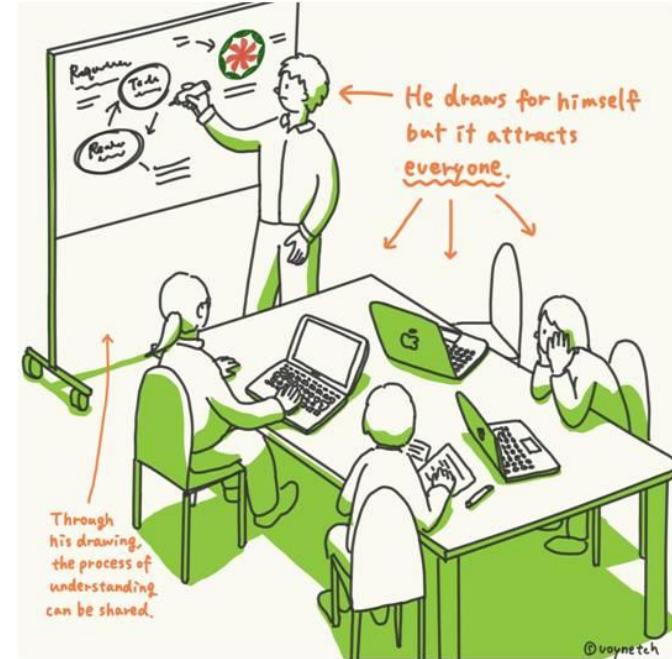
Present 0-draft to a core group and adapt

Present draft to decision making mechanism

Adapt and validate the draft with the decision
making mechanism

Layout, production and upload to the ABS-CH

> BIA can support you in these steps



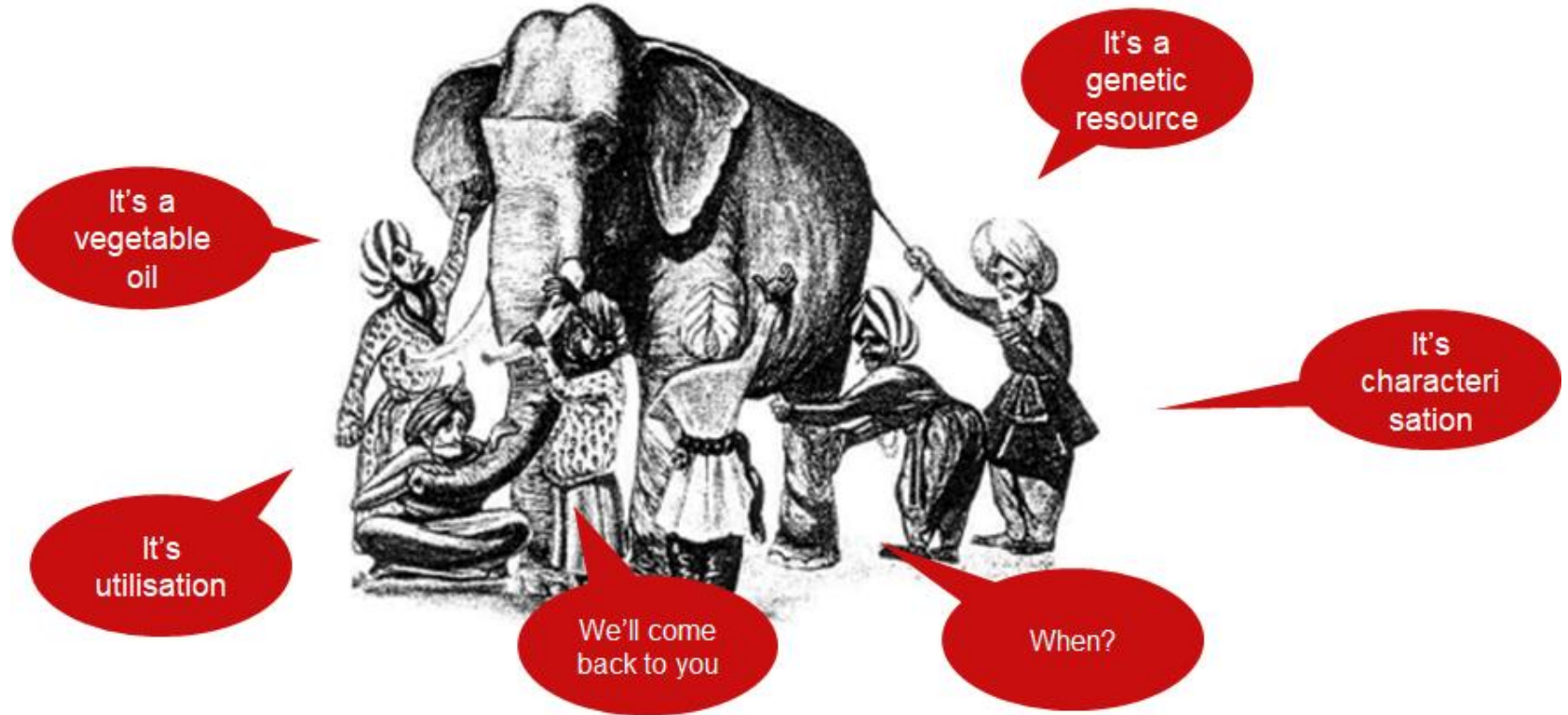


Examples of useful approaches

Julia Oliva, UEBT

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Julia Oliva (UEBT)



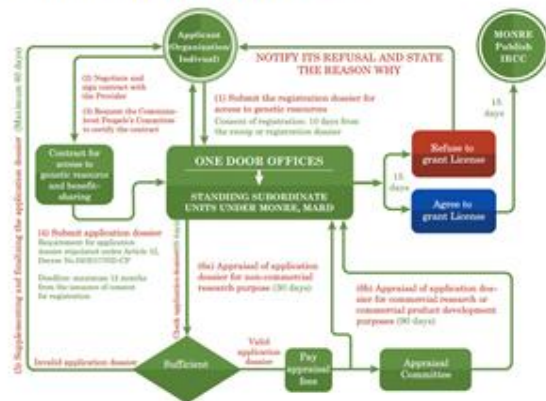
Examples of useful approaches

EU horizontal guidance

How are they covered?

Issues	Derivatives	Human microbiome	Large-scale screening
Research on natural compounds such as essential oils, proteins, lipids, enzymes or flavonoids is only covered if it is linked to access to the genetic resources themselves. For example, the plant or plant part from which the compounds are taken, as well as the research partner, a contract laboratory to obtain the derivative from the genetic resource.		Because the human microbiota is unique to an individual, studying it as such (e.g. in or on the body or in samples taken from a body) is considered to be out of scope of the EU ABS Regulation. However, when research is carried out on individual taxa isolated from human microbiotasamples, studies would be in scope of EU rules.	When screening or large number of samples looks at questions of a binary nature (i.e. does this sample match the criterion or not), it would not be considered utilization or derivatives. When, however, a researcher starts to look in more depth into the selected samples, to identify their qualities and properties, such activity would fall within the scope of EU rules.

Vietnam manual on ABS



- Average processing timeline of application for access to GRs for non-commercial research purposes upon the receipt of valid dossier is 65 days.
- Average processing timeline of application for access to GRs for commercial research or commercial product development purposes upon the receipt of valid dossier is 125 days.



UEBTABS fact sheets



Q&A



BIA-support in the elaboration of an ABS visualisation ***First experiences from Madagascar***

Lolona Ramamonjisoa Ranaivoson, ABS NFP of Madagascar
Peter Schauerte, Geo-Media

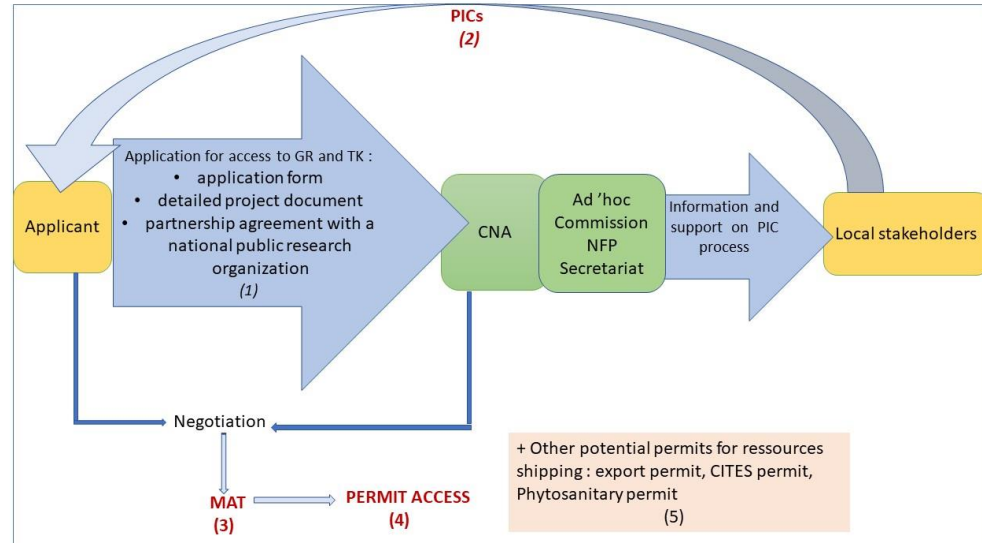
Context of Madagascar

MAD is still awaiting the promulgation of the implementing text
(will not change scope or procedures)

ABS decree lays out scope and the ABS procedures

Existence of several visualisations of the malgache ABS process

Offer from BIA to get started on such a comprehensive ABS visualisation



Step 1: Interviews

Telephone / MS Teams exchanges /
interview with BIA-staff

BIA asking detailed questions to
understand the logic of the ABS procedure

Write-up of the ABS procedure and
ping-pong with NFP in order to get
it right



Step 2: Technical visualisation

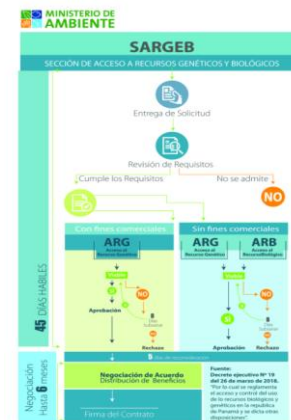
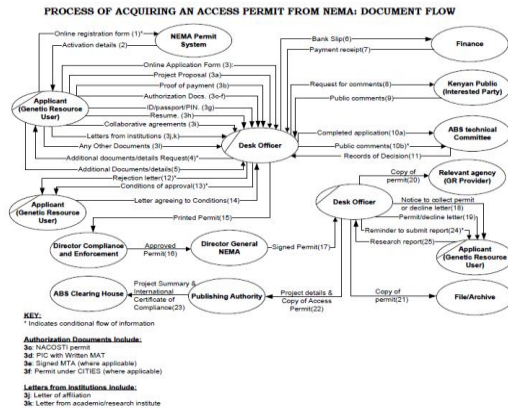
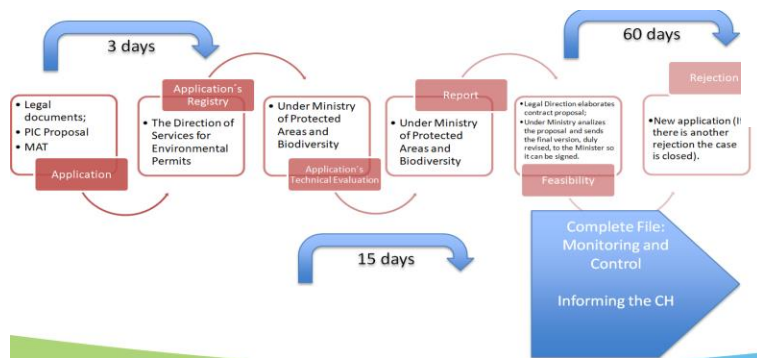
Elaboration of a technical visualisation using F based on the interviews conducted



Ping-pong with NFP in order to get the technical visualisation right



Presentation of international examples for inspiration



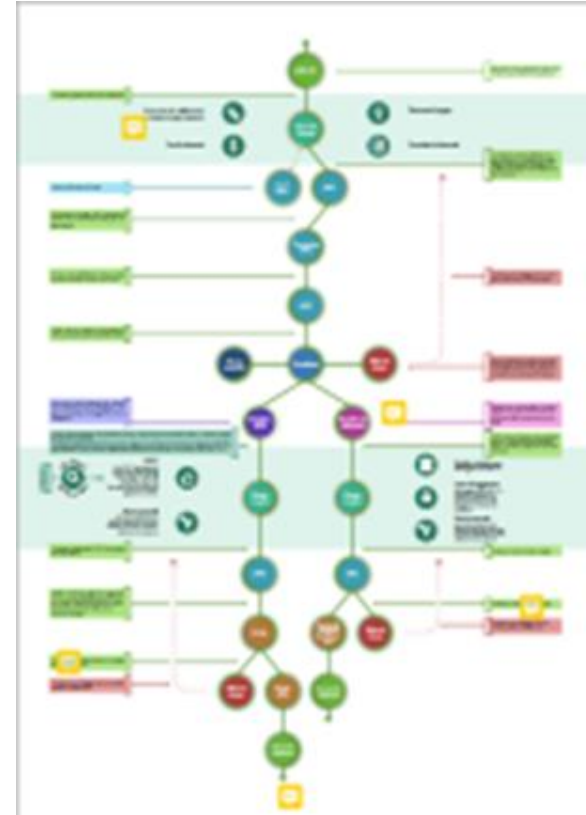
Step 4: Professional visualisation

Transfer of the technical visualisation to graphic designers

Drafting of a professional visualisation

Ping-pong with NFP in order to get it right and to adapt where needed

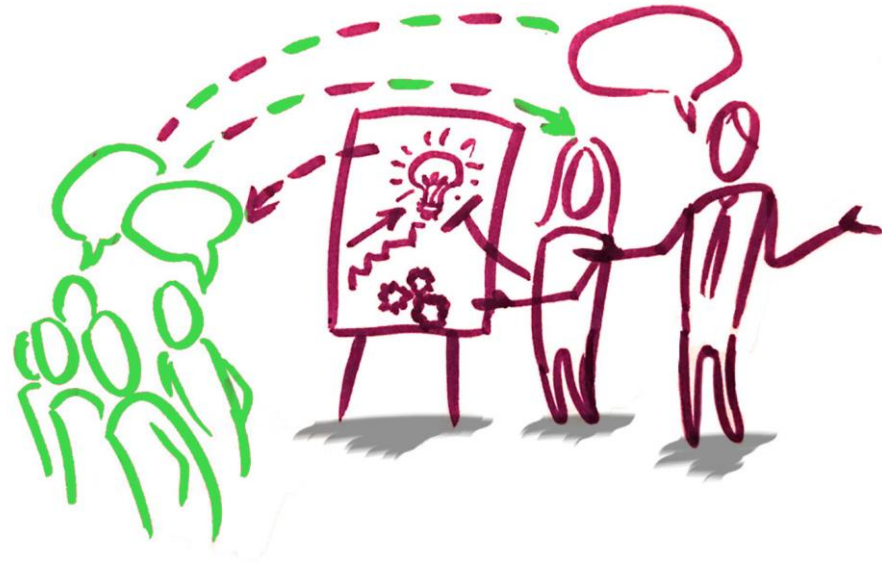
Process still ongoing



Step 5: Validation and Production

According to national circumstances, a validation process or similar can be supported by BIA

Once a validated version is available, BIA can support the production and possibly dissemination of the visualisation



Step 6: Upload on the ABS-CH

New category „ABS procedures“ on the ABS – CH

BIA provides a MS Word template to prepare for upload on the ABS-CH

Template can be used to create consensus on the information to be uploaded on the ABS-CH

- > Area of jurisdiction
- > Step-by-step procedure
- > visualisation / manual
- > required documents
- > relevant application forms
- > application fees
- > process duration



Wrap-up

Visualisations and manuals help all actors involved to quickly grasp the required steps of the ABS system

Manuals and visualisations can be adapted to the needs of different sectors

BIA is ready to provide tailormade support in order to improve your communication materials on ABS

Contact us any time to learn more about our support options...

...and in order to get started if you wish



Q&A



Thank you for your participation



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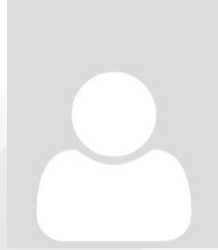
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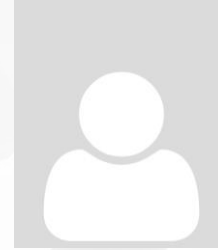
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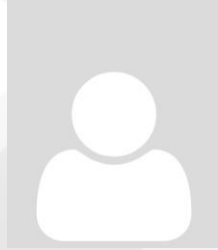
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