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Listen to new GENOA podcast



GENOA is pleased to announce **a new podcast episode** exploring innovative ways to communicate the importance of genetic diversity through the intersection of art and science.

The podcast is a result of the STSM grant awarded to Alexander Kopatz within the Working Group 5.

Recorded during the art exhibition *Evolving Narratives – Genetic Diversity Beyond Scientific Paradigm*, curated by Xiatong Cai and Ivan Vander Biesen at the 7th European Conservation Genetics Meeting (26-28 August 2026, Antwerp, Belgium), the episode reflects on alternative pathways for raising awareness of genetic diversity and conservation. The podcast highlights both the challenges and opportunities of combining artistic and scientific perspectives.

Featuring: Deborah Leigh, Ivan Vander Biesen, Hui Ma, and Yi Zhao

Host and Producer: Alexander Kopatz

[Click here](#) to listen to the podcast episode.

Click [here](#) to view the exhibition online.

Physalia course on Advanced Conservation Genomics

Physalia Courses is organizing “Advanced Conservation Genomics” course, taking place online, 28 September–1 October. The course is designed for researchers and conservation professionals ready to move beyond genomic analysis and explore how genomic evidence can directly inform management, monitoring and conservation policy.

The course combines advanced theory, practical exercises and discussion of real-world conservation challenges, with a strong emphasis on interpretation, limitations and decision-making under uncertainty.

[Click here](#) for more details about the course.

DECODING THE CBD

Learn your CBD ABCs

It's less than a month until **CBD COP17** in Yerevan, Armenia, and it's high time to crack the CBD code! New to biodiversity policy? We'll help you decode the jargon. Already fluent in CBD-speak? Put your knowledge to the test. In this edition, we continue to explain the acronyms behind different types of CBD documents. If you missed them, make sure to check our previous editions for more CBD terms.

- **ABS - Access and Benefit-Sharing**

Access and benefit-sharing (ABS) refers to the way in which genetic resources may be accessed, and how the benefits (monetary or non-monetary) that result from their use are shared between the people or countries using the resources (users) and the people or countries that provide them (providers).

Access and benefit-sharing is based on prior informed consent (PIC) being granted by a provider to a user and negotiations between both parties to develop mutually agreed terms (MAT) to ensure the fair and equitable sharing of genetic resources and associated benefits.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to learn more about the ABS principle.

- **NP - Nagoya Protocol**

The *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) to the Convention on Biological Diversity* is a supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity. It provides a transparent legal framework for the effective implementation of one of the three objectives of the CBD: the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

The Nagoya Protocol on ABS was adopted on 29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan and entered into force on 12 October 2014, 90 days after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification. Its objective is the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, thereby contributing to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Nagoya Protocol on ABS.

- **NR - National Report**

The **national reports** represent a tool for reviewing progress in the implementation of the Convention and the KMGBF at the national level and, in particular, the implementation of **national** biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and national targets.

In [decision 15/6](#), Parties were requested to submit their seventh national report by 28 February 2026 and their eighth national report by 30 June 2029 to enable the preparation of the global reviews, as adopted in [decision 16/32](#). So far, about two-thirds of all Parties have submitted their 7th NR.

Click [here](#) to check out the submitted NRs by countries.

Questions?

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