

Country	
1. Member State:	Finland
General information	
2. Responsible authority:	Finnish Environment Institute Natural Resources Institute Finland
3. Contributing agencies, organisations and other authorities:	
4. Reporting period	12 October 2014 – 31 August 2017

Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	
5. Is your country a Party to the Nagoya Protocol?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No <p style="margin-left: 40px;">⌞ <i>If selected, please indicate if there is any national process in place towards becoming a Party?</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">⌞ <i>Please provide a summary of the status of the process:</i> <Text entry></p> OR <input type="checkbox"/> No <p style="margin-left: 40px;">⌞ <i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for becoming a Party to the Nagoya Protocol:</i> <Text entry></p>

Institutional structures and resources for the implementation of the Regulation	
6. Has your country designated one or more competent authorities as provided in Article 6?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <p style="margin-left: 40px;">⌞ <i>Please identify the designated competent authority/-ies¹:</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Finnish Environment Institute Natural Resources Institute Finland</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">⌞ <i>If selected, please fill in also section 7</i></p> OR <input type="checkbox"/> No

¹ If more than one competent authority established, please number them in point 6.

	<p>⌞ Please provide explanation why not: <Text entry></p> <p>⌞ If selected, please move to section 8</p>
<p>7. Is (one of) the competent authority (authorities) in your country responsible for:</p> <p>- receiving due diligence declarations under Article 7(1) and 7(2)</p> <p>- transmitting information to the ABS Clearing House under Article 7(3)</p> <p>- carrying out checks on compliance in line with Article 9</p> <p>- recognition and verification of registered collections</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for receiving due diligence declarations²: Finnish Environment Institute and Natural Resources Institute Finland</p> <p>⌞ If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for receiving due diligence declarations: <Text entry></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for transmitting information to ABS CH: Finnish Environment Institute</p> <p>⌞ If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for transmitting information: <Text entry></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for carrying out checks: Finnish Environment Institute and Natural Resources Institute Finland</p> <p>⌞ If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for checking compliance: <Text entry></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for recognition and verification of collections: Finnish Environment Institute and Natural Resources Institute Finland</p> <p>⌞ If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for recognizing and verifying</p>

² In all point 7, if the first option is selected, it is sufficient to refer to a number/(s) corresponding to the authority indicated under point 6

<p>- cooperation with third countries under Article 7(3)</p> <p>- implementation of complementary measures under Article 13 (awareness raising, training activities, guidance to users etc.)</p>	<p>registered collections: <Text entry></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>↳ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for cooperation with third countries: Finnish Environment Institute and Natural Resources Institute Finland</i></p> <p>↳ <i>If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for the cooperation: <Text entry></i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>↳ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for implementation of complementary measures: Finnish Environment Institute and Natural Resources Institute Finland</i></p> <p>↳ <i>If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for implementation of complementary measures: <Text entry></i></p>
<p>8. Has your country designated any checkpoints beyond those envisaged in Article 7(1) –7(2) of the Regulation?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ <i>Please provide information about the additional checkpoints: <Text entry></i></p>
<p>9. Does your country have specific staff to administer functions directly related to the implementation of the Regulation?³</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>If selected, please indicate how many (person-months per year): seven person months/year</i></p> <p>Involved in enforcement of the Regulation (person-months per year⁴): Four/year</p> <p>Involved in other activities (cooperation, awareness-raising, capacity-building, reporting) (person-months per year): Three/year</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>↳ <i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered in assigning specific staff to administer functions related to the implementation of the Regulation: <Text entry></i></p>
<p>10. An estimate of external annual budget for implementation of the Regulation</p>	<p>An estimate for total external⁵ annual budget for EU ABS Regulation implementation, including cooperation, awareness-raising, capacity-building, reporting:</p>

³ This information could be useful for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Regulation under Article 16.

⁴ Note that this information can be provided in an aggregated format (average per year for the reporting period);

⁵ Such as public procurement procedures, consultancies, studies, outsourced communication campaigns, etc.

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11. Additional information	<i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered when establishing the institutional structure for the implementation of the Regulation: <Text entry></i>

Legislative measures	
Penalties (Article 11)	
12. Has your country set up a penalty system as required by Article 11?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ <i>If selected, please fill in sections 12-14</i> OR <input type="checkbox"/> No ↳ <i>If selected, please explain why not and provide a timetable for adoption of penalties: <Text entry></i>
13. What are the types of penalties foreseen for infringements of Article 4 and 7 of the Regulation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of remedial action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative fines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal sanctions <input type="checkbox"/> Others ↳ <i>If selected, please specify: <Text entry></i>

<p>14. What is the level of penalties established for breaches of the Regulation?</p>	<p>The competent authority may oblige the user to provide the notification by a notice of a conditional fine or notice of enforced suspension of activities either fully or partly. Provisions on the notice of a conditional fine, notice of enforced compliance and notice of enforced suspension are laid down in the Act on Conditional Fine (1113/1990).</p> <p>Section 17 of the Act on the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity Violation of the rules on genetic resources A user who intentionally or through gross negligence</p> <p>1) fails to comply with the obligations laid down for the user in the access and benefit-sharing legislation or regulatory requirements referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1 of the EU Genetic Resources Regulation;</p> <p>2) neglects the obligation laid down in Article 4, paragraph 3 of the EU Genetic Resources Regulation to seek, keep and transfer to subsequent users the information specified in paragraph 3, subparagraphs a and b;</p> <p>3) neglects the obligation laid down in Article 4, paragraph 6 of the EU Genetic Resources Regulation to keep the information referred to in Article 4, paragraph 3 for 20 years after the end of the period of utilisation; or</p> <p>4) neglects the declaration obligation and obligation to submit information laid down in Article 7, paragraph 2 of the EU Genetic Resources Regulation or in the implementing acts adopted under Article 7, paragraph 6 of the Regulation shall be sentenced to a fine for a violation of the rules on genetic resources, unless the deed is to be considered a minor one or a more severe punishment is laid down in other legislation.</p>
<p>15. Additional information</p>	<p><i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main challenges when putting penalty systems in place: <Text entry></i></p> <p><i>Please provide link(s) to the relevant legislation:</i></p> <p>Act on genetic resources, Act on conditional fine</p>

Administrative measures put in place for implementation of the Regulation	
Monitoring of user compliance (Article 7)	
<p>16. Has your country put in place measures to ensure that a request is made to all recipients of research funding involving utilisation of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, to declare that they exercise due diligence?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>↳If selected, please fill in section 16 below</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <i>↳If selected, please explain why not and indicate if there is any other way of ensuring compliance with Article 7(1): <Text entry></i></p>
<p>17. How is the request under Article 7(1) made?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> By law or other legislative measures <i>↳If selected, please provide reference to relevant legal</i></p>

	<p><i>provisions:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>OR/ AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> By direct requests to applicants for funding</p> <p> ↳ <i>If selected, specify which organization is responsible for making the request:</i> <Text entry></p> <p> ↳ <i>If selected, please indicate how many requests have been made so far:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>OR/ AND</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By means of a website</p> <p> ↳ <i>If selected, please provide URL and explain the reasons for the choice of that site: Website.</i> The same site contains the national clearing-house for the Convention of biological diversity.</p> <p>OR/ AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> By other means</p> <p> ↳ <i>If selected, please specify:</i> <Text entry></p>
18. Additional information	<p><i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main difficulties related to implementing a request referred to in Article 7(1):</i> <Text entry></p>
Risk-based plan for checks on user compliance (Article 9(3)(a))	
19. Has your country developed a plan as referred to in Article 9(3)(a)?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p> ↳ <i>If selected, please fill in sections 19 to 21 below</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p> ↳ <i>Please explain why not and provide a timeline for when the plan is expected to be developed: a draft plan is in the process of finalisation[, estimated time of finalisation 12/2017], .</i></p>
20. What are the risk factors applied in the preparation of the plan and any other criteria considered in its development?	<p>Please describe the risk factors: <Text entry></p> <p>Please describe any other criteria: <Text entry></p>
21. Which period does the current plan cover? When and how often will the plan be revised?	<Text entry>
22. Additional information concerning development of the plans	<p><i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main difficulties and challenges when preparing the plan:</i> <Text entry></p> <p><i>Please provide link to the plan:</i> <URL and website name> <i>and/or</i> <Attachment></p>

Enforcement and compliance measures	
Monitoring of user compliance (Article 7) ⁶	
23. How many due diligence declarations have been received based on Article 7(1)?	-
24. How many due diligence declarations have been received based on Article 7(2)?	-
25. Number of checkpoint communiques transferred to the ABS Clearing House	-
26. Number of checkpoints communique transferred to the competent authority referred to in Article 13(2) of the Protocol for confidentiality reasons	-
27. Additional information	<p><i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties related to monitoring of user compliance as per Article 7(1), if any: <Text entry></i></p> <p><i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges in relation to implementation of Article 7(2), if any: <Text entry></i></p>
Checks on users (Article 9)	
28. How many checks have been carried out during the reporting period?	-
29. What types of checks were carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Examination of documents provided upon request <input type="checkbox"/> On-site visits <input type="checkbox"/> Inspections <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p style="text-align: right;">↳ <i>Please specify:</i> <Text entry></p>

⁶ With regard to Questions 23 to 25, information needs to be provided for the current reporting period, while in the future it will need to be provided only if the DECLARE system was not used.

30. Were all the checks carried out in line with the plan developed based on Article 9(3)(b)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No ↳ <i>Please specify what were the reasons/triggers for carrying out the other checks:</i> <Text entry>
31. In how many situations the checks were initiated due to substantiated concerns as referred to in Article 9(3)(b)?	<Text entry>
32. In how many cases were shortcomings identified?	<Text entry>
33. Additional information	<i>Please provide a summary of the main types of shortcomings identified:</i> <Text entry> <i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges in relation to checks:</i> <Text entry>
Penalties (Article 11)	
34. Penalties imposed during the reporting period	<i>Please specify if your country imposed any penalties</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of remedial action ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <Text entry> <input type="checkbox"/> Fines ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <Text entry> <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal sanctions ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <Text entry> <input type="checkbox"/> Others ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <Text entry>
35. If penalties were applied during the reporting period, which types of infringements were penalised?	Infringement of duties stemming from: <input type="checkbox"/> Article 4 – due diligence <input type="checkbox"/> Article 7 – duty to file due diligence declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Other ↳ <i>Please specify:</i> <Text entry>
36. Additional information:	<i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges concerning enforcement measures (if any):</i> <Text entry>
Register of collections (Article 5)	
37. Are you aware of any interest by institutions in your country to become a registered collection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ <i>Please indicate how many collections expressed their</i>

	<p><i>interest:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
38. Number of applications received	-
39. Number of verifications carried out	-
40. Additional information	<i>Please provide any additional information, including on what might explain the level of interest in becoming a registered collection:</i> <Text entry>

Cooperation and complementary measures	
Cooperation (Article 12)	
41. Has your country ⁷ cooperated with competent authorities or other relevant organizations in other EU Member States?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ <i>Please specify countries with which the cooperation was undertaken:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>↳ <i>Please provide examples of such cooperation:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
42. Has your country cooperated with (third countries') competent national authorities referred to in Article 13(2) of the Protocol?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ <i>Please specify the countries with which the cooperation was undertaken:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>↳ <i>Please specify areas of cooperation:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>Was the cooperation related to any identified shortcomings?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>↳ <i>If yes, please specify the shortcomings:</i> <Text entry></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Complementary measures (Article 13)	
43. Has your country carried out any training and awareness-raising activities to assist the stakeholders and interested parties in building understanding of their obligations arising from the EU ABS Regulation and relevant provisions of the Protocol and the Convention? ⁸	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ Please specify type and number of activities carried out:</p> <p>Training sessions: National website contains information for the users of genetic resources and the competent authorities have held numerous awareness raising presentations for the users. Also a notification of the responsibilities of the users of genetic resources and TK has been sent to the largest research institutes and</p>

⁷ When reference to “country” is made in this part, it shall be understood as covering activities carried out by the authorities, or carried out on their behalf;

⁸ See also response to question 54 from the Nagoya Protocol reporting format

	<p>industrial umbrella organisations.</p> <p>Workshops: <Text entry></p> <p>Conferences: <Text entry></p> <p>Others: <Text entry></p> <p>⌞ Please estimate the number of users that participated in the activities carried out or that received other assistance (e.g. in the form of responses to requests for clarification etc.): Approximately 400 persons.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>44. Has your country organized any activities addressed specifically to academic, university and non-commercial researchers, and small and medium enterprises?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>⌞ Please specify type and number of activities carried out:</p> <p>Training sessions: <Text entry></p> <p>Workshops: <Text entry></p> <p>Conferences: <Text entry></p> <p>Others: Alltogether 10 presentations in various events.</p> <p>⌞ Please estimate number of users that participated in the activities carried out/ that received assistance: 400 persons.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>45. Have any complaints been received from users in relation to implementation of the EU ABS Regulation?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>⌞ Please summarise the nature of complaints received: <Text entry></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Submission addresses:

This form should be completed and sent ***by email*** to ENV-F3-NAGOYA-ABS@ec.europa.eu