

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLYING WITH REGULATION (EU) NO. 511/2014 (NAGOYA PROTOCOL) FOR RESEARCHERS AT LEIBNIZ UNIVERSITY HANNOVER



If your genetic resource is covered by the Nagoya Protocol, please follow this course of action:

Contact the **responsible national authorities** with regard to access procedures, equitable sharing of benefits, restrictive use, responsibility etc.

Please note: Contact the responsible local authorities for information regarding the specific and current legal basis.

Apply for necessary ABS documents and specify what you intend to do with the genetic resource. This includes transfer to third parties etc.

or

If the genetic resource was obtained via **third parties**, obtain the necessary ABS documents from them.

Please note: Continuous documentation of procedures is particularly important. This way you can prove that you have exercised due diligence. The documents should be stored for at least 20 years after the end of utilisation.

Submit a **due diligence declaration** to the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) as per article 7.1 of Regulation (EU) No. 511/2014 in a timely manner, via the DECLARE online portal: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/declare/>.

Please note: At the latest, this declaration must be submitted at the end of the project.

When using genetic resources, ensure compliance with obligations and arrangements for equitable sharing of benefits set out in the ABS permits and contracts.

If you are unsure about the lawfulness of accessing and using the genetic resource, obtain the necessary ABS documents retrospectively or **discontinue use**.