



Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks, and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol (Global Access Benefit Sharing)

The implementation of the basic measures of the Nagoya Protocol in the participating countries will unleash a wide range of monetary and non-monetary benefits for providers of genetic resources. Some of these benefits should be reinvested in the conservation and sustainable use of the biological resources from where the genetic resources were obtained and hence fulfil the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

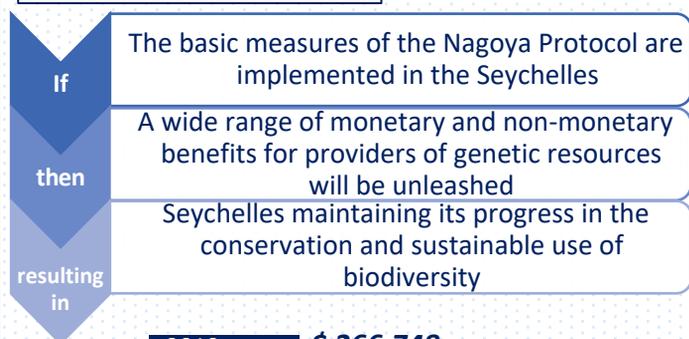
The UNDP/GEF Project looks at the development and strengthening of their national ABS frameworks, human resources, and administrative capabilities to implement the Nagoya Protocol.

The project seeks to achieve this by:

a) strengthening the legal, policy and institutional capacity to develop national ABS frameworks;

- b) building trust between users and providers of genetic resources to facilitate the identification of bio-discovery efforts; and
- c) Strengthening the capacity of indigenous and local communities to contribute to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

OUR APPROACH

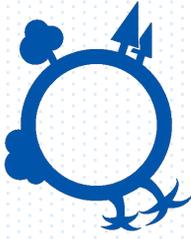


Budget 2019 \$ 266,748
Total \$ 350,000

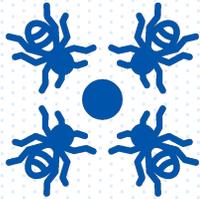
Period 2017-2019

QUICK FACTS

Seychelles is among the 30 biodiversity hotspots in the world



Isolated from the continents for 65 million years, the fauna and flora of Seychelles have evolved into **unique species of Gondwanan lineage.**



Invasive Alien Species are key issue affecting terrestrial

biodiversity, and in particular endemic biodiversity.

Seychelles is vulnerable to climate change and its impacts



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OBJECTIVE

The project is strengthening partnerships and coordination to increase dialogue, trust and support by stakeholders and integrate ABS regulations across sectors at the country, regional and global levels.



IMPLEMENTATION

This project is managed by the UNDP Country Office in a Direct Implementation Modality. The relevant government services are closely involved via consultations, in order to ensure ownership and appropriation of project results.



KEY RESULTS

- Access and Benefit Sharing Policy approved by Cabinet of Ministers;
- Competent National Authority and stakeholders underwent 3-day ABS contract training;
- Pan-African COP held in Seychelles, July 2019, regional ABS countries disseminated innovative thinking, lessons learned and best practices for biodiscovery partnerships, attracting ABS investments and biodiversity financing, and unlock the potential of Africa's bio-economy.



PARTNERS

- Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change; National Biosecurity Agency;
- National Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation, Seychelles Bureau of Standards;
- Ministry of Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning, Registry Division, Culture Department, Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil society.

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