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ProBenefit*

Implementing the CBD Principles on ABS A case-study from Ecuador

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There are two important projects going on between Germany and Ecuador this year...



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But only one of us can win...



The ProBenefit project



All of us can win!



Project Aims of ProBenefit

- Implement the ABS principles stated in the CBD.
- Develop transparent negotiation procedures with all relevant stakeholders.

Duration: 2003 – 2008

Phases: Phase 1: reach an agreement on ABS
Phase 2: plant screening, extract testing



Project area of ProBenefit

Biosphere reserve „Gran Sumaco“

- 68% primary forest
- 5 out of 7 Holdridge altitudinal zones
- Highly organised civil society
- Existence of a management plan and administrative council (CoRBS)
- Access and logistic comparably easy





Project Structure

Company



Ministry of the Environment



Indigenous Organisations



Process Development

VDI Technology Centre,
Düsseldorf
Institute for Biodiversity,
Regensburg
Institute for International
Law, Univ. of Göttingen
Albrecht-v.-Haller-Institute
for Plant Science, Univ. of
Göttingen
Schwabe Pharmaceuticals,
Karlsruhe

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11 second grade
Organisations
150 local communities



Activities and first results

- Socio-political analysis and information campaign
- Analysis of the legal framework (CBD, CAN391, Ecuadorian regulations)
- Explore indigenous requirements and options for participation
- Signed agreement of cooperation on process development with the regional organisation FONAKIN
- Explore the company's process requirements



Major Challenges

- Find **adequate structures** for participation that reflect **indigenous representation in the project area**
- Develop the PIC process required in the **proposed Ecuadorian access regulation**
- Fulfill stakeholders' enormous **need for information** on ABS

...and last but not least: do all this with adequate time and resources



Next Steps (Feb – May 06)

Capacity-building and training in the project area

- 6 modules taught by Ecuadorian experts
- 25 course participants sent by their respective organizations
- these experts will then inform and consult the local communities and base organizations

02/06	Botany
03/06	Phytomedicine: Production Process
03/06	ABS /IPR: Legal Framework Protection of traditional knowledge
03/06	Phytomedicine: Markets and Commercialization Benefit-sharing concepts
04/06	Contracts, Negotiation and Conflict Management
04/06	Moderation and Presentation Techniques



Thank you for your attention!

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