



## Living in Harmony with Nature

# Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011–2020

The Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 was adopted by the Parties to the Protocol in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. It comprises a vision, a mission, five strategic objectives and twenty-three operational objectives.

The elements of the Strategic Plan should be interpreted in light of the text of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Any interpretation and understanding of the Strategic Plan should be considered only in the context and scope of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

The Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety is comprised of:

The vision of the Strategic Plan for Biosafety is making biodiversity adequately protected from any adverse effects of LMOs.

The mission of the Strategic Plan for Biosafety is to strengthen global, regional & national action and capacity in ensuring an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

## 23 operational objectives, under five strategic objectives

**Strategic Objective 1:** To put in place further tools and guidance necessary to make the Protocol fully operational  
**Operational Objectives:**

1.1 National Biosafety Frameworks: To enable all Parties to have operational national biosafety frameworks in place for the implementation of the Protocol

1.2 Coordination and support: To put in place effective mechanisms for developing biosafety systems with the necessary coordination, financing and monitoring support

1.3 Risk assessment and risk management: To further develop and support implementation of scientific tools on common approaches to risk assessment and risk management for Parties

1.4 LMOs or traits that may have adverse effects: To develop modalities for cooperation and guidance in identifying LMOs or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health

1.5 Liability and Redress: To adopt and implement the Nagoya– Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

1.6 Handling, transport, packaging and identification: To enable Parties to implement the requirements of the Protocol and COP-MOP decisions on identification and documentation requirements for living modified organisms

1.7 Socio-economic considerations: To, on the basis of research and information exchange, provide relevant guidance on



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socio-economic considerations that may be taken into account in reaching decisions on the import of living modified organisms

1.8 Transit, contained use, unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures: To develop tools and guidance that facilitate the implementation of the Protocol's provisions on transit, contained use, unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures

**Strategic Objective 2:** To further develop and strengthen the capacity of Parties to implement the Protocol

#### Operational Objectives

- 2.1 National Biosafety Frameworks: To further support the development and implementation of national regulatory and administrative systems
- 2.2 Risk assessment and risk management: To enable Parties to evaluate, apply, share and carry out risk assessments and establish local science-based capacities to regulate, manage, monitor and control risks of LMOs
- 2.3 Handling, transport, packaging and identification: To develop capacity for handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms
- 2.4 Liability and Redress: To assist Parties to the Protocol in their efforts to establish and apply the rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from the transboundary movements of living modified organisms
- 2.5 Public awareness, education and participation: To enhance capacity at the national, regional and international levels that would facilitate efforts to raise public awareness, and promote education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs
- 2.6 Information sharing: To ensure that the BCH is easily accessed by all established stakeholders, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- 2.7 Biosafety education and training: To promote education and training of biosafety professionals through greater coordination and collaboration among academic institutions and relevant organizations

**Strategic Objective 3:** Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity

#### Operational Objectives

- 3.1 Compliance with the Protocol: To strengthen the mechanisms for achieving compliance
- 3.2 Assessment and review: To improve the effectiveness of the Protocol, including through regular assessment and review processes

**Strategic Objective 4:** Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services

#### Operational Objectives

- 4.1 BCH effectiveness: To increase the amount and quality of information submitted to and retrieved from the BCH
- 4.2 BCH as a tool for online discussions and conferences: To establish the BCH as a fully functional and effective platform for assisting countries in the implementation of the Protocol
- 4.3 Information sharing other than through the BCH: To enhance understanding through other information exchange mechanisms

**Strategic Objective 5:** Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building

#### Operational Objectives

- 5.1 Ratification of the Protocol: To achieve global recognition of the Protocol
- 5.2 Cooperation: To enhance international cooperation and collaboration in biosafety
- 5.3 Communication and outreach: To raise the profile of the Protocol

## Fast Facts

- In the decision adopting the Strategic Plan Governments and relevant international organizations were invited to review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, with the Strategic Plan; and to allocate adequate human and financial resources necessary to expedite the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- A mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan will be carried out in conjunction with the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol at the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in 2016.
- A final evaluation of the Strategic Plan will take place at the tenth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in 2020.

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