



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**

**International meeting on Article 10  
(Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity)  
with a focus on Article 10(c)  
(Customary Use of Biological Diversity)**

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## BACKGROUND

- Indigenous and Local communities - rights holders under the Convention
- Partners in Saving Life on Earth
- ILCs are Proponents of Cultural Diversity and Biodiversity
- **Major Players in Sustainable and Customary use of Biodiversity**
- Rights-holders in Access and Benefit-Sharing (Genetic resources and Associated TK)
- Sustainable Use one of the 3 pillars of the Convention



## BACKGROUND

Governments acknowledged in the  
**Preamble:**

The close dependence of many **indigenous and local communities** on biological resources and the desirability of sharing equitably benefits of traditional knowledge, innovation and practices relevant to the **conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.**



## BACKGROUND

In **Article 8, paragraph (j)**, Parties have undertaken to:

- respect, preserve and maintain traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
- promote its wider application with the approval and involvement of the holders of such knowledge and
- encourage the equitable sharing of the benefits



## BACKGROUND

### **Article 10.** Sustainable Use of Components of Biological Diversity

Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:

- (c) Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements;



## BACKGROUND

### COP 10-Decision X/43

**Article 10-** Decides to include a new major component on Article 10 with a focus on Article 10(c) in the revised programme of work on Article 8(j)... building on the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines:

- to develop further guidance on sustainable use and related incentive measures for indigenous and local communities and also
- consider measures to increase the engagement of indigenous and local communities and governments at national and local level in the implementation of Article 10 and the ecosystem approach;



## BACKGROUND

### COP 10-Decision X/43

Article 10 - Convene, an **international meeting on Article 10 with a focus on Article 10(c)**, to provide advice on the content and implementation of the new major component for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to assist the Working Group to develop a strategy to integrate Article 10, with a focus on 10(c), as a cross-cutting issue into the Convention's various programmes of work and thematic areas, beginning with the programme of work on protected areas;



## KEY TERMS & CONCEPTS

### Sustainable use...

The use of components of biological diversity that does not lead to long-term decline of biological diversity while maintaining the potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations





## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 1: Get the legal framework right

- Consider local customs and traditions (and customary law where recognized) when drafting new legislation and regulations
- Identify existing and develop new supportive incentives measures, policies, laws and institutions, as required, within the jurisdiction in which a use will take place, also taking into account Articles 8(j) and 10(c), as appropriate;



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 2: Responsibility with accountability

- Review existing regulations to see if they can be used for delegating rights; amend regulations where needed and possible; and/or draft new regulations where needed. Throughout local custom and traditions (including customary law where recognized) should be considered;
- Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources that is sustainable, in accordance with traditional and cultural practices (Article 10(c)).



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 3: Avoid perverse incentives

- Market distortions
- Habitat degradation
- Inequity



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 4: Use adaptive management

- Require adaptive management plans to incorporate systems to generate sustainable revenue, where the benefits go to indigenous and local communities and local stakeholders to support successful implementation;
- When using traditional and local knowledge, ensure that approval of the holder of that knowledge has been obtained.



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 5: Minimize adverse impacts on the ecosystem

- Management goals and practices
- Understand role of managed resource
- Monitor impact of use



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 6: Invest in appropriate research

- Encourage active collaboration between scientific researchers and people with local and traditional knowledge.
- Develop cooperation between researchers and biodiversity users (private or local communities), in particular, involve indigenous and local communities as research partners and use their expertise to assess management methods and technologies;



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 7: Get the scale (time and space) of use right

- Jurisdictional
- Ecological
- Socio-Economic



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 8: Seek international cooperation where necessary

- Shared resources
- Management needs
- Optional approaches to cooperation





## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

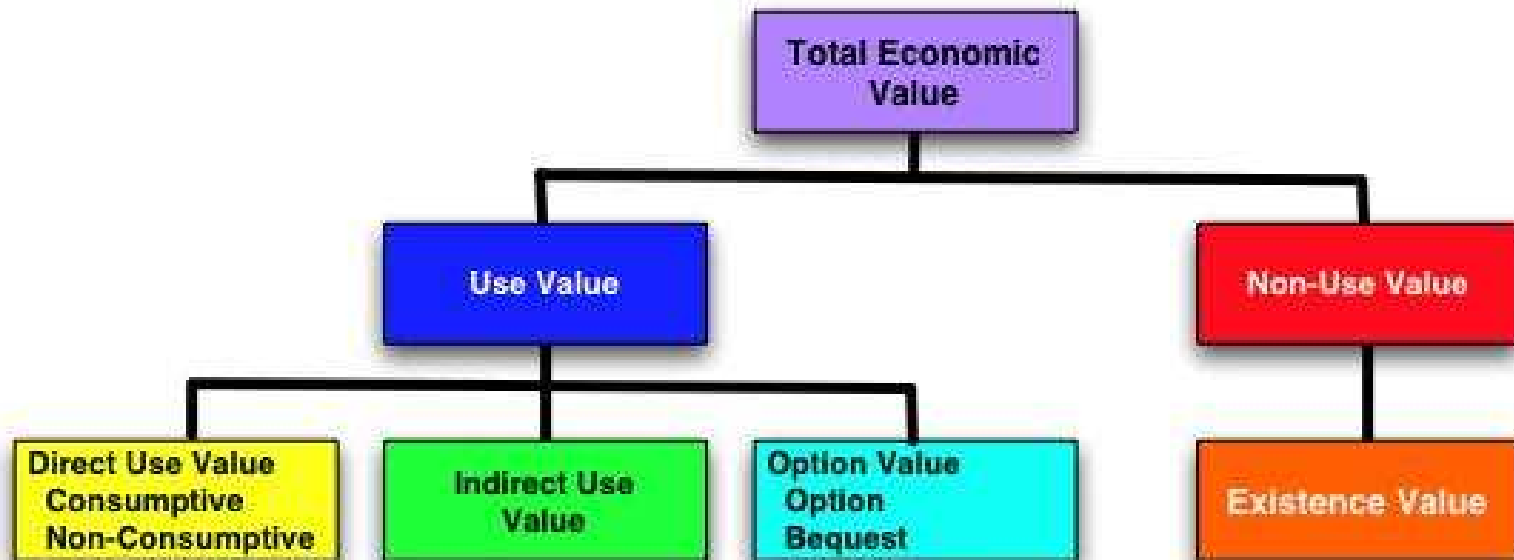
### Principle 9: Use an interdisciplinary and participatory approach wherever possible

- Identify all relevant stakeholders and seek their participation in planning and executing of management activities
- Seek guidance from local, traditional and technical specialists in designing the management plan;



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 10: Know the current and potential value of the resource





## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 11: Minimize waste and adverse environmental impacts

- Establish technical cooperation mechanisms in order to guarantee the transfer of improved technologies to communities;



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 12: Ensure equitable distribution of benefits meet local needs

- Promote economic incentives that will guarantee additional benefits to indigenous and local communities and stakeholders who are involved in the management of any biodiversity components, e.g., job opportunities for local peoples, equal distribution of returns amongst locals and outside investors/co-management;
- Adopt policies and regulations that ensure that indigenous and local communities and local stakeholders who are engaged in the management of a resource for sustainable use receive an equitable share of any benefits derived from that use;



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 12: Ensure equitable distribution of benefits meet local needs

- Ensure that national policies and regulation for sustainable use recognize and account for non-monetary values of natural resources;
- Consider ways to bring uncontrolled use of biological resources into a legal and sustainable use framework, including promoting alternative non-consumptive uses of these resources
- Ensure that an equitable share of the benefits remain with the local people in those cases where foreign investment is involved;



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 12: Ensure equitable distribution of benefits meet local needs

- Involve local stakeholders, including indigenous and local communities, in the management of any natural resource and provide those involved with equitable compensation for their efforts, taking into account monetary and non-monetary benefits;
- In the event that management dictates a reduction in harvest levels, to the extent practicable assistance should be provided for local stakeholders, including indigenous and local communities, who are directly dependent on the resource to have access to alternatives.



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 13: Management costs should be covered by income

- Direct costs and opportunity costs
- Benefit flows
- Economic incentives



## ADDIS ADABA PRINCIPLES

### Principle 14: Educate people about sustainable use

- Increase awareness of the contributions of knowledge, practices and innovations of indigenous and local communities for the sustainable use of biological diversity.





**Thank you for your attention!**

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