

strengthening capacities of IPLCs in biodiversity conservation and protection of IKSPs/TKs associated with GRs so that they may sustainably enjoy its benefits; establishment of a model research and development practice that promotes ABS.

**Component 3:** Demonstrating benefit-sharing agreements : Under this component, a key outcome is to facilitate the negotiation of at least one ABS agreement. The project will support the design and review of ABS agreements so that they are in line with the national ABS framework in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol. This component will also support community protocols of securing Prior Informed Consent and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (PIC/FPIC) and Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) and ensuring the fair and equitable sharing of both monetary and non-monetary benefits for the use of the genetic resources and its associated traditional / indigenous knowledge. Further under this component, conservation strategies of specific resources covered by the ABS agreement will be planned. To this end, the project will develop at least 2 bio-products from local genetic resources of *Pili* tree (*Canarium ovatum* and *Canarium luzonicum*) and *Banaba* (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*).

Through the above components, the project seeks to increase economic opportunity and biodiversity conservation for local communities and indigenous peoples in the Philippines stemming from fair and equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits thereby contributing to the following impacts:

1. Increased wealth creation through safeguarding Philippines' biological resources and its genetic diversity from unfair exploitation;
2. Recognition, Respect, Protection and Promotion of Customary Law and Indigenous Knowledge and Practices System on access to genetic resources; and
3. Improved management and sustainable use of genetic resources and biodiversity.

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## Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines (ABS Project)



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Total project financing:	USD	26,015,787
GEF Trust Fund	USD	4,384,000
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- Government	USD	11,124,891
- SUC	USD	6,527,247
- Private Sector	USD	3,869,232
- UNDP	USD	110,417

The project aims to strengthen the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (NP) in the Philippines by strengthening the national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) framework, building national and local capacities and developing critical experience in ABS agreements. The project seeks to increase economic opportunity and biodiversity conservation for local communities and indigenous peoples in the Philippines stemming from fair and equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits through three main components:

**Component 1:** Strengthening the national framework for implementing ABS in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol: This component aims to: (1) update the current national ABS framework in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol and (2) harmonize current policies on bioprospecting and scientific research and development on and commercialization of genetic resources and their associated traditional/indigenous knowledge. The project will enhance multi-sectoral and inter-agency collaboration with regard to on-going research up until its potential for commercialization to promote ABS agreements. Institutional mechanisms that inform and cross-check with other agencies any research undertaking and link these with the private sector for possible uptake will be established. Additionally, a support information system such as developing a database on research on genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge/indigenous knowledge will be undertaken under this component.

**Component 2:** Awareness raising and capacity building for implementation of the national ABS framework: A nation-wide information dissemination, education and public awareness campaign on ABS and its related policies and procedures will be undertaken under this component. The capacity building will include: strengthening capacities crafting and enforcing policies on ABS, strengthening national systems on intellectual property rights of researchers and indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs); improving capacities of national government agencies and IPLCs to engage with private sector with regard to ABS; strengthening capacities in assessing research proposals; monitoring and tracking bioprospecting of Philippine genetic resources and its associated traditional knowledge (TKs) after permits have been issued; strengthening capacities of IPLCs in using provisions of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA), Cultural Heritage Act, etc. to ensure the recognition of their rights over their genetic resources (GR) and associated Indigenous Knowledge System and Practices (IKSPs) and TKs, including rights to full, effective and meaningful participation in decision-making processes;