

Cartagena Protocol MOP11 Item 13

Socioeconomic considerations

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In focus

Background

[Article 26](#) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety establishes the right of Parties to take into account socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, especially with regard to the value of biodiversity to indigenous and local communities, in reaching a decision on whether to import these organisms. The inclusion of socio-economic considerations in Parties' decision-making on the import of living modified organisms must be consistent with their other international obligations.

Paragraph 2 of Article 26 calls upon Parties to cooperate on research and information exchange on socio-economic impacts of LMOs, especially on indigenous and local communities. [More>>](#)

PHM Comment

Notes of discussion