**Questionnaire concerning research using genetic resources from overseas**

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 Since Japan ratified Nagoya protocol, all scientists in Japan need to care for researching "genetic resources" of foreign origins (biological samples transported into Japan). "Genetic resource" in the questions below means materials of plant, animal, microbial or other origin (including viruses, phages, cell lines, environmental samples, etc.) containing functional units of heredity. (Note: Because the U.S. is not a party of the Convention of Biological Diversity, the samples from ATCC, Addgene, and the Jackson Institute, etc. are not subject of this questionnaire.)

Q1. Are you conducting research in Japan on genetic resources from overseas (outside of Japan, including your home country)?

 □Yes

 □No

Q2. Did you bring any genetic resource from overseas into Japan (outside of Japan, including your home country), or do you plan to do so?

 □Yes

 □No

Q3. Are you conducting research on a genetic resource associated with traditional knowledge overseas (outside of Japan, including your home country) (\*1) ?

 □Yes

 □No

\*1 Traditional knowledge associated with a genetic resource: unique knowledge rooted in the tradition, customs, and culture of a society or regional community of indigenous people who have traditional life styles (for example: a plant having strong effect against a certain disease, a plant preventing a specific insect, etc.)

This questionnaire ends here for those who answered **NO** to questions 1-3.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you answered **YES** to any one of questions 1-4, proceed to questions 5-10 in the following page.

Q4. What kinds of genetic resources did you acquire? (You may choose multiple answers.)

 □Living animal (□Mammal □Avian □Amphibian □Fish □Other)

 □Dead animal or plant; part of an organism (including frozen, dried, or powered samples)

 □Plant (including seeds) □Microbe □Virus & phage

 □Environmental sample (soil and water containing microbes)

 □Other genetic resources ( )

 □traditional knowledge

Q5. What are the specific names of the accessed genetic resources and the countries from which you acquired the samples (including your home country)?

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Q6. From whom did you acquire the genetic resources?

 □Myself (from previous laboratory) □Overseas collaborator □Japanese collaborator

 □Intermediary □Overseas market □Japanese market □Other( )

Q7. Do you know the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (\*2)?

 □Yes □No □I do not know the details, but I have heard of it.

\*2 The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is an international convention that was set out to: 1. The conservation of biological diversity, 2. The sustainable use of the components of biological diversity, and 3. The fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from use of genetic resources.

Q8. Do you know the Nagoya Protocol (\*3)?

 □Yes □No □I do not know the details, but I have heard of it.

\*3 The Nagoya Protocol is an international rule for fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from use of genetic resources, set out under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Q9. Do you know the Japanese government guidelines for the Nagoya Protocol (\*4)?

 □Yes □ No □I do not know the details, but I have heard of it.

\*4 The Japanese government guidelines for Nagoya Protocol is a domestic measure to promote compliance with laws of provider countries, i.e. reporting legally sound acquisition of genetic resources to the government.

This questionnaire is completed now.

Thank you for your cooperation.