

## **Developing a Methodology to Balance Benefit-Sharing: Application in the Context of Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction**

The interviews conducted as part of this study followed a pre-defined guide list of questions which requested participants to score a variety of benefit-sharing options according to their perspective and to give short reasons for their decisions. Interview questions are listed below.

**Part 1.** The following factors could be taken into consideration when assessing the balance of different types of benefit-sharing in the BBNJ context:

1. Direct beneficiaries
  - a. Number of individuals impacted/ receiving the benefits
2. Biodiversity goals
  - a. Contributing towards conservation of marine biological diversity of ABNJ
  - b. Promoting sustainable use of MGR from ABNJ
  - c. Fostering scientific R&D
  - d. Promoting fair and equitable benefit-sharing
  - e. Inclusivity of Developing States in access to and utilisation of MGR of ABNJ
3. Benefit-sharing significance (size of impact)
  - a. Significance, value and duration of impact (months or years – gives an indication of whether the impact will be beneficial to current and future generations)
  - b. Enhanced employability/ employment rates
  - c. Meaningfulness
4. Burden on users (cost and people)
  - a. Monetary cost and human labour to generate and share the benefits, including costs to transfer to and distribute amongst beneficiaries
  - b. Opportunity cost
  - c. Time value
5. Burden on the regulator
  - a. Monetary cost and human labour (to monitor benefit-sharing)
  - b. Complexity
  - c. Time value

How would you **weight these factors** in terms of relative importance (**from 1 for very low importance, 2 for low importance, 3 for moderate importance, 4 for high importance and 5 for very high importance**) to one another? Please note that factors can be assigned the same weight.

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Weight (1-5)</b>
1 – Direct beneficiaries	
2 - Biodiversity goals	
3 - Benefit-sharing significance	
4 - Burden on users	
5 - Burden on the regulator	



