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Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Is your country a Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB)?

Yes

Article 2 – General provisions

14. Has your country introduced the necessary legal, administrative and other measures for the implementation of the Protocol?

This question is relevant to indicators 1.1.1, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, and 3.1.2 of the Strategic Plan

A domestic regulatory framework is fully in place

15. If you indicated that a national biosafety framework exists in the above question, when did it become operational?

This question is relevant to the indicator 1.1.1 of the Strategic Plan

2009

16. Which specific instruments are in place for the implementation of your national biosafety framework?

One or more national biosafety laws
One or more national biosafety regulations

17. Has your country established a mechanism for the budgetary allocations of funds for the operation of its national biosafety framework?

Yes

18. Does your country have permanent staff to administer functions directly related to the national biosafety framework?

Yes

19. If you answered Yes to question 18, how many permanent staff members are in place whose functions are directly related to the national biosafety framework?

More than 10

20. Has your country's biosafety framework / laws / regulations / guidelines been submitted to the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)?

Yes

Article 5 - Pharmaceuticals

22. Does your country regulate the transboundary movement, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) which are pharmaceuticals?

No

24. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 5 in your country:
Veterinarian medicinal products and medicinal products for human use and cosmetic products which are permitted or certified by the Ministry of Health are out of the scope of Biosafety Law.

Article 6 – Transit and Contained use

25. Does your country regulate the transit of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.8.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

26. Does your country regulate the contained use of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicators 1.1.2 and 1.8.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

27. If you answered Yes to questions 25 or 26, has this information been submitted to the BCH?

Yes

28. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 6 in your country:

The contained use of LMOs for the purpose of research and transits of LMOs subject to permission of the Ministry, the contained use of FFP-LMOs is subject to AIA.

Articles 7 to 10 – Advance Informed Agreement (AIA) and intentional introduction of LMOs into the environment

29. Has your country adopted law(s) / regulations / administrative measures for the operation of the AIA procedure of the Protocol OR a domestic regulatory framework consistent with the Protocol regarding the transboundary movement of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?

This question is relevant to indicators 1.1.2 and 3.1.4 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

30. Has your country established a mechanism for taking decisions regarding first intentional transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?

Yes

31. If you answered Yes to question 30, does the mechanism also apply to cases of intentional introduction of LMOs into the environment that were not subject to transboundary movement?

Yes

32. Has your country established legal requirements for exporters under its jurisdiction to notify in writing the competent national authority of the Party of import prior to the intentional transboundary movement of an LMO that falls within the scope of the AIA procedure?

Yes

33. Has your country established legal requirements for the accuracy of information contained in the notification?

Yes

34. Has your country ever received an application / notification regarding intentional

transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.1.4 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

35. Has your country ever taken a decision on an application / notification regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

No

38. In the current reporting period, how many applications/notifications has your country received regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?

None

39. In the current reporting period, how many decisions has your country taken regarding intentional transboundary movements of LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment?

None

46. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Articles 7-10 in your country, including measures in case of lack of scientific certainty on potential adverse effects of LMOs for intentional introduction to the environment

Intentional introduction of LMO's into the environment is prohibited in Turkey by article 5 of the Biosafety Law (Law no 5977, OJ 27533 dated 26 March 2010).

Article 11 – Procedure for living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (LMOs-FFP)

47. Has your country adopted specific law(s) or regulation(s) for decision-making regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMOs-FFP?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.1.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

48. Has your country established legal requirements for the accuracy of information to be provided by the applicant?

Yes

49. Has your country established a mechanism to ensure that decisions regarding LMOs-FFP that may be subject to transboundary movement will be communicated to the Parties through the BCH?

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

50. Has your country established a mechanism for taking decisions on the import of LMOs-

FFP?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.1.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

51. Has your country indicated its needs for financial and technical assistance and capacity-building in respect of LMOs-FFP?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

52. Has your country ever taken a decision on LMOs-FFP (either on import or domestic use)?

Yes

53. How many LMOs-FFP has your country approved to date?

More than 10

54. In the current reporting period, how many decisions has your country taken regarding the import of LMOs-FFP?

More than 10

55. In the current reporting period, how many decisions has your country taken regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMOs-FFP?

More than 10

56. Has your country informed the Parties through the BCH of its decision(s) regarding import, of LMOs-FFP?

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes, always

57. Has your country informed the Parties through the BCH of its decision(s) regarding domestic use, including placing on the market, of LMOs-FFP within 15 days?

No

Article 12 – Review of decision**59. Has your country established a mechanism for the review and change of a decision regarding an intentional transboundary movement of LMOs?**

Yes

60. Has your country ever received a request for a review of a decision?

Yes

61. Has your country ever reviewed / changed a decision regarding an intentional transboundary movement of LMOs?

Yes, decision reviewed and changed

62. In the current reporting period, how many decisions were reviewed and/or changed regarding an intentional transboundary movement of an LMO?

Less than 5

63. Has your country informed both the notifier and the BCH of the review and/or changes in the decision?

This question is relevant to indicators 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes, always

64. Has your country informed both the notifier and the BCH of the review and changes in the decision within thirty days?

Yes, always

65. Has your country provided reasons to both the notifier and the BCH for the review and/or changes in the decision?

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes, always

Article 13 – Simplified procedure

67. Has your country established a system for the application of the simplified procedure regarding an intentional transboundary movement of LMOs?

Yes

68. Has your country ever applied the simplified procedure?

Yes

69. If you answered Yes to question 68, has your country informed the Parties through the BCH of the cases where the simplified procedure applies?

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes, always

70. In the current reporting period, how many LMOs has your country applied the simplified procedure to?

More than 5

Article 14 – Bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements and arrangements

72. Has your country entered into any bilateral, regional or multilateral agreements or arrangements?

No

Articles 15 & 16 – Risk Assessment and Risk Management

77. Has your country established a national framework for conducting risk assessments prior to taking decisions regarding LMOs?

Yes

78. If you answered Yes to question 77, does this framework include procedures for identifying and/or training national experts to conduct risk assessments?

Yes

79. How many people in your country have been trained in risk assessment, monitoring, management and control of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.3 of the Strategic Plan

a) Risk assessment:

100 or more

b) Management / Control:

100 or more

c) Monitoring:

100 or more

80. Is your country using training material and/or technical guidance for training in risk assessment and risk management of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

81. Is your country using the "Manual on Risk Assessment of LMOs" (developed by CBD Secretariat) for training in risk assessment?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.5 of the Strategic Plan

No

82. Is your country using the "Guidance on Risk Assessment of LMOs" (developed by the Online Forum and the AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management) for training in risk assessment?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.5 of the Strategic Plan

No

83. Are the currently available training materials or technical guidance on risk assessment and/or risk management of LMOs sufficient?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.6 of the Strategic Plan

No

84. Does your country have the capacity to detect, identify, assess and/or monitor living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account risks to human health?

This question is relevant to indicators 1.4.2 and 1.6.3 of the Strategic Plan

a) Detect:

Yes

b) Identify:

Yes

c) Assess:

Yes

d) Monitor:

Yes

85. Has your country adopted or used any guidance documents for the purpose of conducting risk assessment or risk management, or for evaluating risk assessment reports submitted by notifiers?

This question is relevant to indicators 1.3.1 of the Strategic Plan

a) Risk assessment:

No

b) Risk management:

No

86. Is your country using the "Guidance on Risk Assessment of LMOs" (developed by the Online Forum and the AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management) for conducting risk

assessment or risk management, or for evaluating risk assessment reports submitted by notifiers?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.5 of the Strategic Plan

No

87. Has your country adopted any common approaches to risk assessment with other countries?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.3.2 of the Strategic Plan

No

88. Has your country cooperated with other Parties with a view to identifying LMOs or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.4.1 of the Strategic Plan

No

89. Has your country ever conducted a risk assessment of an LMO including any type of risk assessment of LMOs, e.g. for contained use, field trials, commercial purposes, direct use as food, feed, or for processing?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.3.3 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

90. If you answered Yes to question 89, please indicate the scope of the risk assessments (select all that apply):

LMOs for direct use as food
LMOs for direct use as feed

91. If you answered Yes to question 89, were the summary reports of the risk assessments submitted to the BCH?

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

Yes, always

92. If you answered Yes to question 89, were risk assessments conducted for all decisions taken on LMOs for intentional introduction into the environment or on domestic use of LMOs for direct use as food, feed, or for processing?

Yes, always

93. If you answered Yes to question 89, how many risk assessments were conducted in the current reporting period?

More than 10

94. Has your country taken measures to ensure that any LMO, whether imported or locally

developed, undergoes an appropriate period of observation that is commensurate with its life-cycle or generation time before it is put to its intended use?

Yes

95. Has your country established a mechanism for monitoring potential effects of LMOs that are released into the environment?

Yes

96. Does your country have the infrastructure (e.g. laboratory facilities) for monitoring or managing LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.2.4 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

Article 17 – Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures

98. Has your country established and maintained appropriate measures to prevent unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs?

Yes, to some extent

99. Has your country established a mechanism for addressing emergency measures in case of unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs that are likely to have significant adverse effect on biological diversity?

Yes

100. Does your country have the capacity to take appropriate measures in the event that an LMO is unintentionally released?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.8.3 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

101. In the current reporting period, how many times has your country received information concerning occurrences that led, or may have led, to unintentional transboundary movement(s) of one or more LMOs to or from territories under its jurisdiction?

Never

Article 18 – Handling, transport, packaging and identification

106. Has your country taken measures to require that LMOs that are subject to transboundary movement are handled, packaged and transported under conditions of safety, taking into account relevant international rules and standards?

Yes

107. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs-

FFP clearly identifies that, in cases where the identity of the LMOs is not known through means such as identity preservation systems, they may contain living modified organisms and are not intended for intentional introduction into the environment, as well as a contact point for further information?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.6.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

108. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs-FFP clearly identifies that, in cases where the identity of the LMOs is known through means such as identity preservation systems, they contain living modified organisms and are not intended for intentional introduction into the environment, as well as a contact point for further information?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.6.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

109. If you answered Yes or Yes, to some extent to question(s) 107 and/or 108, what type of documentation does your country require for the identification of LMOs-FFP?

Existing or a stand-alone document

110. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs that are destined for contained use clearly identifies them as living modified organisms and specifies any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use, the contact point for further information, including the name and address of the individual and institution to whom the LMO are consigned?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.6.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

111. If you answered Yes or Yes, to some extent to question 110, what type of documentation does your country require for the identification of LMOs that are destined for contained?

A stand-alone document

112. Has your country taken measures to require that documentation accompanying LMOs that are intended for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import, clearly identifies them as living modified organisms; specifies the identity and relevant traits and/or characteristics, any requirements for the safe handling, storage, transport and use, the contact point for further information and, as appropriate, the name and address of the importer and exporter; and contains a declaration that the movement is in conformity with the requirements of this Protocol applicable to the exporter?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.6.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

113. If you answered Yes or Yes, to some extent to question 112, what type of documentation does your country require for the identification of LMOs that are intended for intentional introduction into the environment?

A stand-alone document

114. Does your country have available any guidance for the purpose of ensuring the safe handling, transport, and packaging of living modified organisms?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.6.4 of the Strategic Plan

No

115. Does your country have the capacity to enforce the requirements of identification and documentation of LMOs?

Yes, to some extent

116. How many customs officers in your country have received training in the identification of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.3.1 of the Strategic Plan

100 or more

117. Has your country established procedures for the sampling and detection of LMOs?

Yes

118. How many laboratory personnel in your country have received training in detection of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.3.1 of the Strategic Plan

100 or more

119. Does your country have reliable access to laboratory facilities for the detection of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.3.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

120. How many laboratories in your country are certified for LMO detection?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.3.3 of the Strategic Plan

10 or more

121. How many of the certified laboratories in the previous question are currently operating in the detection of LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.3.4 of the Strategic Plan

10 or more

122. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 18 in your country:

44 laboratories capable of GMO screening analysis (43 of these are accredited by Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK) and 20 Laboratories capable of GMO identification and quantification analysis (15 of these are accredited by TURKAK)

Article 19 – Competent National Authorities and National Focal Points

123. In case your country has designated more than one competent national authority, has your country established a mechanism for the coordination of their actions prior to taking decisions regarding LMOs?

Yes

124. Has your country established adequate institutional capacity to enable the competent national authority(ies) to perform the administrative functions required by the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety?

Yes, to some extent

125. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 19 in your country

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies is the Competent National Authority for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and also secretariat to the Biosafety Board.

Biosafety Law and two regulations came into effect on 26th September 2010.

Biosafety Board founded in 22nd September 2010 to evaluate applications about GMO and products and perform tasks that are written in Biosafety Law and related regulations.

Biosafety Board consists of nine members from; Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology and Ministry of Economy.

Biosafety Board makes a "Decision" about applications on GMO and products via taking Scientific Committees' risk assessment and socio-economic assessment into account.

Article 20 – Information Sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

126. Please provide an overview of the status of the mandatory information provided by your country to the BCH by specifying for each category of information whether it is available and whether it has been submitted to the BCH.

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.5 of the Strategic Plan

a) Existing national legislation, regulations and guidelines for implementing the Protocol, as well as information required by Parties for the advance informed agreement procedure (Article 20, paragraph 3 (a))

Information available and in the BCH

b) National laws, regulations and guidelines applicable to the import of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, paragraph 5)

Information available and in the BCH

c) Bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements and arrangements (Articles 14, paragraph 2 and 20, paragraph 3 (b))

Information not available

d) Contact details for competent national authorities (Article 19, paragraphs 2 and 3), national focal points (Article 19, paragraphs 1 and 3), and emergency contacts (Article 17, paragraph 3 (e))

Information available and in the BCH

e) Reports submitted by the Parties on the operation of the Protocol (Article 20, paragraph 3 (e))

Information available and in the BCH

f) Decisions by a Party on regulating the transit of specific living modified organisms (LMOs) (Article 6, paragraph 1)

Information available but not in the BCH

g) Occurrence of unintentional transboundary movements that are likely to have significant adverse effects on biological diversity (Article 17, paragraph 1)

Information not available

h) Illegal transboundary movements of LMOs (Article 25, paragraph 3)

Information not available

i) Final decisions regarding the importation or release of LMOs (i.e. approval or prohibition, any conditions, requests for further information, extensions granted, reasons for decision) (Articles 10, paragraph 3 and 20, paragraph 3(d))

Information available and in the BCH

j) Information on the application of domestic regulations to specific imports of LMOs (Article 14, paragraph 4)

Information available and in the BCH

k) Final decisions regarding the domestic use of LMOs that may be subject to transboundary movement for direct use as food or feed, or for processing (Article 11, paragraph 1)

Information available and in the BCH

q) Summaries of risk assessments or environmental reviews of LMOs generated by regulatory processes and relevant information regarding products thereof (Article 20, paragraph 3 (c))

Information available and in the BCH

127. Has your country established a mechanism for strengthening the capacity of the BCH National Focal Point to perform its administrative functions?

Yes

128. Has your country established a mechanism for the coordination among the BCH National Focal Point, the Cartagena Protocol focal point, and the competent national authority(ies) for making information available to the BCH?

Yes

129. Does your country use the information available in the BCH in its decision making processes on LMOs?

Yes, always

130. Has your country experienced difficulties accessing or using the BCH?

This question is relevant to indicator 4.1.8 of the Strategic Plan

No

131. Is the information submitted by your country to the BCH complete and up-to date?

Yes

132. Please indicate the number of regional, national and international events organized in relation to biosafety (e.g. seminars, workshops, press conferences, educational events, etc.,) in the last 2 years:

This question is relevant to indicator 4.3.1 of the Strategic Plan

5 or more

133. Please indicate the number of biosafety related publications that has been made available in your country in the last year:

This question is relevant to indicator 4.3.2 of the Strategic Plan

One or more

134. If biosafety related publications were made available (see question above), please indicate which modalities were preferred:

This question is relevant to indicator 4.3.2 of the Strategic Plan

Brochure

135. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 20 in your country

Biosafety Clearing-House Mechanism of Turkey has been put into service on 5th of October 2010. The website address is <http://www.tbbdm.gov.tr> and it is under the management of the General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies. Applications to Biosafety Board, scientific risk assessment and socio-economic assessment reports regarding to applications and decisions is being shared. Relevant information is submitted to the BCH central portal.

Article 21 – Confidential information

136. Has your country established procedures to protect confidential information received under the Protocol?

Yes

137. Does your country allow the notifier to identify information that is to be treated as confidential?

In some cases only

Article 22 – Capacity-building

139. Does your country have predictable and reliable funding for building capacity for the effective implementation of the Protocol?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.6 and 3.1.8 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

140. Has your country received external support or benefited from collaborative activities with other Parties in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety?

Yes

141. If you answered Yes to question 140, how were these resources made available?

Multilateral channels

142. Has your country provided support to other Parties in the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety?

No

144. Has your country ever initiated a process to access GEF funds for building capacity in biosafety?

Yes

145. If you answered Yes to question 144, how would you characterize the process?

Please add further details about your experience in accessing GEF funds under question 157.

Easy

146. Has your country ever received funding from the GEF for building capacity in biosafety?

Development of national biosafety frameworks
Implementation of national biosafety frameworks

147. During the current reporting period, has your country undertaken activities for the development and/or strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in biosafety?

Yes

148. If you answered Yes to question 147, in which of the following areas were these activities undertaken?

Institutional capacity
Human resources capacity development and training
Risk assessment and other scientific and technical expertise
Risk management
Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety
Technology transfer
Identification of LMOs, including their detection

151. Does your country still have capacity-building needs?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.7 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

152. If you answered Yes to question 151, indicate which of the following areas still need capacity-building.

Institutional capacity
Human resources capacity development and training
Technology transfer
Identification of LMOs, including their detection
Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs

153. Has your country developed a capacity-building strategy or action plan?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

154. Does your country have in place a functional national mechanism for coordinating biosafety capacity-building initiatives?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.4 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

155. How many biosafety short-term training programmes and/or academic courses are offered annually in your country?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.3 of the Strategic Plan

1 per year or more

156. Has your country submitted the details of national biosafety experts to the Roster of Experts in the BCH?

No

Article 23 – Public awareness and participation

158. Has your country established a strategy or put in place legislation for promoting and facilitating public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs?

Yes

159. Has your country designed and/or implemented an outreach/communication strategy on biosafety?

This question is relevant to indicator 5.3.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

160. Does your country have any awareness and outreach programmes on biosafety?

This question is relevant to indicator 5.3.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

162. Has your country established a biosafety website searchable archives, national resource centres or sections in existing national libraries dedicated to biosafety educational materials?

This question is relevant to indicators 2.5.3 and 5.3.3 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

163. How many collaborative initiatives (including joint activities) on the Cartagena Protocol and other Conventions and processes has your government established in the last 4 years?

This question is relevant to indicator 5.2.1 of the Strategic Plan

5 or more

164. Has your country established a mechanism to ensure public access to information on living modified organisms that may be imported?

Yes

165. Has your country established a mechanism to consult the public in the decision-making process regarding LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.5.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

166. Has your country established a mechanism to make available to the public the results of decisions taken on LMOs?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.5.1 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

167. Has your country informed the public about existing modalities for public participation in the decision-making process regarding living modified organisms?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.5.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

168. If you answered Yes to question 167, please indicate the modalities used to inform the

public:

This question is relevant to indicator 2.5.2 of the Strategic Plan

National website

169. If you indicated more than one modality for public participation in question 168, which one was most used?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.5.2 of the Strategic Plan

National website

170. Has your country taken any initiative to inform its public about the means of public access to the Biosafety Clearing-House?

Yes

171. How many academic institutions in your country are offering biosafety education and training courses and programmes?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.7.1 of the Strategic Plan

10 or more

172. Please indicate the number of educational materials and/or online modules on biosafety that are available and accessible to the public in your country:

This question is relevant to indicators 2.7.2 and 5.3.4 of the Strategic Plan

One or more

173. In the current reporting period, has your country promoted and facilitated public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs?

No

175. In the current reporting period, how many times has your country consulted the public in the decision-making process regarding LMOs and made the results of such decisions available to the public?

More than 5

176. Here you may provide further details on the implementation of Article 23 in your country

Activities on public awareness will incrementally continue.

Article 24 – Non-Parties

177. Has your country entered into any bilateral, regional, or multilateral agreement with non-Parties regarding transboundary movements of LMOs?

No

178. Has your country ever imported LMOs from a non-Party?

Yes

179. Has your country ever exported LMOs to a non-Party?

No

180. If you answered Yes to questions 178 or 179, were the transboundary movements of LMOs consistent with the objective of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety?

Yes

181. If you answered Yes to questions 178 or 179, was information about these transboundary movements submitted to the BCH?

Yes, always

Article 25 – Illegal transboundary movements

184. Has your country adopted domestic measures aimed at preventing and/or penalizing transboundary movements of LMOs carried out in contravention of its domestic measures to implement this Protocol?

Yes

185. Has your country established a strategy for detecting illegal transboundary movements of LMOs?

Yes

186. In the current reporting period, how many times has your country received information concerning cases of illegal transboundary movements of an LMO to or from territories under its jurisdiction?

If you replied Never to question 186 please go to question 191

Never

Article 26 – Socio-economic considerations

192. Does your country have any specific approaches or requirements that facilitate how socio-economic considerations should be taken into account in LMO decision making?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.7.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

193. If your country has taken a decision on import, has it ever taken into account socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of the LMO on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?

Yes

194. How many peer-reviewed published materials has your country used for the purpose of elaborating or determining national actions with regard to socio-economic considerations?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.7.1 of the Strategic Plan

None

196. Has your country cooperated with other Parties on research and information exchange on any socio-economic impacts of LMOs?

No

Article 27 – Liability and Redress

198. Has your country ratified or acceded to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress?

No

199. If you answered No to question 198, is there any national process in place towards becoming a Party?

No

200. Has your country received any financial and/or technical assistance for capacity-building in the area of liability and redress relating to living modified organisms?

This question is relevant to indicator 2.4.1 of the Strategic Plan

No

201. Does your country have administrative or legal instrument that provide for response measures for damage to biodiversity resulting from living modified organisms?

This question is relevant to indicators 1.5.2 and 2.4.2 of the Strategic Plan

Yes

Article 28 – Financial Mechanism and Resources

203. How much additional funding (in the equivalent of US dollars) has your country mobilized in the last four years to support implementation of the Biosafety Protocol, beyond the regular national budgetary allocation?

This question is relevant to indicator 1.2.5 of the Strategic Plan

1,000,000 USD or more

Article 33 – Monitoring and reporting

204. Does your country have in place a monitoring and/or an enforcement system for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol?

This question is relevant to indicator 3.1.6 of the Strategic Plan

a) Monitoring system:

Yes

b) Enforcement system:

Yes

205. Has your country submitted all the previous due National Reports?

Yes