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**Nature Diversity Act § 61 a – Contents of Amendment - Unofficial translation into English**

**An amendment to the Nature Diversity Act was adopted by Parliament in june 2013 in order to be able to ratify the Nagoya Protocol.**

**“Authorities shall facilitate respect and safeguarding of the interests of indigenous peoples and local communities when traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that is developed and preserved by indigenous and local communities is accessed and utilized.**

**The King may issue a regulation stipulating that access to and utilisation of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources requires prior informed consent from the indigenous peoples or local community, including rules on sanctions and remedies against misappropriation of such traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. This could also be applied to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that is developed, transferred and preserved by indigenous peoples and local communities in another state, provided that the national legislation of that state requires prior informed consent for  access to or utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources “.**