

Written input from Japan
concerning the work of consultancy on the technical aspects
of the operationalization of the Clearing-House Mechanism

There are four categories of activities which relies on the CHM as a platform for accessing, providing and disseminating information under the BBNJ Agreement, namely marine genetic resources, area-based management tools, environmental impact assessments and capacity-building and transfer of marine technology. The nature and purposes of the information as well as suitable system design of CHM may differ from one category to another. However, it is not clear whether the discussions so far have taken into account these differences and needs for individual approach for each category.

The consultant needs to be informed of these differences so that category-by-category approach could be taken from the outset of the work beginning with the stock-take study of existing clearing-house mechanisms to achieve concrete and practical outcome which will be beneficial for the discussions at the meetings of Preparatory Commission.