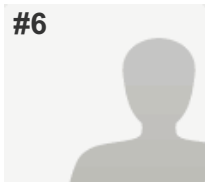


# Testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms

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**Q1: Type of submission:**

Organization

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**Q2: Name of the Party:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q3: Person submitting this questionnaire:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q4: Institution(s) or organization(s) that participated in the testing:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q5: Context in which the testing was conducted**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q6: Actual case(s) of risk assessment used in the testing:**  
**Note:** Please enter the hyperlinks of BCH Risk Assessment Records (e.g. <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904> and <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905>) or other publicly accessible web pages containing the technical and scientific data of the actual cases of risk assessment used in the testing.

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q7: In what language was the Guidance tested?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q8: Name of the other Government:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q9: Person submitting this questionnaire:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q10: Institution(s) or organization(s) that participated in the testing:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q11: Context in which the testing was conducted**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q12: Actual case(s) of risk assessment used in the testing:**  
**Note:** Please enter the hyperlinks of BCH Risk Assessment Records (e.g. <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904> and <http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905>) or other publicly accessible web pages containing the technical and scientific data of the actual cases of risk assessment used in the testing.

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q13: In what language was the Guidance tested?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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| <b>Q14: Name of the organization:</b>  | Third World Network   |
| <b>Q15: Person submitting this questionnaire:</b>  |   |
| Full Name:   | Lim Li Ching  |
| Email Address:   | ching@tw network.org  |
| <b>Q16: Institution(s) or organization(s) that participated in the testing:</b>  | Non-governmental organization(s)  |
| <b>Q17: Context in which the testing was conducted</b>   | Group event(s) (e.g., workshop, training course, meeting)   |
| <b>Q18: Actual case(s) of risk assessment used in the testing: Note: Please enter the hyperlinks of BCH Risk Assessment Records (e.g. <a href="http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904">http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904</a> and <a href="http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905">http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104905</a>) or other publicly accessible web pages containing the technical and scientific data of the actual cases of risk assessment used in the testing.</b> |   |
| Risk Assessment 1:   | <a href="http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904">http://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104904</a> |
| <b>Q19: In what language was the Guidance tested?</b>  | English   |

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| <b>Q20: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part I: The Roadmap for Risk Assessment</b> | Yes |
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| <b>Q21: This section of the Guidance is practical.1</b>   |                |
| (no label)  | Strongly Agree |
| <b>Q22: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:</b>  |                |
| We found the Guidance very practical - the language is easy to understand, and the document is well structured and logical in its progression. Practicality could be improved by providing more elaboration on the related issues that are part of the decision-making process, in order to assist Parties in making the linkages from risk assessment to these issues, inter alia, risk management, capacity-building, public awareness and participation, socio-economic considerations, and liability and redress. The Flow chart is a useful illustration of the whole process, but could be accompanied by further explanatory detail. |                |
| <b>Q23: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2</b>   |                |
| (no label)  | Strongly Agree |
| <b>Q24: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:</b>  |                |
| The Guidance is extremely useful. Improvements in terms of utility would include the development of further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment, selected on the basis of the priorities and needs indicated by the Parties, and with the view of moving towards achieving operational objectives 1.3. and 1.4 of the Strategic Plan and its outcomes.   |                |
| We believe that it is not that useful to assert that "there is no internationally agreed definition of "scientific uncertainty", nor are there internationally agreed general rules or guidelines to determine its occurrence." What would be more useful would be to outline a framework on how to deal with uncertainty, including focusing on the three main components for describing uncertainty, i.e., the nature, source and level of uncertainty.   |                |

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**Q25: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3**

(no label)

Strongly Agree

**Q26: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

We find the Guidance consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. It is a consistent and coherent elaboration of Annex III. There are however some missing elements, the most obvious being the issue of risks to human health. The Protocol clearly states that its objective is to contribute to ensuring an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and specifically focusing on transboundary movements. In addition, the scope of the Protocol shall apply to the transboundary movement, transit, handling and use of all living modified organisms that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health. Article 15 of the Protocol obliges Parties to undertake risk assessment, based, at a minimum, on information provided in accordance with Article 8 and other available scientific evidence in order to identify and evaluate the possible adverse effects of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health. Several other provisions of the Protocol, inter alia, Articles 2, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 and 21, as well as Annex III, also refer to the need to take into account risks to human health. There is therefore strong justification for the Guidance to also include risks to human health in order to enable and assist Parties to meet their obligations under the Protocol.

**Q27: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4**

(no label)

Strongly Agree

**Q28: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q29: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q30: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LMOs with stacked genes or traits**

No

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**Q31: This section of the Guidance is practical.1** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q32: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q33: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q34: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q35: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q36: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q37: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q38: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q39: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q40: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LM crops with tolerance to abiotic stress** No

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**Q41: This section of the Guidance is practical.1** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q42: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q43: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q44: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q45: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q46: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q47: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q48: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q49: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q50: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LM mosquitoes** No

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**Q51: This section of the Guidance is practical.1** Respondent skipped this question

**Q52: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** Respondent skipped this question

**Q53: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2** Respondent skipped this question

**Q54: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** Respondent skipped this question

**Q55: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3** Respondent skipped this question

**Q56: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** Respondent skipped this question

**Q57: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4** Respondent skipped this question

**Q58: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** Respondent skipped this question

**Q59: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:** Respondent skipped this question

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**Q60: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part II: Specific types of LMOs or Traits - Risk assessment of LM trees** No

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**Q61: This section of the Guidance is practical.1** Respondent skipped this question

**Q62: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:** Respondent skipped this question

**Q63: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2** Respondent skipped this question

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**Q64: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q65: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q66: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q67: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q68: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q69: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q70: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Part III: Monitoring of LMOs Released into the Environment**

No

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**Q71: This section of the Guidance is practical.1**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q72: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its practicality? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q73: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q74: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its usefulness/utility? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q75: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q76: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section to increase its consistency with the Protocol? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q77: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q78: Would you like to suggest improvements to this section in order to better take into account past and present experiences with LMOs? If so, please indicate the line numbers and explain which improvements could be made:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q79: Here you may provide further details to explain your answers in evaluating this section of the Guidance:**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q80: Would you like to submit an evaluation of the following section of the Guidance: Background Documents**

No

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**Q81: This section of the Guidance is practical.1**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q82: This section of the Guidance is useful or has utility.2**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q83: This section of the Guidance is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.3**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q84: This section of the Guidance takes into account past and present experiences with LMOs.4**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q85: Please use the space below if you wish to provide additional feedback regarding the testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms:**

*Respondent skipped this question*