Sub-category: Audience

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| Identified challenges | Possible way forward | Notes (if needed) |
| Although the goal of the guidance is especially set for Parties that lacking solid regulatory and/or technical framework for risk analysis, it also welcomes other parties to use.  The guidance does not aim on public lay people but persons with least training of biology and ecology. | It should be emphasized that only persons with least knowledge of biology can apply this guidance other than lay people.  The training manual should be used for better understanding and using of the documents.  It is not expected that the documents are full of examples, which should be included in the training manual only. Literatures can be referred in the document. |  |

Sub-category: Scope

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| Identified challenges | Possible way forward | Notes (if needed) |
| Although the guidance should be scientifically sound but is not a scientific article fulfilling theories and detailed methods, which will easily receive critics.  Arguments flourish quickly and easily if no scope was defined. | Clarify the purpose and scope of the guidance, set up appropriate paragraphs in each document to define the scope and the complementation to other documents.  Emphasize the role of case-specific monitoring. |  |

Sub-category: Relevancy of points to consider

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| Identified challenges | Possible way forward | Notes (if needed) |
| Justify the relevancy of points to consider. | Clarify that the points to consider will serve as reference for risk assessment, the assessor have to choose the points to consider according to the rationales provided in the documents and the need for the case assessment as well as the available of information.  Try to provide reasons for the points to consider, referring literatures when necessary.  Add one point to consider in the list: the potential impact on biodiversity associated with cultural and management practices associated deployment of the LMO. |  |

Sub-category: Link between steps or sections of the Guidance

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| Identified challenges | Possible way forward | Notes (if needed) |
| Link between steps or sections  Problem formulation | The flow chart of roadmap provides the link between various steps of risk assessment; maybe we need add a part of word description for this flow chart (explain the link and formulate the problem).  Examples maybe provided but not necessarily real ones. They could be an example of solution for the risk assessment.  To clarify the link between sections, monitoring should be included in the last step of roadmap (management) |  |

Sub-category: Experience with LMO & conventional practices

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| For non-LMOs that having a long history of safe use but the modified trait may increase the risk.  For non-LMOs that are already risky, the modification may increase or reduce the risk. It is hard to refer these experiences in risk assessment. | Include a statement that past experiences are important and could be useful but the nature of the modification of the LMOs should be the priority in risk assessment. |  |

Sub-category: Language

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Sub-category: Consistency with the Cartagena Protocol

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| New terms are necessary for risk assessment but not appeared in the protocol. | Clarify the need. |  |

Sub-category: Actors and communication mechanisms

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|  | Include in points to consider in the final step of roadmap: capacity-building, public awareness and participation, socio-economic considerations, and liability and redress etc. |  |

Sub-category: Concrete examples

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| Some asked for simplifying the document where others requested detailed information. | Make fully use of the online resources (BCH). Refer the samples to literatures. |  |

Sub-category: Human health

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Sub-category: Others

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|  | It should be explicitly stated under the objective that the document is a guide and not a method.  There is need for more direct reference to socio-economic considerations which could be geographically and popularly relevant in decision making for specific LMOs |  |