Agreement on the supply of DNA material by the partners of the DNA Bank Network[1)]

Since the Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio de Janeiro, 1992) entered into force, it has become necessary for natural history collections to comply in particular with Article 15 (Access to Genetic Resources), especially in connection with the exchange of biological material. Accordingly, the partner of the DNA Bank Network[1)] only passes on material on the condition that the user acts in the spirit of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The partners of the DNA Bank Network[1)] are dedicated to the conservation, sustainable use and research of biological diversity. With regard to the acquisition, maintenance and supply of plant material, the partners of the DNA Bank Network[1)] therefore expect its cooperation partners to act in a manner that is consistent to the letter and the spirit of the Biodiversity Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and in compliance with all relevant conventions and laws relating to the protection of biological diversity.

Consequently, only those persons and institutions who accept the following conditions will receive material from the DNA banks.

1. On the basis of this agreement, the material is intended to serve the common good/goal, particularly scientific study, education and the interests of environmental protection.
2. Upon accepting DNA, the recipient is required to document and preserve information relating to the material appropriately.
3. In the event that the DNA provided is the subject of a scientific publication, the origin of the material is to be cited. In addition, these publications are expected to be sent to the partners of the DNA Bank Network[1)] automatically
4. Intended commercial use by the recipient is not covered by this agreement. The commercialisation is the object of a separate agreement with the country of origin. This agreement underlies the provisions of the CBD, i. e. the user is obliged to share benefits with the country of origin and to forward relevant information to the authority instructed with the implementation of the CBD[2)].
5. The partners of the DNA Bank Network[1)] will forward information on the material supplied on request to the authority instructed with the implementation of the CBD[2)].
6. DNA material may only be passed on/transferred on the basis and under the conditions of this or corresponding agreements.

I accept the above conditions.

Date Signature Name and address

[1)] Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem, German Collection of Microorgansims and Cellcultures, Braunschweig, Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig, Bonn, Bavarian State Collection of Zoology, Munich

[2)] in the ideal case the *National Focus Point* of the Country of the institution