## Service description

30.9. 2019

The register of genetic resources is an online service provided by the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE). The register can be used for import notifications of genetic resources/traditional knowledge. Finland's national act on genetic resources (394/2016, 5 §) requires the users of genetic resources or related traditional knowledge to notify the national authorities (SYKE and Luke).

According to the legislation, the use of foreign genetic resources/related traditional knowledge in Finland requires obtaining Prior Informed Consent from the authorities of the country of origin. In addition, genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with the genetic resources may be transferred and used only in accordance with the Mutually Agreed Terms, if this is required by the country of origin. More information can be found from <a href="https://www.biodiversity.fi/geneticresources/home">https://www.biodiversity.fi/geneticresources/home</a>.

The register has been made in 2019 in collaboration with Luke and using funding from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

You may send in feedback about the register to the Finnish Environment Institute (Katileena Lohtander-Buckbee, Senior adviser; firstname.lastname@ymparisto.fi)