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CONTRIBUTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIES & NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION'S TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY:

OPPORTUNITIES TO PROFILE WORK ON THE ACTION AGENDA FOR NATURE AND PEOPLE

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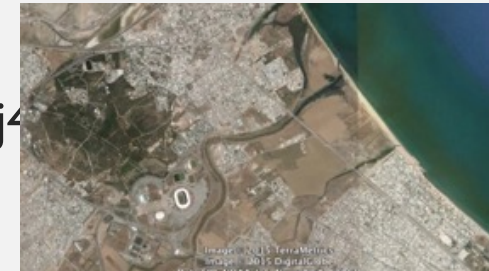
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ASSOCIATION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE CITY OF HAMMAM-LIF -CITIES CAN PLAY A ROLE IN COMMITTING TO BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSAFETY

- 2015 Campaign to stop pollution of the sea
- 10,000 Signatures
- STOP POLLUTION OF TUNIS BAY
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRnBwR52yj4>)

Disappearance of species



TUNISIAN ASSOCIATION FOR TAXONOMY -NGOS CAN PLAY A ROLE IN COMMITTING TO BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSAFETY/ PUBLICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES



April 2010
Taxonomy & Biodiversity



April 2013
Biodiversity & Food Security



April 2016
From Genes to Ecosystems



MUNICIPALITY OF HAMMAM-LIF -LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN PLAY A ROLE IN COMMITTING TO BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSAFETY



EDINBURGH DECLARATION

For subnational governments, cities and local authorities on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

31 August 2020

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/edinburgh-declaration-on-post-2020-biodiversity-framework/pages/current-signatories/>

10 March 2021

Signature of the Edinburgh Declaration by the Municipality of Hammam-Lif



Marina Robles García	Ministry of Environmental Affairs State of Mexico City (México)	04 March 2021
Mohamed Elyes Kchouk	President of Work Commission Municipality of Hammam-Lif (Tunisia)	10 March 2021
Laurent Baron	Mayor Mairie du Pré Saint-Gervais (France)	11 March 2021
Christian Estrosi	Mayor City of Nice AND President Metropole Nice Cote D'Azur	17 March 2021



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PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION: A PREREQUISITE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL

NGOs, cities and local governments can mobilize the support from the public to participate in public participation of imports of LMOs

raise awareness of issues relate to the public to governments as an interlinkage between government and the general public.

NGOs, cities and local governments can promote capacity-building.

- 1) raise awareness of the Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress as it is important and its ratification
- 2) Facilitate cooperation and interlinkage between governments and the public .

it can be by 2030



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Direction Générale de l'Environnement et de la Qualité de la Vie
(DGEQV/ DEMN)

Elaboration d'un plan de
communication
sur la biosécurité : cas des OGMs

Livrable 1
Synthèse de la documentation

Communication Plan on Biosafety: case of LMOs





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UNEP-GEF BCH PROJECTS -GOVERNMENT'S PROJECT WITH NGOS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT

The Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH): A pillar of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

The BCH under the Protocol is essential as it (Article 20):

- (a) Facilitates the exchange of scientific, technical, environmental and legal information on, and experience with, LMOs
- (b) Assists Parties to implement the Protocol, taking into account the special needs of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition as well as countries that are centres of origin and centres of genetic diversity.

NGOs commitment to the Action Agenda could be to by 2030:

- Train people on the use of and awareness of the BCH and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Support the BCH migration to the new platform

Target audiences:

- National authorities,
- Other stakeholders and the general public

Partners:

- Governments,
- The general public (any other suggestions)

STATUS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES



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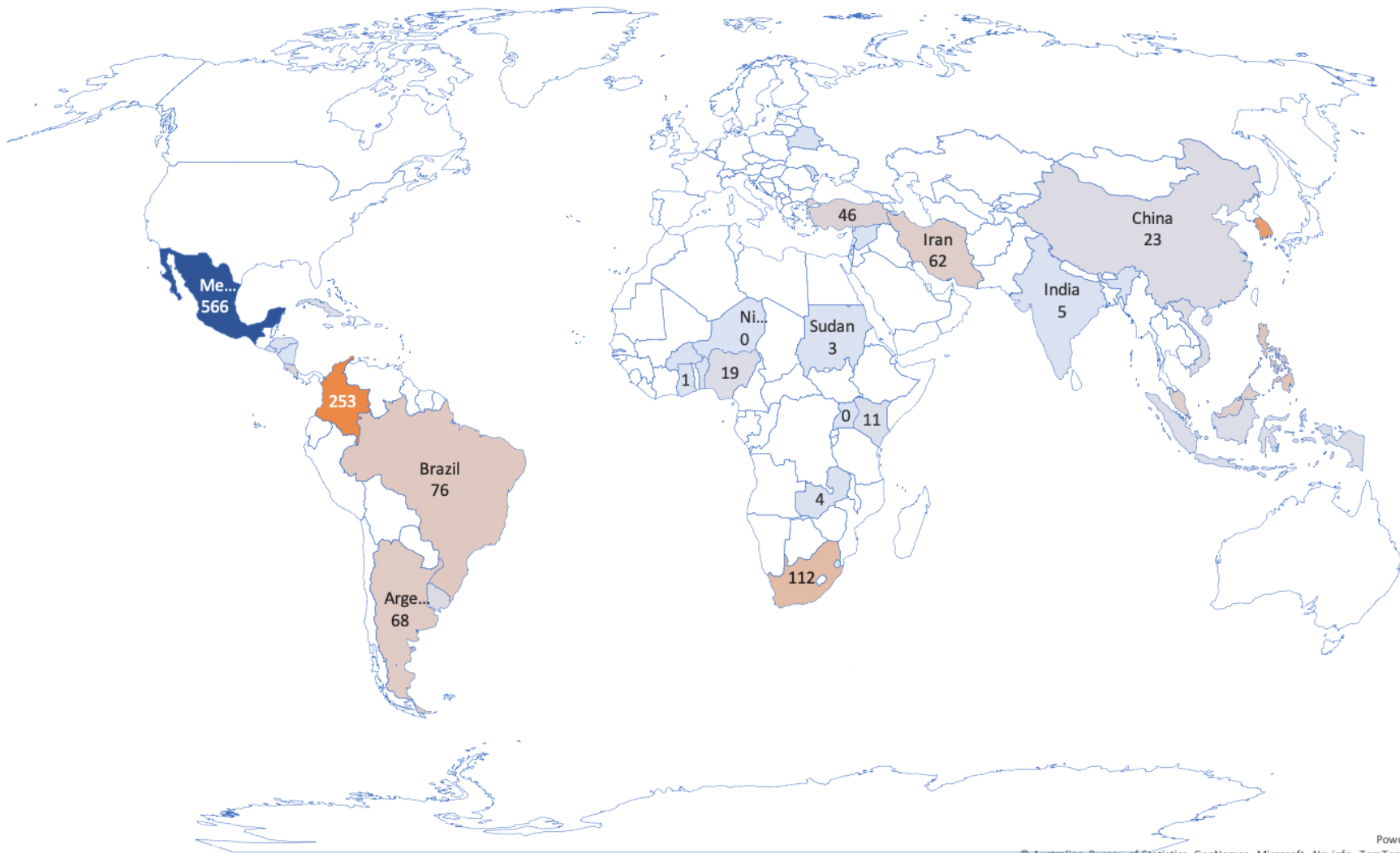


	decisions	risk Assessments			Risk Assessments
Benin	1	0	Date	Decisions	nts
Burkina Faso	2	2			
Eswatini	2	1	2018-08-20	10%	10%
Ghana	1	1	2018-08-22	10%	10%
Kenya	11	11	2018-08-23	19%	21%
Niger	0	1			
Nigeria	19	18		39%	31%
South Africa	112	110			
Sudan	3	3			
Uganda	0	1			
Zambia	4	6			
	155	154			

Action/commitment for NGOs for the future:

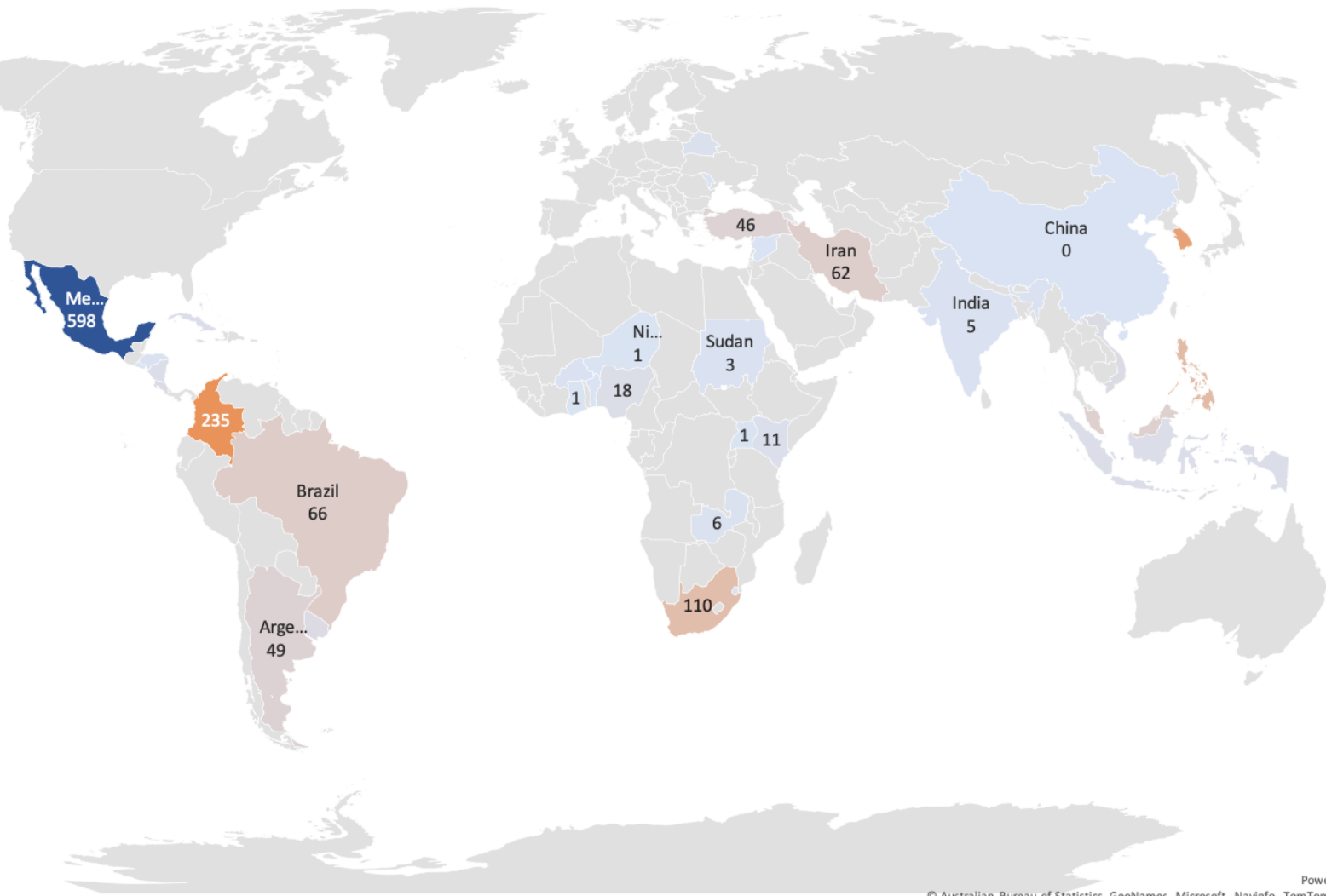
- Risk assessments conducted on number of decisions on imports using available guidance;
- Sharing of risk assessments through the BCH

Decisions map



Risk Assessments

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NATIONAL BIOSAFETY FRAMEWORKS A KEY TO IMPLEMENTING THE PROTOCOL

NGOs commitment to the Action Agenda by 2030:

- Provide training on the development and implementation of legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol;
- Provide support for Parties to carry out biosafety activities set out in compliance action plans

Challenges as benefits:

- Governments or Parties can have fully implemented national biosafety frameworks
- LMOs can be regulated
- Potential risks of LMOs can be addressed to biodiversity or human health



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
-NGOS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARE
GOOD LISTENERS AND
BRING ACTION AMONG
INDIVIDUALS/PUBLIC ON BIOSAFETY

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