The CIESM Charter on Access and Benefit-Sharing of Marine Genetic Resources

1. Équité et Impartialité
   **Equity and Fairness**
   Share fairly and equitably with the country providing access to its national waters, any monetary or non-monetary benefits arising from the utilization of Marine Genetic Resources. Engage a renegotiation process with the country if downstream commercialization is foreseen.

2. Compréhension des Droits de Propriétés Intellectuelles existants et octroyés
   **Certainty of Property Rights**
   IPRs assignments - Ensure with certainty the existing property rights and assign new ones fairly and equitably.

3. Responsabilité et Légalité
   **Legality / Liability**
   Identify clearly regulations and laws governing access to and utilization of Marine Genetic Resources collected in the country providing access and comply with domestic and international laws and Access and Benefit-Sharing laws.

4. Transparence
   **Transparency**
   Communicate the objectives, any third parties and the proposed research that will be carried out to access and to utilize the Marine Genetic Resources.

5. Traçabilité
   **Traceability**
   Keep records of Marine Genetic Resources sampling and analysis processes, including repositories, location data and material and any third parties involved.

6. Relations Réciproques
   **Reciprocal Relations**
   Cooperate with and involve scientific communities from the country providing access in all aspects of research projects in a mutual relationship, identify and discuss together the best way to share non-monetary or monetary benefits, exchange on mutual benefits.

7. Partage des Données
   **Concerted Handling of Commons**
   Ensure that the contributors share responsibilities for data preservation, delivery and management. Any information handled by one party should be shared with the others so as to facilitate the mutual exchange for Marine Genetic Resources access and analysis.

8. Efficacité
   **Efficiency**
   Ensure Transaction costs are minimized in governance structures.

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