Developing Mare Geneticum Rewarding and sustaining?

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IP and trade secrets

• Confers exclusive right to control specific activities, for a limited time, with some exceptions, in a specific country, if you are clever enough and share enough of your knowledge.

• Can stop others or make money from sharing
Can cover

- MGR in various stages of its pipeline from raw material to commercialised product and its derivatives (even it shouldn’t)

- Information in databases

- Software which operates databases

- [Technology transfer and capacity building]
Relevance

• Move from physical to informational
• Technical solutions to problems
  – future proofing against (too much) private control?

• Pursue IP balances to enable more use by all and more benefits to all - while still having reward function
  – [quite apart from embargo decisions]
  – exceptions to IP and trade secrets permitted under TRIPS and established state practices
    • not a WIPO focus, not really disclosure origin

• MAKE it open access/open source
  – meaning, ownership and sharing, workable governance
  – “interventionist” contract – breaking wall of IP/ trade secrets?
A package solution

- Fewer limits on IP rights if developing more ecologically favourable products

- Higher levels of financial payments if not ecologically favourable

- More non monetary opportunities from all
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