

ABOUT THIS BOOK

- First in-depth study of the world's best known benefit sharing case
- Examines benefit sharing, which brings the collective knowledge of case experts from Asia, Australia and North America to critique the experience of their African counterparts for mutual learning
- Offers analysis and recommendations for policy makers under significant pressure to resolve the challenges of implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Includes a DVD that brings research findings to life with footage from the Kalahari, specifically filmed to accompany this book

Traditional knowledge is widely used to develop new medicines, foods and cosmetics. Knowledge holders have historically received little benefit from these products, but international laws such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) aim to reverse this inequity. *Indigenous Peoples, Consent and Benefit Sharing* is the first in-depth study of a benefit-sharing case that has captured the attention of policymakers, academics and the media alike: the use of San knowledge to develop anti-obesity products from *Hoodia*. This case study by experts in the field provides detailed insights into the many challenges faced by policymakers and practitioners in implementing benefit sharing. The book is enhanced by commentaries from Mexico, Australia, Canada, India and the Philippines.

A timely study of the way in which the key elements of the CBD relating to access to genetic resources – prior informed consent, benefit sharing – may, or may not, work in the real world. Analytical, in-depth and insightful. An excellent work of scholarship.

Professor Gurdial Nijar, Director of the Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity Law, Professor of Law, University of Malaya

It is good to see philosophers engaging with the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, and doing so by looking in depth at a real situation in which it has been invoked.

Professor Peter Singer, Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, Princeton University

We have had to make many difficult decisions in protecting our rights to Hoodia. We are pleased that this book will share our story with the world.

Andries Steenkamp, Chairperson of the South African San Council

This book arrives at a critical juncture in the history of genetic resource use and policymaking. ABS regime negotiators would do well to study closely the pages of this insightful and provocative volume.

Tim Hodges, Co-Chair, UN CBD Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing

This is an eagerly anticipated book uncovering in great detail many interesting issues that will be extremely valuable for the entire indigenous plant and traditional knowledge research and commercialization fraternity – not only in southern Africa but worldwide.

Cyril Lombard, Market Development Manager, PhytoTrade Africa

All royalties from this book will go to the Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa.