

SWITZERLAND

Response to Question 1 : We are unable to provide information on actual examples in which existing intellectual property standards have been or are being used in Switzerland to protect traditional knowledge.

It should be borne in mind, however, that all forms of intellectual property rights available under Swiss law are also available for the protection of traditional knowledge. Therefore, any holder of traditional knowledge wishing to avail himself of intellectual property protection in Switzerland is able to do so, as long as the applicable criteria of protection are met.

Response to Question 2 : In Switzerland, there is no specific (*suigeneris*) law providing for intellectual property protection of traditional knowledge.

Response to Questions 3 to 25 : See reply to question 2 above.

Response to Question 26 : In Switzerland, there are no special measures to assist the traditional knowledge holder to acquire, exercise, manage and enforce rights in traditional knowledge.

Response to Question 27 : As we have no practical or empirical information available that is based on actual examples, we are unable to provide general information or comment on perceived limitations in the application of intellectual property laws and procedures to the protection of traditional knowledge.