

**Subject:** RE: CBD Online Forum Update

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Thanks Royden,

Nice to see GBIRD was well represented during topic #2 and I appreciate the thoroughness of your report. I note that Island Conservation did not directly contribute. I imagine that this is due to capacity limitations and its completely understandable.

Just to reiterate one of the strategies for IC's engagement – we are well advised to get on the record here to help balance an otherwise one-sided/biased 'conservation NGO' community perspective that is focused on shutting down research via a moratorium. I'll be able to lend my capacity to the forum beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> when I return from NY.

My inquiry below was in reference to topic #1 that you and I clarified on June 11 and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. Did we submit any comments in response to the specific thread that Ben highlighted and suggested we respond to?

Thanks for letting me know.

Best,

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Hi Heath,

Topic #2 just closed 90 minutes ago. Report just sent.

Cheers

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Hi Royden,

Could you please send me a copy of whatever we submitted to the Online Forum in response to this? I cannot easily find it as I mine the last few weeks of emails.

Thanks!

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Thanks, Royden.

You have it right...please be vigilant in your monitoring emails from Benjamin. See latest from yesterday. These are our time-saving shortcuts to our strategic engagement!

I'd also advise drafting a response and circulating it for review/comment/contributions as opposed to soliciting recommendations from the team at the outset...that will streamline the input time needed by others and really facilitate the process. Please be sure to align whatever you submit with the information I submitted for us in the call for information last month. You all got copies of that.

My time to engage in this has been eclipsed by my needs to prioritize DARPA press statement and talking points for the partnership...really appreciate you takin the lead on this.

Best,

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Roger. To be clear on the task, I will elicit responses from IC GBIRD associates and GBIRD listserv and compile. Deadline of July 17 is understood. Please (including those copied on the email) feel free to clarify as I move forward. Your input and peer reviewed references are critical.

Thanks,  
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Hi Royden,

I've copied here a specific recommendation for our (GBIRD/Island Conservation) engagement in the CBD Online Forum. The recommendation is excerpted from the update below from Ben (from the gene drive research sponsors/supporters coalition), who is helping staff us for the forum. I've attached his initial introductory email as I think you'll find it helpful.

Given that I'm traveling in in a conference all week and starting PTO on Saturday, I'm hoping you could take a lead on developing and submitting a response along the lines recommended by Ben. This segment of the forum closes on the 17<sup>th</sup>, so I presume that's our drop deadline.

***Suggested Actions:***

1. *As much of the discussion up to this point has focused on the unknown dangers and potential negative consequences of gene drive for ecosystems and biodiversity, it may be good for **those working in conservation (particularly those affiliated with Island Conservation) to provide some comments related to the moderator's request to "capture positive impacts of synbio organisms on biodiversity", which can be found in the following comment:** <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/open-ended/discussion/?threadid=8365#8442>*

**Summary of new developments:** so far in the discussions, gene drive has mostly come up in the context of hypothetical deleterious effects on ecosystems. In response to this, some participants (e.g. <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/open-ended/discussion/?threadid=8384#8410>) have asked that discussions be limited to concrete examples and specific situations and problems, avoiding sweeping and vague generalizations. This may be a useful message to pick up on. Sub-groups have also been mobilized to address concerns about the likelihood of horizontal gene transfer, and to clarify that vector control strategies (even those making use of synthetic biology) do not intend to cause the extinction of vector organisms, only to reduce their numbers. With regards to general tenor, the discussions have tended to place more emphasis on the risks and unknowns associated with novel uses of synthetic biology, although several members of this group have attempted to redress this balance.

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Hi all,

There continues to be a high-volume of activity on the forum, with many raising concerns about horizontal gene transfer and the ecological effects of deployment of synthetic biotech, and with the first explicit mention of gene drive.

#### Points you may wish to address:

1. Edward Hammond, Third World Network: <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/open-ended/discussion/?threadid=8384#8431>
  - He questions whether appropriate facilities and expertise for safe containment are in place in many developing countries. Although his concerns focus on one project in particular, they can be applied more broadly to the entire gene drive research community.
  - **Please note that a sub-group is currently drafting a response outlining some of the containment**

**procedures used, and clarifying which are appropriate to which types of projects and what the risks involved are.**

**Suggested Actions:**

1. As much of the discussion up to this point has focused on the unknown dangers and potential negative consequences of gene drive for ecosystems and biodiversity, it may be good for **those working in conservation (particularly those affiliated with Island Conservation) to provide some comments related to the moderator's request to "capture positive impacts of synbio organisms on biodiversity"**, which can be found in the following comment: <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/open-ended/discussion/?threadid=8365#8442>

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Regards,  
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