

Research Questions

1. What is biodiversity?
2. Is it important for humans to protect biodiversity? Why or why not?
3. Is biodiversity greater in developed parts of the world or in developing parts of the world?
4. What is bioprospecting?
5. Why is the term, biopiracy, sometimes used to describe bioprospecting?

6. What is a patent?

7. What is traditional knowledge according to the articles?

8. Describe the conflict that exists between the pharmaceutical industry and traditional systems of knowledge? Hint: think about the economic issues.

9. Explain the "Reversing the flow" concept as set forth by GIBEX.