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# Paradigm Clash on Ownership Between CBD and TRIPS

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### **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): "Ownership" of Biodiversity.**

- Shift from "Common Heritage" over biological and genetic resources to the NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY/PATRIMONY principle
- - Biodiversity found in one country is part of its national patrimony
  - State acts as the "custodian" of the national patrimony
- Does not cover pre-CBD collections already in the hands of national and multilateral institutions and private companies/individuals prior to 1993  
Including those obtained without the consent of the country/community of origin