



Society of Tropical Ecology (gtö): Codex

This codex was first approved at the annual meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology (gtö) in Bremen, Germany, on 14 February 2001. It was modified at the annual meeting of the Society for Tropical Ecology in Berlin, Germany, on 24 February 2005. It is intended to serve as a directive for the preparation of project applications. Adherence to the rules of the Codex should be mentioned in publications and considered to be a seal of quality.

Projects with partners in the tropics should

1. make a contribution to a scientifically important topic;
2. establish a link to appropriate policy issues in the development policy of the host country and indicate how the scientific work may contribute to the development potential of the host country;
3. fulfil international standards in scientific excellence and connect to regional or global programs;
4. contribute to the building of scientific capacity in the host country and strengthen bilateral scientific contacts;
5. be planned in full consideration of the scientific interests of the hosts and the political framework and legislation of the host country;
6. whenever possible be implemented by bilateral working teams with active participation of the hosts;
7. wherever possible be planned with a long-term perspective;
8. guarantee an ~~unlimited~~-bilateral exchange of data on the basis of an agreed protocol, and at the same time feed such data – where appropriate – into international data bases whilst fully respecting the legitimate interests of the right of first use by the producers;
9. ensure that reference material will be safely and accessibly deposited whilst taking into full consideration the relevant legal framework of the countries participating in the project;
10. strongly support joint publications and participation in conferences and congresses.