

# **Genetically modified organisms in Mexico: current status and perspectives.**

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Currently Mexico has a Bio-safety Law for the regulation of the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), which adequately incorporates the principles adopted in the Cartagena Protocol on Bio-safety of which Mexico is a Party.

The rules of the Bio-safety Law, as well as some other legal instruments such as Norms and procedures complement this legal framework such that, at the moment, there is legal and technical certainty to allow for the environmental release of GMOs in any of the stages specified by the Law.

To comply and complement the legal requirements for monitoring and surveillance, the Inter-secretarial Commission of Bio-safety and Genetically Modified Organisms (CIBIOGEM) has implemented two networks: The Mexican Network for Monitoring GMOs and the National Network of Laboratories for the Identification of GMOs. One of the priorities for CIBIOGEM at the moment is to motivate and support the research and academic community to use the tools of biotechnology to address pressing issues such as climate change, enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability.