DOCUMENTING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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ABSTRACT

The protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK) raises number of questions. Several proposals have been made within and outside the Intellectual Property (IP) Regime to protect TK, but most of the proposal often fails to set out clearly the rationale for its protection. The international community has only recently sought to recognize and protect TK. India has taken various initiatives to protect its TK, under the intellectual property rights, including the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), which is a major step to curb biopiracy. This article explores the major issues related to documenting and digitization of traditional knowledge in India.

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