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PUBLICATION OF DATA RELATED TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE DECLARATION OF PROTECTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION "PULPO MAYA DE LA PENINSULA DE YUCATAN" (MAYAN OCTOPUS OF THE YUCATAN PENINSULA) [Read more...](#)

The Application for the Declaration of Protection of the Geographical Indication "Pulpo Maya de la Peninsula de Yucatán" (Mayan Octopus of the Yucatan Peninsula) was published on December 29, 2023 in the Official Gazette of the Federation for oppositions, observations or objections purposes by any interested third party. The publication includes among others: the name of the applicant -*Mexican Institute for Research in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture, Decentralized Public Body sectorized with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development*-, the description of the product - *"a benthic species, endemic to the Yucatan Peninsula which is only possible to find in this part of the world. It is distributed along the northern and western region of the continental shelf of the Yucatan Peninsula, from the waters adjacent to Ciudad del Carmen in Campeche to beyond Isla Mujeres in Quintana Roo (Solís-Ramírez et al, 1197)"*, and the place of extraction - *"octopus is caught along the coastal coast of the Yucatan Peninsula from Isla Aguada, Campeche, which borders Laguna de Términos, to Isla Contoy, Quintana Roo..."*-.

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WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) will host the Diplomatic Conference on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge at its headquarters in Geneva. This is the last stage of negotiations prior to the adoption of an international legal instrument on intellectual property, genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. The aim is to improve the patent system and prevent the granting of patents that lack novelty in relation to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.

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On January 11, 2024, it was announced that the non-governmental organization Red en Defensa de los Derechos Digitales (R3D), filed an amicus curiae brief before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN) in order to contribute to the resolution of two unconstitutionality actions that oppose several amendments and additions to the Federal Copyright Law (LFDA) and the Federal Criminal Code.

The reforms and additions to which R3D refers in its brief are those that insert the procedure known as "notice and takedown" in the LFDA, which it considers to be a step backwards in terms of human rights, and could have a negative impact on access to information and the expression of ideas in the digital environment.

The brief submitted by R3D highlights the importance of freedom of expression in the digital environment, along with the rights to science and culture. The organization argues that the challenged reforms violate these rights by imposing on online service providers (OSPs) and Internet service providers (ISPs) the obligation to implement prior censorship mechanisms in alleged cases of copyright infringement.

There is currently a project pending before the SCJN that will resolve on the constitutionality of the procedure.

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