

II. DEPOSITION OF STRAINS

1. Conditions for deposit

The Kobe University Macroalgal Culture Collection (KU-MACC) will accept for deposit strains that satisfy the following conditions. In principle, all deposited strains will be available to the public after any time.

- (1) Scientifically important macroalgae, e.g. macroalgae that are significant representatives of macroalgal biodiversities, or have potential importance in scientific research and economic uses, or as environmental indicators.
- (2) The derivation of the strain should be clearly described, and its genus and speciesname should be provided; however, strains that have been used in a number of studies may be accepted even if only the genus name is known.
- (3) The strain should be stable under defined culture conditions and shall be in one of the following states:
 - Clonal
 - Unialgal

2. Agreement for deposit

When the depositor agrees to the following conditions, the KU-MACC shall accept his/her submission of the Strain Deposit Request and Agreement Form:

- (1) The depositor shall deposit the strain to the KU-MACC without charge. The transfer of intellectual property is not included in the agreement. The KU-MACC may maintain, culture and distribute the strain to users.
- (2) The depositors shall submit accurate strain data to the KU-MACC, which shall include patents, properties and states of the strain (see Strain Deposit Request and Agreement Form).
- (3) The strain shall be free from any limitation, legally and contractually, pursuant to one of the following reasons:
 - The strain was isolated/developed by the depositor
 - The strain is deposited with the permission of the isolator/developer
- (4) The KU-MACC may distribute the deposited strains to users in accordance with the following condition(s):
 - The strain shall not be disclosed to the public before publication regarding the strain has been published
 - Other reason specified by the depositor

This condition will last no longer than one year, when the strain will be made available to the public, even if the depositor has stipulated conditions. If the depositor does not stipulate any conditions, then the strain will be available to the public immediately after approval by the KU-MACC representative.
- (5) The KU-MACC shall bear no responsibility for inevitable changes in the strain with the passage of time, for loss during maintenance, or for loss caused by natural disasters.
- (6) The KU-MACC may cease maintenance and distribution of the strain according to the decision of the