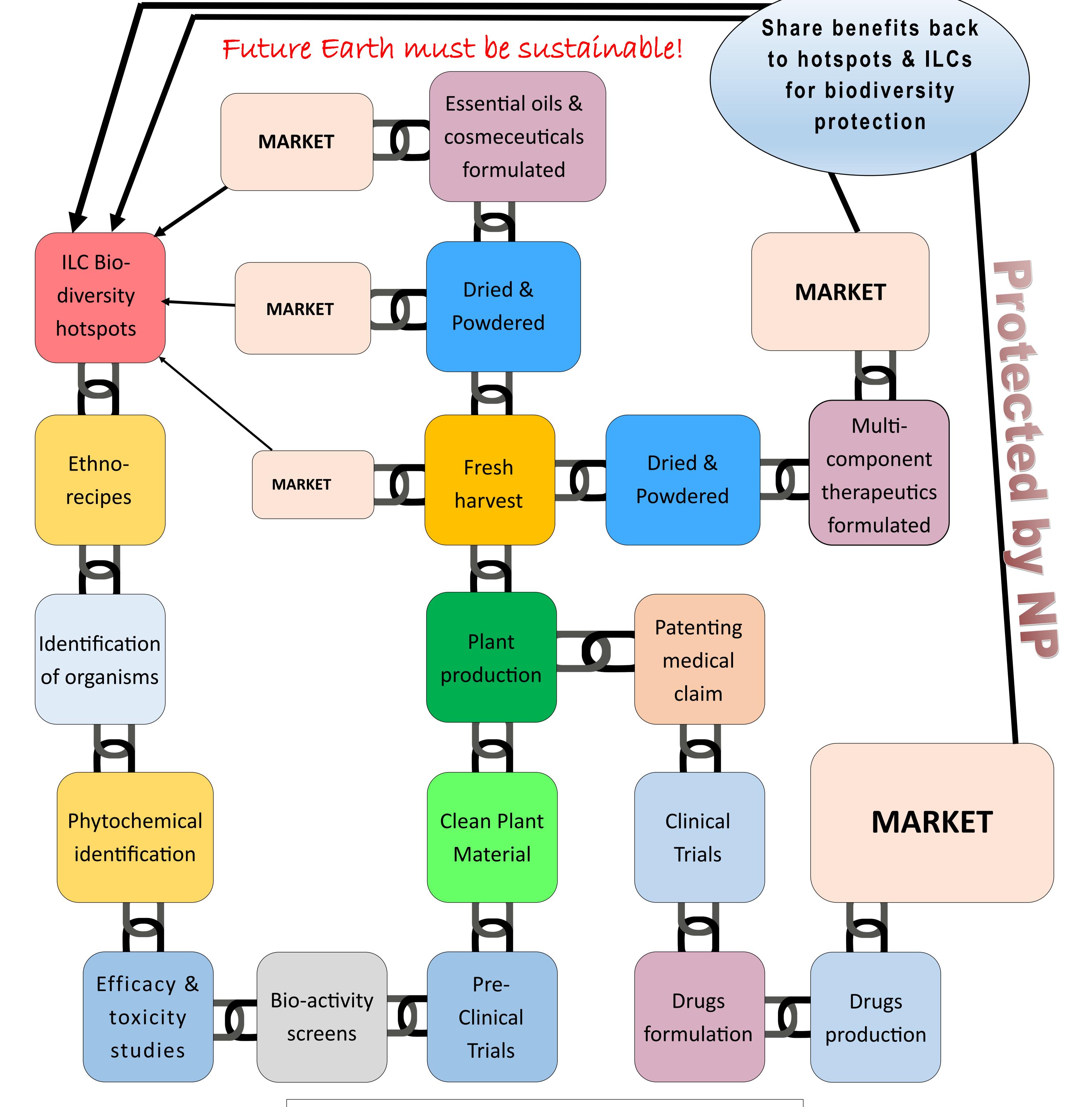


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Use Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) to turn Value Chains into Value Rings to Ensure Biodiversity Hotpots Survive & Flourish for Future Generations

Lower and Medium Income Countries (LMIC) not by coincidence are in Biodiversity Hotspots in tropical areas. This is because historically, due to many forces, they were trapped into becoming exporters of raw materials. But Hotspots start the value chain & ILCs take care of biodiversity so when more of these chain-links are in LMICs and these value-chains are turned into value-rings, as the Nagoya Protocol (NP) has shown is possible, then sustainability is possible.



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LMICs & Indigenous and Local Communities (ILCs) have something worth negotiating for.

Lesson? You get what you negotiate for