

§ 3902. Scope of article.

(a) This article does not modify or replace any other requirement under federal, CNMI, or local law related to an act that under this article is considered bioprospecting, including any requirement to obtain the permission of a landowner.

(b) This article applies only to non-federal public lands and waters owned by the CNMI and its municipalities and any other government agency that is not the federal government.

(c) This article does not apply to private lands. Permission from a private landowner must be obtained to conduct any bioprospecting on private lands.

Source: PL 22-19, § 3(102) (June 24, 2022), modified.

Commission Comment: *Legislative Findings of 2022 Legislation.*— For Findings and Purposes of PL 22-19, see Commission comment to 2 CMC § 3901:

Modifications.— In codifying PL 22-19, the Commission numbered this section, pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a); redesignated subsection designations to lowercase letters, pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a), to ensure consistency in numbering hierarchy; and substituted “this article” for “this Act” each time it appeared, pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d).