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NOTIFICATION

Capacity-building workshop for Southeast Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Jambi, Indonesia – 28 April to 2 May 2014

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to announce that the Secretariat is organizing, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), a capacity-building workshop for Southeast Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The workshop, conducted in English, is to be held from 28 April to 2 May 2014 in Jambi, Indonesia. Meeting documents will be posted on the CBD website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWECR-2014-04> in due course.

This workshop is part of a series being organized through the generous financial assistance of the Governments of Canada, Germany, Japan (through the Japan Biodiversity Fund), and the Republic of Korea, as well as the European Union. The aims of the workshop are to support Parties in:

- (a) The development of national targets and plans for ecosystem conservation and restoration within the framework of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15;
- (b) The integration of these targets and plans into updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and mainstreaming into broader national policies, plans and programmes (in particular, for action plans on the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) with respect to decision X/31 (paragraph 1 (c)); and
- (c) The use of appropriate assessments, policy and planning tools to implement ecosystem conservation and restoration strategies at appropriate levels.

Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15 set quantitative global targets to reduce the loss of natural habitats, improve protected area networks and restore degraded areas. A coherent approach could facilitate the attainment of these area-based targets. In addition, such approach can complement progress towards other targets. Thus, through this workshop, the Secretariat plans to offer capacity-building to Parties within an integrated and participatory approach to promote holistic planning and implementation at the landscape level.

These capacity-building activities respond to multiple requests from the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Executive Secretary (including paragraph 10 of decision XI/24 and paragraph 5 of decision XI/16). Furthermore, these activities will assist the Secretariat to report to the twelfth meeting of the COP in October 2014 on progress by Parties in integrating PoWPA action plans into revised NBSAPs and into relevant sectoral plans and budgets, as invited in paragraph 1 (c) of decision X/31.

To: CBD National Focal Points: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam; and relevant organizations engaged in conservation and restoration



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Submission of nominations from Governments

I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate a representative to participate in the workshop by **17 March 2014**. The nomination should be in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the national focal point, sent by fax to +1 (514) 288-6588 or e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int, and must include the nominee's full contact details, as well as a *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise. The selection of the representative should be carried out using the following criteria:

- (a) Experience in spatial planning for biodiversity and/or be responsible for land-use/spatial planning as well as be knowledgeable about their countries' NBSAP (such as the protected area focal point, if one has been designated);
- (b) Ability of reporting on the current status of achieving the area-based Aichi Biodiversity Targets (5, 11 and 15), providing an assessment of needs, and liaising with key partners to facilitate support for follow up actions; and
- (c) Ability to translate the knowledge gained into concrete actions.

In the weeks leading up to the workshop, the representatives will be provided with pre-work questions and asked to submit a case study and information on the status of restoration and conservation activities in their countries. Participants will also be offered the opportunity to benefit from online modules on key workshop themes, including protected areas. The capacity gained can be shared with staff in-country who may also take these modules.

The Secretariat will be in a position to support one expert from eligible Parties. A second expert from eligible Parties will be nominated and supported through FAO channels.

Nominated representatives are invited to attend the Forest Asia Summit 2014: Sustainable Landscapes for Green Growth in Southeast Asia to be held from 5 to 6 May 2014 in Jakarta (www.ForestsAsia.org). Nomination letters should indicate if participants will be staying on for this Summit so their flights can be booked accordingly. Support will be provided for a limited number of participants by the Center for International Forestry Research.

Submission of nominations from relevant regional organizations

Relevant organizations are invited to nominate one expert to participate in this workshop. Nominations must be in the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the head of the organization, sent by fax to +1 (514) 288-6588 or e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int by **17 March 2014**. Please include the nominee's full contact details, as well as a *curriculum vitae* (CV) clearly indicating the areas of expertise.

I look forward to receiving your nominations and I thank you for your cooperation and continued support for the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary