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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information related to the further consideration of the implications of the findings of GBO-4 and key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

Through this notification, I would like to invite you to provide information related to two items on the provisional agenda for the nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held from 2 to 5 November 2015, in Montreal, Canada:

- (a) Further consideration of the implications of the findings of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-4) and related reports (item 3.1); and
- (b) Key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related research (item 3.2).

The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to review the main implications and findings of GBO-4 and its underlying technical reports as well as additional information from fifth national reports and other submissions with a view to identifying further opportunities and additional key actions, including, among others, the contributions of collective actions of indigenous and local communities for the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and other actions for the targets where there has been the least progress at the global level, for consideration by the COP at its thirteenth meeting (decision XII/1, paragraph 18).

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to submit any information additional to that contained in GBO-4 or provided through your fifth national report, that is relevant to the review of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and that you would like to be taken into account in follow-up to this COP request.

In paragraph 14 of decision XII/1, the COP took note of the key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, as identified by SBSTTA at its seventeenth meeting, for use in future considerations of the implementation of the Strategic Plan and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. In the same decision, Parties were invited to take action to address the identified gaps and the Executive Secretary was requested to identify existing and possible ways and means to address the scientific and technical needs in cooperation with relevant organizations and to strengthen scientific and technical capacities in Parties (paragraph 20(a)) and to report on this item to a meeting of SBSTTA before the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 20(d)).

In light of this request and invitation to Parties, I would like to invite your Government to submit information on actions that your Government has undertaken to address the key scientific and technical

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needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, as identified by SBSTTA at its seventeenth meeting, and contained in annex II to decision XII/1.

Information received will be taken into account in the preparation for the pre-session documents for the nineteenth meeting of SBSTTA and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as appropriate.

In conclusion, I would like to invite you to submit any relevant information as requested above, by e-mail at: secretariat@cbd.int, or by fax at: +1 514 288 6588, **no later than 22 June 2015**.

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

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Executive Secretary