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NOTIFICATION

National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans under the Convention on Biological Diversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw attention to the Resolution 6/2013 of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (Muscat, Oman, 24 – 28 September 2013), whereby the Governing Body:

recognized “the importance of enhancing synergies among the relevant international organizations, institutions and partners, whose work or mandate relate to or impact the International Treaty, in particular at the national and regional levels”,

and

encouraged Contracting Parties, “in the revision of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, to integrate Treaty objectives and priorities in order to facilitate identification of opportunities for Treaty-relevant projects that may be eligible for support by GEF and further supported by other mechanisms of the Funding Strategy such as the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Treaty”.

The purpose of this notification is to bring to your urgent attention, the ongoing process for the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and to encourage the participation of Treaty National Focal Points and representatives in their respective national processes, in order to ensure that the objectives and priorities of the Treaty are taken into account in the revised NBSAPs.

To this end, NFPs are encouraged to contact their respective CBD National Focal Points or the national coordinators for the NBSAP review process. The list of the National Focal Points is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/information/nfp.shtml>

In order to facilitate substantive involvement and inputs, the Secretariat will shortly be providing further information on how NFPs and Treaty representatives might fruitfully participate in the process, with an indicative lists of issues for their consideration and possible points of entry for Treaty objectives and priorities as they relate to the Strategic Plan 2011-20 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.


Attention is further drawn to the Notification issued by the Executive Secretary of CBD Incorporating objectives of the biodiversity-related conventions into revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and other issues of relevance to NBSAP revision identified by the Conference of the Parties, which is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2013/ntf-2013-092-nbsap-en.pdf>

The Secretariat is available to provide any additional information that Contracting Parties may require regarding the NBSAP process.

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



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