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BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

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NOTIFICATION

**Decision VI/7A: Call for Case Studies and Experiences in Incorporating
Biodiversity-related Issues into Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Procedures and Legislation**

In accordance with decision VI/7 A adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties, other Governments, international organizations and associations are kindly invited to submit case studies and current experiences in environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedures that incorporate biodiversity related issues, as well as experiences in applying the guidelines annexed in the same decision. The guidelines can be found at: <http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&dec=VI/7>

To this end, I would be most grateful if you could submit your contributions to the Secretariat no later than **30 April 2003**. Case studies can be sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail (coordinates are indicated in the attached form). Attached please find a proposed outline, which could be used as guidance for the preparation of case studies.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

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OUTLINE FOR CASE STUDIES ON BIODIVERSITY AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

To the extent possible, case studies should be short and succinct summaries of experiences of 15-20 pages (under 10,000 words). A case study should focus on how biodiversity-related issues were considered and factored into the overall impact assessment (environmental/social impact assessment (EIA) and/or strategic environmental assessment (SEA)) processes at the country and regional levels. Case studies should include the following sections (a summary of the information may be provided under each heading, and a more detailed paper may be attached; if the information were not available, this should be indicated in the appropriate section).

1. Introduction

Provide a brief description of the focal matter of the case study. Describe the legal context of the case study, the nature of the proposed project (in the case of EIAs), policy, plan or programme (in the case of SEAs) including its objectives, scope, site location, and identified impacts. Indicate the key agencies or stakeholders involved and the status of the impact assessment work (completed/in progress/proposed).

2. Current experiences in incorporating biodiversity-related issues into the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process or strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedures

- EIA: Describe how biodiversity-related issues are reflected in each stage of the environmental impact assessment, i.e., screening, scoping, impact assessment, identification of mitigation measures, decision on project approval and project monitoring and evaluation. Specify how current or anticipated EIA legislation and/or procedures facilitate the incorporation of biodiversity considerations into EIAs.
- SEA: Describe how biodiversity-related issues are reflected in the associated legislation and procedures pertaining to strategic environmental assessments, and how biodiversity matters are balanced with other issues, in particular economic and social considerations.

3. Lessons learned:

Describe the lessons learned and/or information derived from the case studies that can provide an example (positive or negative) or guidance on incorporating biodiversity-related considerations into impact assessment (EIAs and SEAs). Provide insights and comments on how biodiversity issues could be better addressed in impact assessment in the case study.

4. Documentation:

Describe any specific reports, manuals, videos or other documentation available, which describes in more details to the case study along with contact details of key persons or agencies who may be able to provide additional information. Please send copies of any such materials if they are available.

SEND THE CASE STUDIES (ALONG WITH ANY OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION) TO:

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