



NOTIFICATION

Re: Inland water ecosystems suffering from ecological disasters

In paragraph 7 of the programme of work on inland water ecosystems in the annex to decision IV/4, the Conference of the Parties recognized that in the territories of certain States there are inland water ecosystems suffering from ecological disaster, and requested the Executive Secretary and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to pay special attention to early cooperation in assessing such disasters and mitigating activities and in developing rapid assessment methodologies within these States.

In a letter dated 1 September 1999, the Executive Secretary requested all National Focal Points *inter alia* to kindly indicate whether their inland water ecosystems suffer from ecological disaster and possibly provide case-studies and information, in particular on ways and means to develop and disseminate regional guidelines for rapid assessment of inland water biological diversity for different types of inland water ecosystems, in order to initiate co-operation in developing rapid assessment methodologies.

No reply to this request has been received by the Secretariat to date.

Parties and other Governments are hereby reminded to inform the Secretariat whether their inland waters suffer from ecological disasters, and provide information on such disasters and possibly on methods used to assess them and mitigate their impacts on inland water biodiversity. This information will be compiled as part of the review of the implementation of the programme of work on inland water ecosystems for the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to be held in March 2003.

I thank you for your collaboration on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: National Focal Points of the CBD

