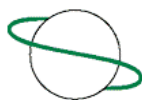




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Information for Participants: Addendum

Site visit to Ciénaga de Zapata, 18 July 2001

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cuba, the Executive Secretary is pleased to circulate a letter of invitation to the participants of the Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity to be held on 16 and 17 July 2001 in Havana, Cuba.

The letter of invitation is as follows:

“18 de julio del 2001.

Se invita a los participantes de la reunión sobre Financiamiento para la Diversidad Biológica a:

Visita al área protegida "Ciénaga de Zapata", la cual constituye el humedal mas grande del Caribe insular, es un importante sitio de migracion de aves en el hemisferio Occidental y de de cria de peces de importancia para el Mar Caribe, además de contar con numerosos valores historico-culturales. La Ciénaga de Zapata ostenta los siguientes reconocimientos nacionales e internacionales

- Parque Nacional,
- Reserva de la Biosfera,
- Sitio Ramsar

Durante la visita se prevé una presentación sobre el Sistema Nacional de Areas Protegidas de Cuba y sobre el proyecto GEF/PNUD que se está llevando a cabo en apoyo al mismo.

La visita es cortesía del Gobierno de Cuba y se solicita a los interesados confirmar su participación hasta el 16 de julio 2001.”

[An informal translation is as follows:

“18 July 2001

The participants of the Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity are invited:

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To visit the protected area “Ciénaga de Zapata”, the largest wetland in the Caribbean Islands. It is an important site for migratory birds of the western hemisphere, and for breeding of important fishes of the Caribbean Ocean. In addition, it has many historical and cultural values. The Ciénaga de Zapata has the following national and international recognitions: it is a national park, Biosphere Reserve, and Ramsar site.

During the visit, there will be a presentation on the National Protected Areas System of Cuba and on the GEF/UNDP project which is being developed to support the National System.

The site visit is sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Cuba. Interested participants are invited to confirm their participation no later than 16 July 2001.”]
