



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: The meeting of the *Ad hoc* technical expert group on mariculture, Rome, Italy, 1-5 July 2002

Pursuant to decision IV/5 on the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish an *Ad hoc* technical expert group on mariculture. The expert group was established under programme element 4 (mariculture) of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. The function of the expert group is to assist the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in its work on this topic. The meeting of the expert group will be held in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the *Ad hoc* technical expert group on mariculture. The composition of the expert group was determined by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, and based on nominations from Parties. The selection process took into account the participants' demonstrated expertise and experience (in the field of mariculture); and a balanced geographical distribution within and between regions.

The composition of the expert group is attached.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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Composition of the *Ad hoc* technical expert group on mariculture

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 Mr. S.U.K. Ekaratne (Sri Lanka)
 Mr. Manal Nader (Lebanon)
 Mr. Mohamed Shariff (Malaysia)
 Ms. Daisy C. Arroyo Mora (Costa Rica)
 Mr. Fabian Pina Amargos (Cuba)
 Ms. Doris Soto (Chile)
 Mr. Serguei Zagranitchnyi (Russia)
 Ms. Vlasta Franicevic (Croatia)
 Mr. Arturas Razinkovas (Lithuania)
 Mr. Tetsuo Seki (Japan)
 Mr. Uwe Waller (Germany)
 Mr. Stefano Cataudella (Italy)
 Mr. Philippe Goulletquer (France)

Observers from the following organizations have been invited

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)
- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC)
- The World Fish Center (ICLARM)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) Regional Office in the Pacific
- International Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO
- The World Conservation Union (IUCN)
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- Regional Seas Programmes and Action Plans (CAR-RCU, OSPAR, RAC SPA of MAP, SPREP, ROPME, EAS/RCU)