



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Expert Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
County Kerry, Republic of Ireland
5 to 7 October 2003**

Madam/Sir,

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity endorsed the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC). In section E of the annex to decision VI/9 in which the further work required to develop and implement the Global Strategy is described and in paragraph 19 of the annex, the COP specified that the design, development and implementation of the strategy should involve, in addition to the Parties to the Convention, a range of other actors, including international initiatives, conservation and research organizations, communities and major groups and the private sector. In paragraph 10(b) of the same decision, the COP requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Global Strategy, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

To facilitate the further implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing, in collaboration with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International and its five-year partnership funded by HSBC plc "Investing in Nature" (other partners include also Earthwatch and WWF), a meeting of experts in County Kerry, Republic of Ireland, from 5 to 7 October 2003, (at the Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle, Co. Kerry), to prepare advice, pursuant to the requests in decision VI/9.

Further to the notification dated 11 August 2003 inviting Parties to the Convention to nominate experts in the fields of plant conservation, monitoring and assessment, I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the group of selected

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experts (Annex I). The selection of experts was based on nominations by the Parties, other Governments and organizations, taking into account the participants' demonstrated expertise and experience. A number of experts were selected jointly with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is provided in Annex II.

Sincerely yours,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Annex I

Selected experts for the meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (County Kerry, Republic of Ireland, 5-7 October)

Africa

Mr Denis Matatiken (Seychelles)
Mr Vishnuduth Bachraz (Mauritius)

Asia

Ms Salma Idris (Malaysia)
Mr Huang Hongwen (China)

Latin America and Caribbean

Ms Sonia Lagos-Witte (Dominican Republic)
Ms Mary T. Kalin Arroyo (Chile)

Central and Eastern Europe

Ms Galina Pronkina (Russia)
Ms Renata Kurzyna (Poland)

Western European and Others Group

Mr Kingsley Dixon (Australia)
Ms Valerie Assinewe (Canada)
Mr Matthew Jebb (Ireland)
Mr Esteban Hernández Bermejo (Spain)

Resource Persons

Mr Peter Wyse Jackson (Botanic Gardens Conservation International)
Ms Stella Simiyu (Convention on Biological Diversity/Botanic Gardens Conservation International)

Organizations

Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI): Mr Stephen Blackmore
Commonwealth Secretariat: Mr Jameson Seyani
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): Ms Margarita Clemente Muñoz
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): Ms Linda Collette
Gran Canaria Group: Mr David Bramwell
International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI): Mr Toby Hodgkin
Plantlife/Planta Europa: Ms Jane Smart
Royal Botanic Gardens Kew: Ms Eimear Nic Lughadha
The World Conservation Union (IUCN): N/N
World Conservation and Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC): Mr. Tim Johnson
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF): Mr Alan Hamilton

Annex II

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Reporting on the stakeholder consultations and other relevant activity.
4. Preparation of advice for the development and implementation of the Strategy.
 - 4.1. Development of sub-targets and milestones for each target;
 - 4.2. Development of national targets and regional components;
 - 4.3. Development of baseline data and indicators to monitor the progress towards achieving the targets by 2010;
 - 4.4. Ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the global strategy for plant conservation, and for monitoring and assessing progress;
 - 4.5. Review of the role of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit and the Millennium Development Goals; and
 - 4.6. Assessment of the role of the Strategy in facilitating harmony between initiatives and establish gaps where new initiatives are required.
5. Establishment of a flexible coordination mechanism.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
Closure of the meeting.