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NOTIFICATION

Review of assessment of the impact of invasive alien species on inland water and island ecosystems

In recommendation VI/5, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) decided to initiate a number of pilot assessments including assessments on the impacts of invasive alien species (paragraph 6 (d)). The Conference of the Parties, in its decision VI/23, urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to carry out research and assessments on *inter alia* the impact of alien species on biological diversity (decision VI/23, paragraph 24 (b)), and the socio-economic implications of invasive alien species, particularly the implications for indigenous and local communities (paragraph 24 (d)).

In response to these decisions, and in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme, The Nature Conservancy and other partners, two scientific assessment reports on the ecological and socio-economic impact of invasive alien species on island ecosystems and on inland water ecosystems, respectively, have been prepared. Drafts of these reports are accessible for review under the *What's New* section on the home page of the Convention (<http://www.biodiv.org>). If you have difficulties to access the internet please do not hesitate to request copies from the Secretariat. I would appreciate receiving your comments and observations on these documents before **30 September 2004**.

I look forward to receiving your response and thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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