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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: International Day for Biological Diversity 22 May 2005 – Life Insurance  
for our changing world - Embargoed version of Biodiversity Synthesis of  
Millennium Ecosystem Assessment available online**

I refer to my notification of 18 April 2005, informing you that as part of this year's celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity, the biodiversity synthesis report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment will be released to the public. The Secretariat would like to inform you that printed copies of the report will be shipped to you in the days before the official launch – 19 May 2005.

In the interim, an electronic copy of the report is available to Parties to the CBD. It can be downloaded at: <http://www.millenniumassessment.org/documents/CbdSynthesisFinal.pdf>

The report is made available as a resource for Parties who will intend to mark the launch of the synthesis report as part of their celebrations for IBD. Please note that it is under embargo until the morning of 19 May 2005

It is suggested that Parties make the embargoed copy available to local media. The draft of the report can also be used in the preparation of official statements issued for the date.

The Secretariat would appreciate receiving copies of any official statements, or media coverage of IBD celebrations in your country.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points