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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

COST ESTIMATES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties to report on cost estimates to implement the programme of work on protected areas.

In paragraph 10 of decision VII/28 on protected areas, the Conference of the Parties calls on Parties to estimate the cost to implement the necessary activities to meet the targets of the programme of work, review the effectiveness in using existing financial resources and identify the unmet costs and report back to its eighth meeting. This matter was brought to the attention of Parties *vide* communication dated 8 March 2004. It was also referred to in paragraph 31 of document UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/3 "Options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work by developing countries and countries with economies in transition", a pre-session document to the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working group on Protected Areas (also available on the CBD website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=PAWG-01>).

The programme of work on protected areas contains 16 goals accompanied by targets, which in almost all cases set a specific date by which the target is to be accomplished. Each target is accompanied by a set of suggested activities of the Parties. As stated in paragraph 9 of the programme of work on protected areas the activities are flexible and are to be implemented in accordance with national and local context (annex to decision VII/28). Quantifying the cost of implementing the programme of work requires an approximation of cost of implementing activities to achieve the target for each country. The cost of activities depends on a large number of variables that define the local context, including the scale of the task (i.e. size of natural habitats), the expanse of existing and potential protected areas, the level of threats to conservation, the accessibility of sites, the level of detailed baseline information etc. In view of this, the table in the attached Annex only reflects the targets which have been listed without elaborating the specific activities.

To: CBD National Focal Points & SBSTTA Focal Points



Parties, are invited to submit to the Executive Secretary **as soon as possible, and no later than 30 September 2005**, the cost estimates to implement the necessary activities to meet the targets of the programme of work, the existing financial resources and the unmet costs as per the table contained in the Annex to this notification.

Please accept, Madam / Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Secretary

Annex

Cost estimates of implementing the programme of work on protected areas

Name of the country:				
Goal number	Target	Cost estimates of implementing necessary activities to meet the target (in US \$)	Existing financial resources (in US \$)	Unmet costs (in US \$)
1.1	By 2010, terrestrially <u>1/</u> and 2012 in the marine area, a global network of comprehensive, representative and effectively managed national and regional protected area system is established as a contribution to (i) the goal of the Strategic Plan of the Convention and the World Summit on Sustainable Development of achieving a significant reduction in the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010; (ii) the Millennium Development Goals – particularly goal 7 on ensuring environmental sustainability; and (iii) the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation			
1.2	By 2015, all protected areas and protected area systems are integrated into the wider land- and seascape, and relevant sectors, by applying the ecosystem approach and taking into account ecological connectivity ^{2/} and the concept, where appropriate, of ecological networks.			
1.3	Establish and strengthen by 2010/2012 ^{3/} transboundary protected areas, other forms of collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries and regional networks, to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, implementing the ecosystem approach, and improving international cooperation			
1.4	All protected areas to have effective management in existence by 2012, using participatory and science-based site planning processes that incorporate clear biodiversity objectives, targets, management strategies and monitoring programmes, drawing upon existing methodologies and a long-term management plan with active			

^{1/} Terrestrial includes inland water ecosystems.

^{2/} The concept of connectivity may not be applicable to all Parties

^{3/} References to marine protected area networks to be consistent with the target in the WSSD plan of implementation.

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	stakeholder involvement			
1.5	By 2008, effective mechanisms for identifying and preventing, and/or mitigating the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas are in place.			
2.1	Establish by 2008 mechanisms for the equitable sharing of both costs and benefits arising from the establishment and management of protected areas			
2.2	Full and effective participation by 2008, of indigenous and local communities, in full respect of their rights and recognition of their responsibilities, consistent with national law and applicable international obligations, and the participation of relevant stakeholders, in the management of existing, and the establishment and management of new, protected areas			
3.1	By 2008 review and revise policies as appropriate, including use of social and economic valuation and incentives, to provide a supportive enabling environment for more effective establishment and management of protected areas and protected areas systems.			
3.2	By 2010, comprehensive capacity building programmes and initiatives are implemented to develop knowledge and skills at individual, community and institutional levels, and raise professional standards			
3.3	By 2010 the development, validation, and transfer of appropriate technologies and innovative approaches for the effective management of protected areas is substantially improved, taking into account decisions of the Conference of the Parties on technology transfer and cooperation.			
3.4	By 2008, sufficient financial, technical and other resources to meet the costs to effectively implement and manage national and regional systems of protected areas are secured, including both from national and international sources, particularly to support the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States.			
3.5	By 2008 public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the importance and benefits of protected areas is significantly increased			

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4.1	By 2008, standards, criteria, and best practices for planning, selecting, establishing, managing and governance of national and regional systems of protected areas are developed and adopted.			
4.2	By 2010, frameworks for monitoring, evaluating and reporting protected areas management effectiveness at sites, national and regional systems, and transboundary protected area levels adopted and implemented by Parties			
4.3	By 2010, national and regional systems are established to enable effective monitoring of protected-area coverage, status and trends at national, regional and global scales, and to assist in evaluating progress in meeting global biodiversity targets			
4.4	Scientific knowledge relevant to protected areas is further developed as a contribution to their establishment, effectiveness, and management			