



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

Review of experiences with ecological networks, corridors and buffer zones

The purpose of this Notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities to submit to the Executive Secretary **as soon as possible, but no later than 15 December 2005** the following:

- (a) comments on the draft review of experiences with ecological networks, corridors and buffer zones available on the Convention's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/protected/eco-networks.shtml> ; and
- (b) any additional examples of experiences with ecological networks, corridors and buffer zones, including application of ecosystem approach with high quality photographs if any, and following the structure provided in the review.

Goals 1.2 and 1.3 of the programme of work on protected areas (decision VII/28 annex) address *inter alia* the need to integrate protected areas into broader land and seascapes, and establish and strengthen regional networks and transboundary protected areas. Activities 1.2.7 and 1.3.6 call the Executive Secretary to compile and disseminate information on regional networks of protected areas, including application of ecosystem approach in relation to protected areas. In pursuance of this, the Executive Secretary, with the financial assistance from the Government of the Netherlands, commissioned "Syzygy", an expert centre working on ecological networks to undertake a review of development of ecological networks, buffer zones and corridors in each of the five UN regions. The draft review has now been posted on the CBD website for comments.

It is the intention of the Secretariat to publish the revised review under the CBD Technical Series in time for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas and/or the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

I wish to thank you for your support to the work of the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA and CHM Focal Points, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities.



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