

Secretariat

SCBD/I&O/NR/MC/50934

16 November 2005

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Web-based tool now capable of analyzing third national reports

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to Articles 17 and 18.3 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Notification Ref. No. 2003-113, I am pleased to inform you that the web-based *Analyzer* tool has been further developed by the Secretariat to support the analysis of third national reports. Additionally, it is now possible for the user to conduct analyses of second and third national reports, and thematic reports on alien and invasive species, forest ecosystems, mountain ecosystems, protected areas, technology transfer and cooperation and the implementation of the Global Taxonomy Initiative, from the same web-based interface.

This tool provides an efficient means by which users can analyse data on a specific topic between or among countries, and between or among country groups. Results are displayed in tabular, graphical and qualitative formats with links to the full text of the report. Information contained in the reports has also been coded in a manner to facilitate integration and harmonization with information held by other international organizations and convention secretariats.

The *National Report Analyzer* is available on the Convention's website at http://www.biodiv.org/reports/analyzer.aspx.

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

[original signed]

Hamdallah Zedan Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points
SBSTTA National Focal Points
CHM National Focal Points
CHM Informal Advisory Committee
International Thematic Focal Points

