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N O T I F I C A T I O N

Subject: Extension of deadline for submission of information on implementation of the programme of work on protected areas

Dear Madam/Sir,

The deadline for submission of information on implementation of the programme of work on protected areas has been extended to **31 March 2007**. This extension takes into account the fact that the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas is now scheduled to be held from 11 to 15 February 2008. As stated in the Notification 2006-080, dated 7 July 2006, Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders are requested to submit information on implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

A strategic assessment of progress made, challenges/obstacles, and capacity-building needs for the implementation of the programme of work requires timely and quality information. Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders may wish to make use of the matrix annexed to this notification to prepare their contribution.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary

To: All CBD National Focal Points, other Governments and relevant organizations

EVALUATION MATRIX FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS

Goal, &target	Key evaluation questions and national considerations
Description	

Goal: To establish and strengthen national and regional systems of protected areas integrated into a global network as a contribution to globally agreed goals.
 	
Target: Establish a global network of comprehensive, representative and effectively managed national and regional protected area systems.
	• **Is the existing national protected area system comprehensive, ecologically representative and effectively managed (provide number of existing protected areas, total area covered, and type and percentage of biomes covered)?**
	   o What are the definitions of "comprehensive", "ecologically representative" and "effectively managed" in your country?
	   o What is the progress made in quantitative and qualitative terms against the national targets relating to "comprehensiveness", "ecological representation", and "effective management"?
	   o What biomes are adequately represented?
	   o What biomes are underrepresented or not represented?
	   o What IUCN categories of protected areas are included?
	
	• **Do new protected areas established since COP-7 cover underrepresented ecosystems and biomes (number of new protected areas since COP-7, area covered by them, type and percentage of biomes covered by them)?**
	
	• **Are there plans for the establishment of additional protected areas by the year 2010 (terrestrial) and 2012 (marine)?**
	   o Have plans or actions for protected area system (incorporating elements for filling ecological gaps, securing financial resources, capacity-building, addressing policy, legislative and institutional barriers) been developed?

Goal: To integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors so as to maintain ecological structure and function.
 	
Target: 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 and the concept, where appropriate, of ecological networks
	• **What measures haven been taken for developing enabling environment (legislation, policies, tools) for integrating protected areas into broader land and seascapes and sectoral interests (i.e. agriculture, infrastructure, energy)?**
	
	   o Are the needs of protected areas taken into account in the wider land and seascape to address the need for connectivity, including ecological networks?
	   o Has the concept of the "ecosystem approach" been applied while developing protected area system?

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Goal: To establish and strengthen regional networks, transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries.
 	
Target: Establish and strengthen by 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.
	• **What collaboration across national boundaries has been implemented in relation to protected areas?**
	
	   o Has any consultation process been established to identify potential transboundary, including marine, protected areas?
	   o How many protected areas feature in regional networks and how many of these are transboundary?
	   o Has the potential for regional cooperation under relevant conventions been utilised for the establishment of migratory corridors?

Goal: To substantially improve site-based protected area planning and management.
 	
Target: All protected areas have effective management 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 stakeholder involvement.
	• **What percentage of protected areas (area and number) have up-to-date science-based management plans that**
	   a) Are under development?
	   b) Are under effective implementation?
	
	   o Have consultation been undertaken involving protected area functionaries, local stakeholders and researchers to identify science-based biodiversity conservation targets?

Goal: To prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas. Target: Effective mechanisms for identifying and preventing, and/or mitigating the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas are in place.	• **What measures have been put in place to identify, prevent and/or mitigate the negative impacts of threats?** o What measures have been taken to restore and rehabilitate the ecological integrity of protected areas?

Goal, &target	Key evaluation questions and national considerations
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Goal: To promote equity and benefit sharing.
 	
Target: Establish mechanisms for the equitable sharing of both costs and benefits arising from the establishment and management of protected areas.
	• **What legislative or policy frameworks are in place to establish frameworks for the equitable sharing of costs and benefits arising from the establishment and management of protected areas?**
	
	    o Have assessments been made of the economic and socio-cultural costs and benefits of protected areas, particularly for indigenous and local communities?
	    o What measures have been taken to avoid and mitigate negative impacts on indigenous and local communities?
	    o What mechanisms have been put in place to identify and recognize community conserved areas and how many such areas have been integrated into the national protected areas system?

Goal: To enhance and secure involvement of indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders. Target: Full and effective participation 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	• **What mechanisms have been implemented to ensure full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, in full respect of their rights and recognition of their responsibilities, consistent with national law and applicable international obligations, in the management of existing, and the establishment and management of new, protected areas?** o What measures have been taken to support areas conserved by indigenous and local communities? • **What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure the participation of relevant stakeholders, in the management of existing, and the establishment and management of new, protected areas?**
Goal: To provide an enabling policy, institutional and socio-economic environment for protected areas. Target: 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 area systems.	• **Are the appropriate policy, institutional and socio-economic frameworks in place to value goods and services and enable more effective establishment and management of protected areas?** • **What kind of social and economic valuation methods and incentives for more effective establishment and management of protected areas are developed and incorporated into national policies, institutional and socio-economic structures?** o What are the main impediments to effective establishment and management of protected areas? Have measures been taken to overcome these?

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Goal: To build capacity for the planning, establishment and management of protected areas. Target: comprehensive capacity-building programmes and initiatives are implemented to develop knowledge and skills at individual, community and institutional levels, and raise professional standards.	• **Has a comprehensive capacity-needs assessment for protected areas management been carried out?** • **What capacity-building programmes have been undertaken or are being undertaken. How successful have the completed programmes been?** o Does your country consider a multidisciplinary approach to protected areas management?
Goal: To develop, apply and transfer appropriate technologies for protected areas. Target: 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.	• **What new innovative approaches and technologies have been identified, developed and implemented for protected areas establishment and management on the national and regional level?** o Has there been collaboration within the country and/or with other countries to share information and technologies?

Goal: To ensure financial sustainability of protected areas, and national and regional systems of protected areas.
 	
Target: 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.
	• **Have financial needs been identified? What are the results of this needs assessment (quantitative and qualitative)?**
	• **What strategies are in place to meet these needs, and in particular to secure long-term funding for the national protected areas system?**
	   o What financial support has been given to developing countries and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States?
	   o What proportion of the budget is dedicated to supporting the national protected areas system (What proportion of the total funding for the national protected areas comes from private and public funding sources, and how much from the state budget?)
	   o Have studies been made on the efficient use of the resources in contribution to financial sustainability of protected areas?

Goal: To strengthen communication, education and public awareness. Target: Public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the importance and benefits of protected areas is significantly increased.	• **Is there a review mechanism for public education programmes to measure if they have been effective in communicating the basic biodiversity values of protected areas?** o What education measures and programmes have been developed and implemented regarding protected areas, including for raising public awareness?

Goal, &target	Key evaluation questions and national considerations
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Goal: To develop and adopt minimum standards and best practices for national and regional protected area systems. Target: Standards, criteria, and best practices for planning, selecting, establishing, managing and governance of national and regional systems of protected areas are developed and adopted.	• **Have standards, criteria and best practices for a) site selection, b) management, c) governance, and d) long-term monitoring of outcomes been applied and documented? (Please provide a reference).**
Goal: To evaluate and improve the effectiveness of protected area management. Target: 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.	1. **Has your country evaluated management effectiveness of protected areas in a systematic way? If yes,** **(a) What percentage of national protected area system surface area has been evaluated?** **(b) What are the conclusions for the national protected areas system, and to what extent were results incorporated into management plans and strategies?**

Note: Key evaluation questions for review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas are indicated in bold. All Parties are encouraged to answer these questions. The other questions provide underlying guidance to assess evaluation, and Parties are encourages to answer them to the extent that they are applicable to their national circumstances.