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NOTIFICATION

**Re: South and West Asia sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas
2-4 April 2007, Dehradun, India**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with the generous financial support of the European Union and the Government of India, the Secretariat is organizing, from 2 to 4 April 2007 in Dehradun, India, a South and West Asia sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity building for, the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The workshop is organized in response to a request by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 10 of decision VII/24 on protected areas.

The provisional agenda for the workshop is annexed to this notification. Other meeting documents will be posted on the CBD website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English only.

I kindly invite you to nominate two representatives, at your earliest convenience but not later than **15 February 2007**, to participate in the workshop. The Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of only **two representatives** from eligible Parties to the Convention. Parties are requested to use the following criteria when submitting the nominations:

- The nominees should preferably be involved in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas;
- The nominees should be in a position to prepare and present the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work in their respective country, focusing on what needs to be achieved, what has been achieved, and including opportunities and actual constraints to implementation. Draft progress reports, presentations will have to be submitted in advance of the workshop as per Notification 2006-125, dated 28 November 2006; and
- After the workshop, the nominees should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into actions on the ground.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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**South and West Asia sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity building for,
the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas
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Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Overview of progress on country-level implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, identification of constraints and opportunities to promote implementation.
3. Exchange of experiences on (i) conducting ecological gap analysis (ii) developing sustainable financing (iii) using guidelines for improving / assessing management effectiveness.
4. Drafting inputs to the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, to be held in February 2008 at FAO Headquarters in Rome.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.