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## REMINDER

## NOTIFICATION

### **Subject: Submission of information on implementation of the programme of work on protected areas**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to my Notification dated 30 November 2006 (available on our website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2006/ntf-2006-125-pa-en.pdf>), in which Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders are invited to submit information on implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by 31 March 2007. To date, only few countries have provided the information.

As you may recall, while assessing the progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the period 2004-2006, in paragraph 2 of Decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties (COP) recognized that limited availability of relevant information, including the insufficient number of reports submitted, was a major shortcoming. In paragraph 16 of the same decision, the COP invited Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to report on progress made towards the targets, challenges/obstacles and capacity building needs, in time for consideration by the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas. The second meeting of the Working Group will be held from 11 to 15 February 2008.

In order to allow the Secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the status of implementation to assist the Working Group in its deliberations, Parties that have not already done so are kindly reminded to submit information on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas to the Secretariat, as soon as possible but **no later than 15 July 2007**. While providing the information, Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, may wish to make use of the matrix annexed to the earlier Notification mentioned above.

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

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