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## NOTIFICATION

### **Launch of the UNDP/GEF Global Project on Supporting Country Action in implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) recently approved a global project on "Supporting Country Action on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Programme of Work on Protected Areas". This project will be implemented by the UNDP and executed by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Under this project, approximately US\$ 9 millions will be disbursed in grant support to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for undertaking critical actions under the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas.

The project will be formally launched on **10 July 2007** during a lunchtime side event at the margins of the second meeting of the **Ad Hoc Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WGRI-2)**, at the **UNESCO headquarters (Room VIII) in Paris**. During the launching ceremony, Ms. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the GEF, and myself, will address the participants, while Mr. John Hough, UNDP/GEF Acting Deputy coordinator, will make a detailed presentation on the project. The launching ceremony will signify the opening of the first round of the Call for Applications.

The event will be open to all participants of WGRI-2 and other interested Parties. The CBD Focal Points are invited to attend the launching ceremony of this project.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: All CBD Focal Points



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