



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

**Latin American sub-regional Workshop on Protected Areas,
from 23 to 25 September 2008, the City of Salinas, Province of Santa Elena, Ecuador**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with the generous financial support of the Government of Ecuador and the European Union, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is organizing from 23 to 25 September 2008 in the City of Salinas, Province of Santa Elena, Ecuador, a sub-regional workshop on capacity building for the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas.

The offer from the Government of Ecuador to host this workshop was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph B 11 of decision IX/18. 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 Spanish.

I invite you to nominate one representative, at your earliest convenience but not later than **15 August 2008**, to participate in the workshop. The Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of **one representative from eligible Parties** to the Convention from the sub-region. Parties are requested to use the following criteria while submitting the nominations:

- The representative should be involved in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas;
- After the workshop, the country representative should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions; and
- The representative should be in a position to participate in the exchange of information on the status of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and on ways and means to implement decision IX/18.

The nominations should be accompanied by curriculum vitae that clearly indicate the areas of expertise of the nominee.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: National Focal Points of Spanish speaking countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, Uruguay)



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Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Strengthening capacities for (i) analysing gaps in marine protected areas; (ii) developing sustainable financing for protected areas; and (iii) using guidelines for improving / assessing protected area management effectiveness.
3. Overview of progress on country-level implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and way forward for implementing decision IX/18 and related COP 9 decisions.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.
