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NOTIFICATION

Expert workshop on integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes 2 to 4 November 2008 at the International Academy of Nature Conservation The Island of Vilm, Germany

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with the generous financial support of the Government of Netherlands, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is organizing an expert workshop on integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes from 2 to 4 November 2008 at the International Academy of Nature Conservation, the Island of Vilm, Germany.

Goal 1.2 of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) of the CBD specifically calls for integrating protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors to maintain the structural and functional viability of ecosystems. While reviewing the implementation of the PoWPA, the Conference of the Parties (COP), in decision VIII/24, recognized that there was a lack of implementation in goal 1.2 in developing countries due to capacity building constraints. In paragraph 4 (a) of decision IX/18, the COP invited Parties to promote the application of appropriate tools and policy measures including, as appropriate, integrated spatial planning in order to better integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and relevant sectors and plans, including aiming at poverty eradication.

The workshop aims to:

- Discuss approaches, tools and methodologies for integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes;
- Facilitate exchange of experiences, lessons learnt from best practices; and
- Develop practical suggestions for integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes and relevant sectors and plans including preparation of a preliminary guide on the subject.

To : CBD National Focal Points and Relevant Organisations



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I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but **no later than 3 October 2008**, an expert who can participate in the workshop. The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- Good knowledge of issues related to protected areas, connectivity, corridors, ecological networks and transboundary protected areas;
- Good knowledge of issues related to integrated spatial and bio-regional planning, and application of ecosystem approach;
- Good knowledge of the national and regional policies and practices that enable integration of protected areas into the wider landscape and seascape; and
- Good knowledge of the CBD programme of work and involvement in its implementation.

Each nomination should be accompanied by a curriculum vita that clearly indicates the areas of expertise of the nominee.

The provisional agenda for the workshop and other meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts and posted on the CBD website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

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

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

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Executive Secretary