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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Call for comments on the draft scoping report for the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of biodiversity and release of assessments on scenarios and models and on pollinators, pollination and food production

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the invitation from the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) to take part in the review of the draft scoping report for the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of biodiversity¹. The draft scoping report was prepared by a group of experts during a meeting in Bonn, Germany held from 2 to 4 August 2016.

Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to provide their comments using the template² and to send them to <u>felice.vanderplaat@ipbes.net</u> no later than **2 October 2016**.

I would further like to draw your attention to the release of the final versions of the Summaries for Policymakers (SPM) of the IPBES methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services³ and of the IPBES thematic assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production⁴. The SPMs on scenarios and on pollinators were approved by the IPBES Plenary in Malaysia in February 2016 and their implications for the work of the Convention were subsequently considered at the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (Montreal, Canada, 25 - 30 April 2016). Your assistance in sharing the SPMs – especially with relevant policymakers in your respective networks and countries – would be greatly appreciated.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias Executive Secretary

¹ https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5da0fed71c7e4399fb28ab549/files/Draft_IPBES_Global_Scoping_Report_20151013.pdf

² http://ipbes.us8.list-manage.com /track/click?u=5da0fed71c7e4399fb28ab549&id=3fa3b70fe9&e=aee75565d8

³ http://goo.gl/LcrpbE

⁴ http://goo.gl/eTDu9S

To: CBD and SBSTTA Focal Points, and relevant organizations



