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**NOTIFICATION**

**Sharing experience in enhancing synergies**

**among biodiversity-related conventions at the national level**

Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to promote and facilitate the sharing of practical experience in implementing the biodiversity-related conventions in an integrated manner at the national level.

Through decision XIII/24, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity drew attention to a range of options for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level. These options were listed in Annex I to the decision, and included options related to planning frameworks and coordination mechanisms, as well as options for action in a number of specific areas. In the same decision, Parties welcomed a roadmap for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level (Annex II). This included a range of activities and key actions aimed at supporting action at the national level, including the compilation of case studies or success stories of synergies in the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions.

A number of such case studies have already been compiled in the Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions at national and regional levels published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) in 2015 (http://wcmc.io/sourcebook-web). The Secretariat is working with UN Environment and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre to create an online library of case studies and success stories, drawing on the Sourcebook but also incorporating new success stories. In doing so, we will also work with the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions in order to develop a resource that is of high value for a range of stakeholders at the national level.

Accordingly, I wish to invite Parties and other stakeholders to submit case studies using the attached template. These case studies will be incorporated into the prototype online library which will be made available for review in early 2018. While the library will be able to accept submissions on an ongoing basis, case studies submitted to the Executive Secretary via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to +1 514 288 6588 by 7 January 2018 would be particularly welcome.

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

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

**Enhancing synergies among biodiversity-related conventions**

**CASE STUDY TEMPLATE**

**Introduction**

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Parties and other stakeholder are invited to submit case studies using the present template via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to +1 514 288 6588 by 7 January 2018. The case studies can describe best practices, good practices, success stories, experiences and/or lessons learned. These case studies will be incorporated into the prototype online library which will be made available for review in early 2018.

**Name:**

**Country:**

**Affiliation/ Organisation:**

**Email address:**

**Date of submission:**

1. Please provide a title for your case study:
2. To which of the following areas does the case study relate to (multiple responses are possible):

[ ]  Coordination mechanisms

[ ]  Common planning frameworks (national biodiversity strategies and action plans, Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, Sustainable Development Goals)

[ ]  Management of information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators

[ ]  Communication and awareness-raising

[ ]  Science-policy interface

[ ]  Capacity building

[ ]  Resource mobilization and utilization

[ ]  Other, please specific:

1. Describe the identified mechanism/process/initiative (e.g. joint committee, database etc.) in 150 words max:

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1. What is the aim of the mechanism/process/initiative (100 words max)?

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1. In what way does the mechanism/process/initiative enhance the coherent implementation of multiple biodiversity-related conventions (150 words max)?

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1. Which focal points or national authorities of biodiversity-related conventions or other intergovernmental processes are involved in the mechanism/process/initiative?

[ ]  Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

[ ]  Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

[ ]  Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

[ ]  The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

[ ]  Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)

[ ]  World Heritage Convention (WHC)

[ ]  International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

[ ]  International Whaling Commission (IWC)

[ ]  Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

[ ]  Others, please specify:

1. Which (past) challenges does the mechanism/process/initiative address (100 words max)?

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1. What has this collaboration achieved to date (150 words max)?

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1. What are the key elements for this success (100 words max)?

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1. What are remaining challenges in reaching the desired outcomes (100 words max)?

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1. What are the immediate next steps in reaching the desired outcomes (100 words max)?

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1. What are the key lessons learnt (150 words max)?

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