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## **NOTIFICATION**

## Submission of views on a draft resource manual for achieving Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear Sir or Madam,

In decision XIII/5, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the short-term action plan on ecosystem restoration and requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funding, to support the efforts of Parties in making use of the short-term action plan on ecosystem restoration by enabling capacity-building and supporting the use of tools in collaboration with relevant partners and initiatives.

In decision 15/4, the COP adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework including 23 action-oriented global targets for urgent action over the decade to 2030. Target 2 aims to "Ensure that, by 2030, at least 30 per cent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity".

Pursuant to these decisions, a draft resource manual titled "Delivering restoration outcomes for biodiversity and human wellbeing through Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" has been jointly prepared by the CBD Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), with the financial and technical support of the Korea Forest Service of the Republic of Korea and its Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration supported by the International Climate Initiative of Germany, and the AIM4Forests programme supported by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The draft manual builds upon input collected during a <u>workshop</u> co-hosted by FAO, the CBD Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme, from 22 to 24 November 2023, in Rome, Italy. The draft manual will be further revised on the basis of comments and suggestions received via the present review process, and a final version will be made available for the sixteenth meeting of the COP later this year.

I am therefore pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations and stakeholders to review the draft resource manual which is available <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. Guiding questions to help frame the comments are provided together with the draft manual. Comments should be sent by e-mail to <a href="mailto:secretariat@cbd.int">secretariat@cbd.int</a> as soon as possible but no later than 10 June 2024.

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

(Signed) David Cooper Acting Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations





