

**MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF BIODIVERSITY AND FORESTS – SBF  
DIRECTION OF WATER BIODIVERSITY AND FISHING RESOURCES – GBA**

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On October 11, 2011.

To the Secretary of Biodiversity and Forests

**Subject: Information on new and emerging issues in the scope of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Notification 13. Decision IX/29.**

1. I hereby send you information on the new and emerging **issues** in the scope of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Direction of Water Biodiversity and Fishing Resources appoints two themes: the deep sea fishing and climate change in coastal and offshore zones that affect biodiversity (such as the rise in the sea level, bleaching of coral reefs, climate change and its influence on coastal and offshore zones).
2. I inform that the theme of fishing in international deep waters has been taken into consideration in the General Assembly of the UN and in FAO, due to the impact that fishing activities have been causing on those vulnerable and unique ecosystems. The theme of climate change and effects on the marine environment has also been treated in FAO, among other international organizations, and calls the attention for the impacts they may cause on the oceanographic conditions and the related environmental services, despite our lack of knowledge on the intensity and probable characteristics of those changes.
3. I make myself available for any explanations that may be required.

Sincerely,

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Director