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OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES TO CONSERVATION MONITORING: INTEGRATING DATA FROM IN-SITU REPORTING AND GLOBAL DATA SETS TO MEASURE IMPACT AND PERFORMANCE

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary is circulating herewith, for the information of participants in the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, a paper on overcoming the challenges to conservation monitoring. The paper can be downloaded free of charge by pressing the "Download full text" button from: http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/7HPvDg3qrc58uQpscfTx/full.

2. The paper, produced by authors from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), TRAFFIC, United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Center the (UNEP-WCMC) and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), summarizes efforts made by the conservation organization WWF to integrate ten indicators of relevance to CBD Parties into its global monitoring system and to use global data sets and data from field programmes to determine progress against multi-level (national to global) conservation goals. It provides examples of how WWF used data and the relative strengths and weaknesses of different indicators. It also underlines the need to enhance data sharing and national capacity-building.