



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

Ref.: SCBD/STTM/IC/va

12 September 2000

Dear Madam / Sir,

Further to my letter of 19 April 2000 and pursuant to decision IV/1/D on the Global Taxonomy Initiative of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in which I invited your Government to submit any reviews or studies on specific taxonomic needs that have been identified in your country, as well as any information on national taxonomic needs assessments, I wish to reiterate the importance for the Secretariat to receive the information requested in our earlier correspondence.

Also, in order to facilitate the request of the COP whereby the Executive Secretary should coordinate a global directory of taxonomic expertise, it would be useful if you could inform the Secretariat of any relevant registers of taxonomic expertise and biological collections in your country. I would also kindly request you to fill out the attached questionnaire, as soon as possible but no later than **6 October 2000**, in order that the Secretariat can compile a global summary on the status of taxonomic expertise, collections and needs assessments for inclusion in the pre-session documents for the 6th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA).

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

Yours sincerely,

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GTI Questionnaire

National Taxonomic Needs Assessments

1. Have any taxonomic needs assessments been undertaken in your country at the national or regional level?

Yes / No / Unknown

2. What date was the assessment taken out, and is it considered current?

Not Applicable / Yes, still current / No, requires revision

Date (where applicable):

If Yes, is it available electronically?

Yes / No

3. Have any specific taxonomic needs been identified for your country?

Yes / No / Unknown

If Yes, are they available electronically?

Yes / No

Registers of taxonomists, their areas of expertise and collections

4. Is there a register of practising taxonomists in your country?

Yes / No / Unknown

If Yes, is it available electronically?

Yes / No

5. Does your register of taxonomists contain information on areas of expertise?

Not Applicable / Yes / No /

If Yes, is it available electronically?

Yes / No

6. Is there a description of taxonomic collections in your country?

Yes / No / Incomplete / Unknown

If Yes, is it available electronically?

Yes / No

Once completed, please transmit this questionnaire to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience, by email, facsimile or email, to the attention of Mr Ian Cresswell.

