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**NOTIFICATION**

**Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use**  
**Maputo, Mozambique 24 – 27 September 2001**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to decision V/24, paragraph 5 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP), in which the COP:

*“Invites Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake appropriate actions to assist other Parties, especially developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to increase their capacity to implement sustainable-use practices, programmes and policies at regional, national and local levels, especially in pursuit of poverty alleviation. Appropriate actions may include: (a) Workshops...;”*

In this context the Executive Secretary in close collaboration with the Government of The Netherlands, is organizing three regional workshops on the issue of sustainable use of biodiversity, including in particular timber, bushmeat, non wood forest products (NWFP), game (hunting), capture fisheries and others. The purpose of the workshops is to identify elements for guidelines for the sustainable use of biodiversity based on case studies and other experience. The results of the workshop will be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its seventh meeting and this issue could then be used in consideration for further development before submission to COP 6, SBSTTA 8 and 9 up to COP 7.

It is anticipated that the first workshop in the African region Mozambique will result in a number of insights, admittedly based on the sustainable use of terrestrial and dryland resources. These will be further developed in the second workshop in the Asian (Vietnam) region, which will focus on forest resources, including timber and non wood forest products (NWFP's). To ensure continuity from the first to the second workshop a number of participants from the first workshop will also be invited to attend the second workshop. In the second workshop in Asia the concepts will be further developed so as to ensure a general applicability. The integrated results will then be developed in a final third workshop in South America (Ecuador), and again, a number of participants of the second workshop will carry over the accumulated experience and insights to the third workshop. The final workshop will focus mainly on wild living aquatic resources, including marine and freshwater fisheries.

