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NOTIFICATION

**Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, Quito, Ecuador,
18 – 21 February 2002**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in close collaboration with the Government of The Netherlands, is organizing a third regional workshop on the issue of sustainable use of biodiversity, with a focus on marine and freshwater capture fisheries.

A series of three workshops on the sustainable use of biodiversity are being organized pursuant to decision V/24, paragraph 5 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP), which invited Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake appropriate action to assist other Parties to increase their capacity for the implementation of sustainable-use practices, programme and policies, through, *inter alia*, the organization of workshops. The main purpose of these workshops is to develop practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biodiversity and its components based on case studies and other experiences for submission to COP 6, and in-depth consideration of sustainable use at the next SBSTTA meeting.

The first workshop was held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2001 and focused on sustainable use of dryland resources. It produced a set of guiding principles. These will be further developed in the second workshop to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 9 to 12 January 2001, with a focus on forest resources, including timber and non-timber forest resources (NTFRs). To ensure continuity from the first two workshops a few participants from the previous meetings will also be invited to attend the third workshop. Participants from the first and second workshops will carry over the accumulated experience and knowledge to the third workshop. Pending the necessary funding, SBSTTA 7 recommended a final fourth workshop to synthesize the conclusions of these three regional workshops into practical principles and operational guidance.

The agenda and annotated agenda of this third Regional Workshop are attached to this notification. Other meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts in due course.

To: CBD National Focal Points in South America

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I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **18 January 2002**, an expert who can participate in the third workshop. Nominations should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise in accordance with the following selection criteria:

- In-depth knowledge of marine and freshwater fisheries issues;
- Sustainable use of biological resources (plants, animals and microorganisms);
- Traditional knowledge relating to the uses of marine and freshwater resources;
- Sustainable fisheries management;
- Community-base management;
- Valuation of marine and freshwater biodiversity;
- Freshwater and marine related knowledge in social sciences and economics.

The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary



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**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE
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Third meeting
Quito, Ecuador
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Feedback from the first and second regional workshops on sustainable use of biological diversity held in Maputo, Mozambique and Hanoi, Vietnam.
4. Presentation of case studies from the region.
5. Axioms and guidelines on sustainable use, with focus on marine and freshwater capture fisheries.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting



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ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Workshop on Biological Diversity and Sustainable Use is being held in accordance with Decision V/24 of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity on biological diversity and sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue.
2. In paragraph 5 of decision V/24 adopted at its fifth session, in May 2000, the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia* :

“Invite[d] 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;”
3. The purpose of the workshops is to develop practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biodiversity. This workshop, convened by the Executive Secretary with the support of the Government of The Netherlands, is the third and will highlight elements related to the sustainable use of marine and freshwater capture fisheries.
4. Participants in the workshop will be selected among government-designated experts in South America with a balanced regional distribution. Additional participants representing the other UN regions were selected among those experts who participated in the previous meetings held in Maputo, Mozambique and Hanoi, Vietnam. Also representatives of competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as stakeholders will be invited to participate as observers.
5. A list of the documents for the meeting is provided in Annex I.
6. The Secretariat has distributed an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 18 February 2002. The representative of the host country and the Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of Officers

8. Participants will be invited to elect the Chair and Rapporteur for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. The Workshop may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed in document UNEP/CBD/WG-Sustainable Use/3/1 which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of decision V/24.

2.3. Organization of work

10. The language of the meeting will be English.

11. The Workshop may wish to carry out its work in plenary and establish working groups as required. A suggested structured timetable for the workshop and allocation of work between the two working groups are provided in Annex II.

ITEM 3. ELEMENTS FOR GUIDELINES ON SUSTAINABLE USE, WITH FOCUS ON MARINE AND FRESHWATER CAPTURE FISHERIES

12. In addressing the main substantive item, participants may wish to bear in mind that in this workshop the focus on the elements of the guidelines will be mainly on marine and freshwater capture fisheries. However, experiences from the other thematic areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be taken into account.

13. The first regional workshop, held in Mozambique in September 2001, addressed sustainable use of terrestrial, dryland resources and game utilization. The report of that workshop is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/9. The second regional workshop, to be held in Vietnam in January 2002, will address sustainable use of forest biodiversity, including timber and non-timber forest resources (NTFR). The Subsidiary Body of Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its seventh session in November 2001 has recommended the organization of an additional meeting to synthesize the conclusions of these three regional workshops.

14. The output of the first regional workshop has been reported to SBSTTA 7; the results of the second and third workshops will be reported to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session in April 2002.

15. The main purpose of the guidelines is to assist Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, public authorities and stakeholders at all levels, including policy- and decision-makers in various government ministries at the national or local level, managers in different economic sectors dealing with biodiversity or its components, the private sector, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations and other organizations, in their implementation of Article 10 of the Convention, in the framework of sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

16. As part of the elements of the guidelines, the workshop may also wish to make recommendations concerning the implementation of the guidelines, including public education and awareness raising activities, and monitoring of compliance, and follow-up activities contributing to their implementation. In

addition, the workshop may consider making recommendations on activities for consideration by SBSTTA 9.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

17. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other matters related to the subject-matter of the Workshop.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18. The Group will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Rapporteur.

19. The final report of the Workshop is expected to be presented by the Chair of the meeting for the consideration of the COP at its sixth meeting.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

20. The meeting will be closed at 13.00 p.m. on Thursday 21 February 2002.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SECOND REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/9 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/information/sbstta-07-inf-09-en.doc	Sustainable use: Progress on development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments. Report of the Maputo Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, 24-27 September 2001
COP Decision V/24 http://intranet.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&m=cop-05&d=24	Sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/13 http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-05/official/sbstta-05-13-en.doc	Sustainable use of the components of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/Inf. 1	List of Participants

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE THIRD REGIONAL WORKSHOP
ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

	Plenary	Working Group 1	Working Group 2
Monday 18 February 2002			
09:30-11:00	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organization of work Item 3. Feedback from the first and second regional workshops in Maputo, Mozambique and Hanoi, Vietnam		
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-13:00	Item 4. Presentation of case studies from the region		
14:30-16:30	Item 4. Presentation of case studies from the region (Cont'd)		
16:30-17:00	Break		
17:00-18:00	Item 5. Axioms and guidelines on sustainable use, with focus on marine and freshwater capture fisheries		
Tuesday 19 February 2002			
09:00-11:00		Axioms	Guidelines
11:00-11:30		Break	Break
11:30-13:00		Axioms	Guidelines

	Plenary	Working Group 1	Working Group 2
Tuesday 19 February 2002 (Cont'd)			
14:30-16:30		Axioms	Guidelines
16:30-17:00		Break	Break
17:00-18:00	Plenary		
Wednesday 20 February 2002			
09:00-11:00		Axioms	Guidelines
11:00-11:30		Break	Break
11:30-13:00		Axioms	Guidelines
14:30-16:30		Axioms	Guidelines
16:30-17:00		Break	Break
17:00-18:00	Plenary		
Thursday 21 February 2002			
09:00-11:00	Item 6. Other matters		
11:00-11:30	Break		
11:30-13:00	Item 7. Adoption of the report Item 8. Closure of the meeting		
