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NOTIFICATION

**Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use,
Manta, Ecuador, 18 to 21 February 2002**

Pursuant to decision V/24 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Secretariat of the Convention has organized three regional workshops on the sustainable use of biodiversity. The purpose of the workshops is to assemble, drawing from case studies and experiences, practical principles, operational guidelines and associated instruments, and guidance to specific sectors and biomes, which would assist Parties and Governments to develop ways to achieve the sustainable use of biological diversity, within the framework of the ecosystem approach.

The first workshop was held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2001 and focused on sustainable use of dryland resources. It produced a set of axioms and guiding principles. The second regional workshop, held in Hanoi, Vietnam in January 2002 focused on forest biological diversity, including timber and non-timber resources. It resulted in the Hanoi guiding principles on sustainable use of biological diversity. The results of all workshops will be reported to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in April 2002 in the Hague, and to a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

With the financial support of the Government of the Netherlands, and at the kind invitation of the Government of Ecuador, the third regional workshop will take place from 18 to 21 February 2002 in Manta, Ecuador and will focus on marine and freshwater fisheries. The workshop will bring together approximately 25 technical experts from all regions of the world with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean.

The list of invited experts and organisations for the Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use is provided in Annex I; the provisional list of documents is provided in annex II. All the documents can be found on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity at www.biodiv.org, under "Third Regional Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, Manta, Ecuador, 18-21 February 2002".

Sincerely yours,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary



Annex I

Experts for the Third Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use**Latin America and Caribbean**

Mr. Mr. Philmore A. James (Antigua & Barbuda)
Mr. Prof. Jorge Rabinovich (Argentina)
Mr. Prof. Francisco Gerardo (Bolivia)
Mr. Edison Deleveaux (Bahamas)
Dr. Moreno (Chile)
Dr. Hernando Zambrano (Colombia)
Msc. Mauricio Vargas Barguero (Costa Rica)
Mr. Servando V. Valle Gómez (Cuba)
Mr. Jorge Alberto Ruiz Ordoñez (Guatemala)
Mr. Andrea Donaldson (Jamaica)
Ms. Mary Belle Cruz Ayala (Mexico)
Mr. Scott Augustine Muller (Panama)
Ms. Carmen Yamashiro Guinoza (Peru)
Mr. Victor Canton (Uruguay)
Dr. Sergio Garcia Castro (Venezuela)

Africa

Ms. Nancy Kgengwenyane (Botswana)
Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana)

Asia

Mr. Liu Can (China)
Ms Viet Hong Pham Dinh (Vietnam)

Central and Eastern Europe

Dr. Vassily A Spiridonov (Russian Federation)

Western Europe and Other Groups

Mr. Olle Hagstroem (European Commission)

Indigenous and Local Communities

Ms. Raquel Rutilia (Sigüenza Pineda) de Micheo (Guatemala)

Mr. Onel Arias Masardule (Panama)

Academics

Dr. David Pauly (Canada)

Dr. Idys Solorzano (Venezuela)

Observers from the following organizations were invited:

Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)

Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), such as International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (CIMMYT), Centro Internacional de la Papa (CIP)

Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA)

CARICOM Fisheries Unit (CFU)

Convention on wetlands (Ramsar)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Global Environment Facility of the World Bank Group (GEF)

Greenpeace International

Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura (IICA)

INbio, the National Biodiversity Institute of Costa Rica

IUCN The World Conservation Union

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

Joint Technical Commission for the Argentina/Uruguay Maritime Front (CTMFM)

North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

Regional Fisheries Organizations

Secretariat of the CITES Convention

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Annex II

UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/1/Rev.1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/INF/1	List of participants
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/2	Framework for the development of elements of guidelines for sustainable use of biological diversity as a cross-cutting issue.
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/3/3	Responsible fisheries in the marine ecosystem
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/2/3	Report of the Second Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, Hanoi, 9-12 January 2002
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/9	Report of the Maputo Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, 24-27 September 2001
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12	Indicators and environmental impact assessment: development of national-level monitoring programmes and indicators
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/13	Sustainable use of the components of biological diversity
COP decision V/6	Ecosystem approach
COP decision V/24	Sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue
COP Decision IV/4	Status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and options for conservation and sustainable use
COP decision IV/5	Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal ecosystems, including a programme of work