



CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

SECRETARIAT

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NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir:

Subject: Call for nomination of government experts to attend the meeting on further elaboration and guidelines for implementation of the ecosystem approach

In its decision V/6, paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the Executive Secretary to collect, analyse, and compare identified case studies and lessons learned on the ecosystem approach (whose principles are stated in decision V/6, annex B), and to prepare a synthesis for presentation to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to the seventh meeting of COP. In addition, in its decision VI/22, paragraph 19(a), COP requested the Executive Secretary to carry out a comparative study to clarify the conceptual basis of the ecosystem approach in relation to the concept of sustainable forest management, with a view to improve—by taking an integrated approach—the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources.

To this end, I am conveying an expert meeting with financial support from The Netherlands, tentatively during the second week of July 2003, at a venue to be determined. The main objectives of the meeting are:

- (a) To critically review the analysis of case studies and lessons learned on the ecosystem approach prepared by the Executive Secretary;
- (b) To review and further elaborate--on the basis of case studies, lessons learned, and other relevant initiatives--the principles of the ecosystem approach in order to prepare operational guidelines for its implementation, in the context of CBD programmes of work, and work on cross-cutting issues.
- (c) To review the comparative study carried out by the Executive Secretary to clarify the conceptual basis of the ecosystem approach in relation to the concept of sustainable forest management.

You are hereby invited to submit the name of an expert from your country who may be called upon to serve in this expert meeting, together with a description of his/her expertise related to **natural resource management at the ecosystem level**. Once the nominations are received, the Executive Secretary will then select the experts with due consideration given to gender, geographical balance, and level of expertise. The language of the meeting will be English.

To: All CBD National Focal Points
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The nomination of experts should be sent to the Secretariat, by fax or electronic mail, no later than **30 April 2003**.

PLEASE SEND THE NAME OF YOUR NOMINATED EXPERT (ALONG WITH HER/HIS CV AND ANY OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION) TO:

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

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

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Executive Secretary