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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Verification of Biodiversity-related Project Database 2003**

In decision V/11, paragraph 1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary “to further develop a database on biodiversity-related funding information, and make it available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means of communications, as appropriate”. The Conference of the Parties, by decision VI/16, further requested the Executive Secretary “to explore possible cooperation with relevant institutions to address the need for centralizing information on biodiversity-related activities of funding institutions and other donors”, and “to promote coordination, coherence, and synergies in financing for biological diversity among donor Parties and Governments, bilateral, regional and multilateral funding institutions and development agencies in order to avoid duplication of work, identify gaps in activities, and identify necessary activities and funding.”

In response to these requests, the Secretariat has compiled biodiversity-related project information from national reports, communications from various funding institutions and development agencies, and websites of a number of donors, as well as from the Creditor Reporting System of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in an interactive database. The draft Biodiversity-related Project Database 2003 is now available for verification, correction and addition on the following website: <http://www.biodiv.org/financial/forums.aspx> under the heading [funded biodiversity projects and related information](#).

I hereby invite you to verify the project information contained in the draft Biodiversity-related Project Database 2003, and make necessary corrections and additions before the end of July 2003.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]  
Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and relevant funding institutions

