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NOTIFICATION

Ad hoc technical expert group meeting on Protected Areas Tjärnö, Sweden, 10–14 June 2003

At its fourth meeting, in decision IV/16, annex II, the Conference of the Parties selected protected areas as one of the three themes for in-depth consideration at its seventh meeting (COP-7), which will take place in March 2004. In order to facilitate the preparatory process for COP-7, the Executive Secretary developed a proposal containing specific activities and means for undertaking the work, including the establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) to provide key input into the process. The proposal, which is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/2, was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (decision VI/30), and included the terms of reference for the ad hoc technical expert group (this document is attached for your ease of reference).

Further to the notification dated 27 February 2003 inviting Parties to the Convention to nominate experts in the field of protected areas, the selection of experts was based on nominations by the Parties and organizations, as well as the roster of experts, taking into account their expertise and experience in the field of protected areas, geographical distribution and gender balance.

The list of invited experts and organizations for the *ad hoc* technical expert group on protected areas is provided in the Annex I; the provisional agenda is provided in Annex II.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Annex

**Selected experts for the ad hoc technical expert group on protected areas
Tjärnö, Sweden, 10–14 June 2003**

Africa

Mr. Paulo Julião Tomás, (Mozambique)
Mr. Samba Sarr (Senegal)
Ms. Betrita M. Loibooki (Tanzania)

Asia

Mr. Sahir bin Othman, (Malaysia)
Ms. Tarita Holm (Palau)
Mr. Yousef Al Wetaid (Saudi Arabia)
Mr. G.V. Sarat Babu (India, resource person)

Latin America and Caribbean

Mr. David Gutierrez Carbonell, (Mexico)
Mr. Juan Pablo Contreras Rodriguez (Chile)
Ms. Sarah George, (St. Lucia)

Central and Eastern Europe

Mr. Michail Stishov, (Russia)
Mr. Yaroslav Movchan, (Ukraine)

WEOG

Mr. Jan Terstad, Sweden (host country)
Mr. Stephen J. Woodley, (Canada)
Mr. John Holmes, (United Kingdom)
Mr. Andrew Bignell, (New Zealand)
Ms. Carleen Weebers, (The Netherlands)

SBSTTA Bureau

Mr. Yaroslav Movchan, (Ukraine)

Indigenous

Mr. Alejandro Argumedo, (Peru)
Ms. Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, (Switzerland)

Observers from the following organizations were invited:

IUCN Secretariat and IUCN WCPA, UNESCO MAB, UNESCO World Heritage Center, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, World Resources Institute, World Wide Life Fund, United Nations Development Programme, The Nature Conservancy, Birdlife International, Convention on

Migratory Species, UNEP-WCMC, Swedish Scientific Council on Biological Diversity, South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), Regional Coordinating Unit, Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), United Nations University, Conservation International, Wildlife Conservation Society.