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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: New web-based tool to search SBSTTA recommendations

Pursuant to Article 17 and Article 18.3 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and in support of Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) programme of work, the Secretariat of the CBD developed a web-based tool to search, locate and retrieve information on SBSTTA recommendations.

Using this new electronic tool, information may be retrieved using a controlled subject search, keywords or words found in the title of a recommendation. It is also possible to search all SBSTTA meetings, multiple or single SBSTTA meetings.

In addition, the information contained in each SBSTTA recommendation has been coded in a manner to facilitate integration and harmonization with information held by other international organizations and convention secretariats.

The tool to search SBSTTA recommendations is available on the Convention's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/search.aspx>

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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