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**NOTIFICATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Subject: The CBD information centre online catalogue now available on the web**

Pursuant to Articles 13, 17 and 18.3 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and in support of work related to the CBD's programme areas and cross-cutting issues, the Secretariat is pleased to announce the launching of the online catalogue of the CBD information centre.

Composed of a unique and special collection of biodiversity-related monographs, serials, reports and audio-visual materials, the CBD Information Centre online catalogue offers researchers and stakeholders a wealth of information and knowledge. It also offers links to the full-text of a work should it be available electronically in the Secretariat or elsewhere.

In addition, the Secretariat, in its development of the online catalogue, adhered to commonly used cataloguing formats and information exchange protocols and standards with a view to facilitate its interoperability and sharing of data with other Conventions, organizations and research centres.

The online catalogue of the CBD information centre is available on the Convention's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/info-centre.asp>

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

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