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**NOTIFICATION**

**Review of documents on indicators for assessing progress towards  
and communicating the 2010 biodiversity target**

The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision VII/30 <http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-07&id=7767&lg=0> adopted a framework for evaluation of progress towards the target to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss. This framework includes the use and development of a number of indicators for the seven focal areas. Relevant information is available at <http://www.biodiv.org/2010-target/>. The COP requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the assistance of an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG), to review the use of the indicators adopted for immediate testing and to identify or develop indicators that require further development and to report on the results to the COP at its eighth meeting.

The Secretariat has prepared documents on each of the eight indicators adopted for immediate testing and set up a discussion forum to comment on these documents and to enable submissions on the indicators requiring further development. I invite you to participate in this discussion forum, which will serve to refine the documents and to prepare for the meeting of the AHTEG, which is tentatively scheduled from 19-22 October 2004, in Montreal. Please find attached to this notification the procedure for registering for the discussion forum. We would appreciate your comments and contributions to be posted before **5 September 2004**.

I look forward to receiving your response and thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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*Annex***Procedure for registering for the discussion forum on indicators for assessing progress towards and communicating the 2010 biodiversity target****1. To register and use the discussion forum for the first time:**

- please go to <https://www.biodiv.org/2010-target/indicatorstf.shtml>
- **Click on the link** that says: I received an invitation code and I want to Sign Up for a User Account. **DO NOT** attempt to sign in using your email address until you have finished your registration.
- **Complete all the required information fields.** Be certain to enter you email address correctly, as this is needed to validate your request. Click on Submit Request.
- **Enter your invitation code in the box provided.** The code is TSNQ-HKQB  
This code is case-sensitive, so enter it as it appears in this email.
- **Click on Continue.** You will now have access to the discussion boards.

**2. To use the discussion boards on subsequent visits (after you have already registered):**

- Please go to <https://www.biodiv.org/2010-target/indicatorstf.shtml>
- In the boxes at the bottom of the page, **please enter your email address and your password.** (Your temporary password was sent to your email account when you registered.) **Click on Sign In.**
- If you select "Remember me" your computer will remember your username and password and automatically sign you in on future occasions

**3. If you would like to change your pre-assigned password, go to:**

<https://www.biodiv.org/user/passwordchange.shtml?returnurl=/2010-target/forums/indicators.shtml> and enter your old password and the new one of your choosing.

**4. If you have forgotten your password, go to <https://www.biodiv.org/user/passwordreset.shtml> and enter the email-address you used to register. A new password will be sent to your email account.**