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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Publication of a Special Edition of the CBD News: Protected areas for achieving biodiversity targets

I am pleased to inform you of the publication of a special edition of the CBD News entitled: “*Protected areas for achieving biodiversity targets.*” The document is available on the CBD website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/news-pa-supplement-en.pdf>.

The publication includes contributions from a number of Parties to the CBD, from non-governmental and international organizations. The articles share recent developments on the status and trends of protected areas and plans and achievements towards the 2010 biodiversity target.

Thanks to the generous financial contribution of the Government of Italy, the publication is being distributed at the first meeting of the *ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, being held in Montecatini, Italy from 13 to 17 June 2005.

I trust you will find the publication interesting and useful, and welcome any suggestions or comments that you may have on this resource.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

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