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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

**Subject: REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK
ON PROTECTED AREAS**

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations and indigenous and local communities to contribute to the preparatory work on review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas in preparation for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, which will be held in Montreal, Canada from 5 to 9 December 2005

The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas was held in Montecatini, Italy from 13 to 17 June 2005. Its report is contained in document UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/6. In recommendation 1/ 4 on the "Review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas: consideration of the process for review", the Working Group agreed to review the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas at its second meeting. For this purpose the Working Group agreed to:

(a) develop **an evaluation matrix** taking note of the suggestions in annex II to this recommendation, which includes for each target of the programme of work, the criteria for assessing implementation, the information needed to assess implementation, possible sources of information and the description of progress and main obstacles, for consideration by its second meeting (paragraph 2 of the recommendation 1/4). For this purpose, the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary to collect the views of the Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities on the proposed content of the evaluation matrix for further consideration by its second meeting (paragraph 8(b) of the recommendation 1/4).

(b) develop **a schedule describing elements of the programme of work to be reviewed at the eighth, ninth and tenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties** as contained in annex III to this recommendation and further refined based upon inputs received from Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities (paragraph 3 of the recommendation 1/4). For this purpose the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary to issue an additional notification to Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities seeking views on the main elements to be reviewed at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 8(b) of the recommendation 1/4).

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and indigenous and local communities

(c) review the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas at its second meeting (paragraph 5 of the recommendation 1/4). The Working Group invited Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities to contribute **information needed for the review of implementation** in accordance with the schedule referred to in paragraph 3 of the recommendation. The main elements to be reviewed at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, contained in annex III of the recommendation, are reproduced in Appendix 2 of this notification. These elements, presented in a questionnaire format in Appendix 3 to this notification, include activities of the programme of work to be completed by 2006 and a few additional activities to be initiated early that the working group decided to review in 2006.

Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities are invited to submit to the Executive Secretary **as soon as possible and no later than 15 August 2005** the following:

(a) written comments on the proposed content of the evaluation matrix contained in annex II of the recommendation, and reproduced in Appendix 1 of this notification;

(b) written comments on the main elements of the programme of work on protected areas to be reviewed at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, contained in annex III of the recommendation, reproduced in Appendix 2 of this notification; and

(c) information needed for the review of implementation of a number of activities by replying to the questions contained in Appendix 3 of this notification. This information should include a description of activities that have been implemented and the degree of implementation; activities that remains to be implemented; and obstacles encountered during implementation.

An adequate and useful review of the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas is possible only if the Secretariat receives information from all stakeholders in a timely manner.

Please accept, Madam / Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Secretary

Appendix 1

Goal, Target		Deadline	Assessment criteria and key evaluation questions	Description of progress and main obstacles	Information Sources
Number	Description				
1.1	Establishment and maintenance by 2010 ...	2010 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National (regional) definition of each of the terms comprehensive, ecologically representative and effectively managed developed. • National (regional) gap analysis undertaken by 2006 (activity 1.1.5) • National (regional) plan (map) for a comprehensive and effectively managed protected area network established (identification) by 2006. • National (regional) progress report on designation (inc. map) by 2008 • Mechanisms for assessing management effectiveness established by 2010 		National reports, UNEP-WCMC, IUCN WCPA, regional organizations, ...
1.2	Integration into the wider landscape and other sectors, connectivity	2015	Measures taken on, and progress made towards integration into the wider landscape, connectivity and integration with other sectors		National reports
1.3	Establish and strengthen regional networks and transboundary protected areas	2010/12	Measures taken for the establishment of regional networks and transboundary protected areas. Number or % of protected areas which are integrated into a regional network. Number and location of transboundary protected areas.		National reports, regional organizations
1.4	Effective management of all protected areas.	2008	See goal 1.1		National reports
1.5	Prevent and mitigate key threats	2008	Effective mechanisms to identify and prevent key threats in place (prerequisite to achieve effective management – see goal 1.1)		National reports
2.1	Promote equity and benefit sharing	2008	Mechanisms for equitable sharing of both costs and benefits arising from the establishment of PAs		National reports, reports from NGOs and IPOs
2.2	Enhance and secure involvement of ind people, local communities and relevant stakeholders	2008	Enabling environment (legislation, policies, capacities, resources, governance types, tools) developed ensuring participation and PIC of indigenous people. Plans and initiatives developed for participation in decision making in the identification, designation and management phases of the protected-area network – level of participation achieved.		National reports, reports from NGOs and IPOs and other relevant stakeholders

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3.1	Review and revise policies to provide an enabling environment for PAs	2008	Main impediments (see activities under this goal) to effective establishment and management of protected areas (by 2006) identified. Measures taken to overcome these impediments.		National reports
3.2	Capacity for the planning, establishment and management of PAs	2010	Comprehensive capacity building programmes implemented		National reports
3.3	Technology transfer	2010	Appropriate technologies and innovative approaches for the effective management of protected areas developed, validated and transferred.		National reports
3.4	Financial sustainability	2008	Amount of financial needs identified (2005). Sustainable financing plans established. Amount of funding provided by public and private donors to protected areas. Level of integration of protected-area financing strategies into poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSPs) and national sustainable development strategies (NSDSs). Compilation of studies on value of ecosystem services provided by specific protected areas published.		National reports, ES, international organizations, GEF, World Bank,...
3.5	CEPA	2008	Measures taken to increase public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the importance of protected areas. Strategies and programmes elaborated.		National reports
4.1	Minimum Standards and best practices	2008	National (regional) standards, criteria, and best practices for the selecting, establishing, managing and governance of protected areas developed and communicated to the Secretariat.		National reports, IUCN, ...
4.2	Effectiveness of PA management	2010	Methods, standards, criteria and indicators for evaluating management effectiveness of protected areas adopted (2006). Frameworks for monitoring, evaluation and reporting protected-area management effectiveness at site, national and regional system level implemented. Percentage of each country protected areas evaluated.		National reports, NGO,...
4.3	Assessment and monitoring PA status and trends	2010	Systems for enabling effective monitoring of protected area coverage, status and trends at national, regional and global scales established. Data on protected-area coverage, status and trends communicated to UNEP-WCMC In List. Harmonized reporting system (WHC, Ramsar, CBD, UNEP-WCMC,...) on protected areas established.		National reports, UNEP-WCMC, NGOs...

Appendix 2

SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS AT THE EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

COP8	<p>Activities to be completed by 2006: 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3 (related to inland water ecosystems), 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.2.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.5, 1.5.5, 2.1.2 (related to the promotion of different governance types), 2.2.1, 2.2.2 (related to participatory planning mechanisms), 2.2.3, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2 (related to the establishment of effective mechanisms), 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 4.2.1 and 4.3.3</p>
COP9	<p>Activities to be completed by 2008: 1.1.3 (related to marine and coastal ecosystems), 1.2.2, 1.5.1, 1.5.6, 2.1.1, 2.1.2 (related to the recognition of community-conservation areas), 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.6, 2.2.2 (related to programmes for indigenous and local communities), 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.1.6, 3.1.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.6, 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.3.2</p>
COP10	<p>Activities to be completed by 2009: 1.1.6 (related to designation of new protected areas), 1.4.1, 1.2.3, 1.4.3, 1.5.3, 1.5.4, 3.1.1 and 4.1.3</p> <p>Activities to be completed by 2010: 1.1.6 (related to the complete establishment of new PAs), 1.1.7, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.3.4, 1.4.3, 1.4.4, 1.5.2, 3.2.2 (related to the implementation of comprehensive capacity-building programmes), 3.2.3, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.3.4, 3.3.5, 3.5.4, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.3.1, 4.3.2 (related to, 4.3.3, 4.3.4 and 4.3.5</p>

Appendix 3

Review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas

1.Has your country/ organization established suitable time bound and measurable national-level protected areas targets and indicators? (activity 1.1.1 and 1.4.2)	
a) No (please specify reasons)	
b) No, but relevant work is under way	
c) Yes, some targets and indicators established (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive targets and indicators established (please provide details below)	
Further comments on targets and indicators for protected areas.	

2.Has your country/ organization taken action to establish or expand protected areas in any large or relatively unfragmented natural area or areas under high threat, including securing threatened species? (activity 1.1.2)	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant programmes are under development	
c) Yes, limited actions taken (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, significant actions taken (please provide details below)	
Further comments on actions taken to establish or expand protected areas.	

3.Has your country/ organization taken any action to address the under representation of inland water ecosystems in the existing national or regional systems of protected areas? (activity 1.1.3)	
a) No	
b) Not applicable	
c) No, but relevant actions are being considered	
d) Yes, limited actions taken (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, significant actions taken (please provide details below)	

Further comments on actions taken to address the under representation of marine and inland water ecosystems in the existing national or regional systems of protected areas.

4.Has your country/ organization with effective participation of local and indigenous communities and other stakeholders, conducted review of existing and potential forms of conservation and their suitability for achieving biodiversity conservation goals? (activity 1.1.4)

a) No	
b) No, but relevant actions are being considered	
c) Yes, limited actions taken (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, significant actions taken (please provide details below)	

Further comments on actions taken.

5.Has your country/ organization completed protected area system gap analysis at national and regional levels taking into account Annex 1 of the CBD and other criteria? (activity 1.1.5)

e) No	
f) No, but relevant actions are being considered	
g) Yes, limited actions taken (please provide details below)	
h) Yes, significant actions taken (please provide details below)	

Further comments on actions taken.

6.Has your country/ organization identified and implemented practical steps for improving the integration of protected areas into broader land and seascapes, including policy, planning and other measures? (activity 1.2.1)

a) No	
b) No, but some programmes are under development	
c) Yes, some steps identified and implemented (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, many steps identified and implemented (please provide details below)	

Further comments on practical steps for improving integration of protected areas into broader land and seascapes, including policy, planning and other measures.

7. Has your country/ organization taken steps to integrate climate change adaptation measures in protected area planning, management strategies, and in design of protected area systems (activity 1.4.5)?	
a) No	
b) No, but some programmes are under development	
c) Yes, some steps identified and implemented (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, many steps identified and implemented (please provide details below)	
Further comments on actions taken.	

8. Is your country/ organization assessed key threats to protected areas? (activity 1.5.5)	
a) No	
b) No some programmes are under development	
c) Yes, (please provide details below)	
Further comments.	

9. Has your country/ organization recognized a broad set of protected area governance types? (activity 2.1.2)	
a) No	
b) No some programmes are under development	
c) Yes, (please provide details below)	
Further comments.	

10. Has your country/ organization initiated specific measures related to participatory planning mechanisms for protected areas involving all stakeholders including indigenous and local	
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communities? (activities 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 2.2.3)	
a) No	
b) No some programmes are under development	
d) Yes, (please provide details below)	
Further comments.	

11.Has your country / organization identified legislative and institutional gaps and barriers that impede effective establishment and management of protected areas? (activity 3.1.1)	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant work is under way	
c) Yes, some gaps and barriers identified (please provide details below))	
d) Yes, many gaps and barriers identified (please provide details below)	
Further comments on identification of legislative and institutional gaps and barriers that impede effective establishment and management of protected areas.	

12.Has your country/ organization undertaken national protected-area capacity needs assessments and established capacity building programmes? (activity 3.2.1)	
a) No	
b) No, but assessments are under way	
c) Yes, a basic assessment undertaken and some programmes established (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, a thorough assessment undertaken and comprehensive programmes established (please provide details below)	
Further comments on protected-area capacity needs assessment and establishment of capacity building programmes.	

13. Is your country/ organization initiated establishing country-level sustainable financing plans that support national systems of protected areas? (activity 3.4.2)	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant plan is under development	
c) Yes, relevant plan is in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, relevant plan is being implemented (please provide details below)	
Further comments on implementation of country-level sustainable financing plans that support national systems of protected areas.	

14. Is your country/ organization initiated actions to establish or strength strategies and programmes of education and public awareness relevant to protected areas? (activities 3.5.1 and 3.5.2)	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant programmes are under development	
c) Yes, relevant programmes are in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on implementation of country-level sustainable financing plans that support national systems of protected areas.	

15. Is your country/ organization implementing appropriate methods, standards, criteria and indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of protected areas management and governance? (activity 4.2.1)	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant methods, standards, criteria and indicators are under development	
c) Yes, some national methods, standards, criteria and indicators developed and in use (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, some national methods, standards, criteria and indicators developed and in use and some international methods, standards, criteria and indicators in use (please provide details below)	
Further comments on methods, standards, criteria and indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of protected areas management and governance.	

