



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Further development of tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations and indigenous and local communities to contribute to further development of tool kits for protected areas, in accordance with recommendation 1/3 of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, held in Montecatini, Italy from 13 to 17 June 2005.

In this recommendation, the Working Group invited the Executive Secretary to update the list of tool kits on protected areas by including the suggested amendments and additions presented during its first meeting. In this regard, the Group also requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia* for the following:

- (a) to request Parties, other Governments, other conventions, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, indigenous and local communities and others to submit additional information in order to improve the list of tool kits, including in languages other than English (paragraph 2 (b) of recommendation 1/3);
- (b) to enhance the list with information on validation and application of available tool kits based on practical experiences and to explore ways and means of monitoring their use in order to identify how the instruments in the tool kits have been tested and how successful each has been, by *inter alia*, seeking case studies and other inputs (paragraph 2 (e) of recommendation 1/3).

Accordingly, 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 10 September 2005** the following:

- (a) additional information on available tool kits for protected areas as per the table contained in Annex 1 to this notification;
- (b) case studies and related information on validation and application of available tool kits as per the format contained in Annex 2 to this notification.

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

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To: CBD National Focal Points, other Governments and relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities.



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Annex I

List of available tool kits for protected areas

Name of the Country/ organization:

Serial N°	Description of tool kit	Topic ¹ / Sub-topic ² pertaining to protected areas	Source, reference and web site	Language	Relevance to activities of the programme of work

¹ Indicative Topics: Identification; designation; management; monitoring and evaluation; establishment of ecological networks; development of ecological corridors; development of buffer zones; participation of indigenous and local communities; stakeholder involvement; access to information; benefit sharing;

² Indicative sub-topics: protected area design; identification of landscape/ seascape mosaic; assessment of biological values of protected areas; Assessment of other values of and threats to potential / existing protected areas; Ecosystem assessment; Completion of legal establishment of protected areas; Negotiation and agreement with stakeholders about protected areas, buffer zones and participatory approaches; Agreement on management objectives of protected areas (on IUCN category); Development of management plans and annual work plans; development of business plans; implementation of capacity building for staff; management interventions to maintain biodiversity and ecological integrity (e.g. by establishing ecological networks, ecological corridors); management interventions to maintain other values including cultural values through involvement of indigenous and local communities; sustainable management options in Category V and VI protected areas and buffer zones; restoration initiatives as needed to increase value of protected areas; restoration initiatives as needed to increase value of protected areas; outreach to the public; management of uses (e.g. recreational, scientific, and other uses) in protected areas; monitoring and evaluation of protected areas; adaptive management of protected areas as necessary.

Annex II

Format for the submission of case studies and related information on validation and application of available tool kits

Name of the tool kit:

Geographical location:

Name and type of agency (governmental, UN body, intergovernmental, non-governmental, indigenous and local communities):

Type of biomes /ecosystem covered

Topical and sub-topical coverage pertain to protected areas:

Stakeholders involved:

Practical experiences with using the tool kit:

Utility / validation of the tool kit vis-à-vis achieving the targets of the programme of work:

Ways and means of monitoring its use:

Other inputs: