



Achieving the
2010
Biodiversity
Target

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Decision VIII/5G on Article 8(j) and related provisions: Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In decision VIII/5G, paragraph 1, on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, the Conference of the Parties considered that a more structured technical process was required to guide further work in the ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions on further development of a limited number of meaningful and practical indicators for assessing the status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target.

In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, Governments and other relevant organizations, in consultation with indigenous and local communities, to provide to the Executive Secretary information on activities pertaining to the development and application of indicators for assessing the status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, including on the testing of prototypes and pilot projects, through existing reporting mechanisms.

The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to compile this information and make it available through the clearing-house mechanism and, as appropriate, to the technical process referred to in paragraph 1 above.

In light of the above, Parties and governments are invited to provide information on activities pertaining to the development and application of indicators, as indicated above, as soon as practicable but no later than **30 October 2006**.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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