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NOTIFICATION

Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, from 11 to 15 February 2008, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WG-PA/2) will be held from 11 to 15 February 2008 at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), located at Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, in Rome, Italy. You will find attached the provisional agenda of the meeting, as approved by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-8) in annex to its Decision VIII/24. The annotated provisional agenda and the Information Note for Participants are available at the CBD website at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WGPA-02>.

Designation of representatives to attend the meeting should be submitted through official letters to be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the CBD Secretariat and sent, preferably through diplomatic channels, by fax (+1 514-288-6588) or as scanned email attachments addressed to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but **no later than 28 January 2008**. Without an official notification from representatives of contracting Parties nominated to attend the meeting, indicating the names, titles and contacts of delegates and including the head of the delegation, registration will not be possible.

Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat will finance the participation of **one representative** from eligible Parties who are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but **no later than 31 December 2007**, of the name and coordinates of the Government's officially designated representative to benefit from such financial support. It will not be possible for the Secretariat to respond positively to request for funding received after the deadline.

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

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Executive Secretary

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AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS

Second meeting
Rome, Italy 11 - 15 February 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Substantive issues:
 - 3.1. Review of implementation of the programme of work:
 - 3.1.1. Assessment of progress made in implementation;
 - 3.1.2. Obstacles encountered during the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and ways and means to overcome them;
 - 3.1.3. Progress report by the Secretariat on refinement and consolidation of scientific criteria for the identification of marine areas in need of protection and on compilation of biogeographical and other ecological classification system;
 - 3.2. Exploration options for mobilizing, as a matter of urgency, through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work:
 - 3.2.1. Consideration of financial needs assessments;
 - 3.2.2. Options on innovative financing mechanisms;
 - 3.2.3. Options on innovative mechanisms to develop public/private partnerships;
 - 3.2.4. Coordination of technical and financial support to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.