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## NOTIFICATION

### Voluntary report on implementation of the Programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties and relevant organizations to provide information on (i) status and trends of, and threats to, marine and coastal biological diversity; and (ii) progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fourteenth meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held in May/June 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

In paragraph 9 of decision VIII/14, the Conference of the Parties (COP) invited Parties to provide, on a voluntary basis, information for the in-depth review of thematic programmes included in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. In paragraph 9 of decision VIII/15, the COP endorsed the goals and global outcome-oriented targets integrated into the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, noting that they are intended as guidance to Parties in their implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In annex II of decision VIII/10, the COP decided to undertake the in-depth review of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity at its tenth meeting, following its consideration by SBSTTA-14, to be held prior to the tenth meeting of the COP.

Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit, on a voluntary basis, to the Executive Secretary, as soon as possible but **no later than 31 December 2008**, information on the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, including progress made towards achieving the goals, challenges, as well as obstacles and capacity-building needs. Parties and relevant organizations are also invited to provide information on the status and trends of, and threats to, marine and coastal biological diversity. Information may be presented in any format and submitted preferably electronically. Appended herewith is guidance for the submission of the information, for your reference.

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

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Executive Secretary

### Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, relevant organizations



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## ANNEX

### **Guidance for the submission of information for the review of implementation of the Programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity**

1. In collecting and compiling relevant information for submission, refer to “Guidelines for the review of the programmes of work on the Convention”, as contained in annex III of decision VIII/15.
2. Table 1 below can be used, on a voluntary basis, as a summary framework for compiling relevant information. It would be useful if the relevant partners that have contributed to the implementation activities were specified, referring to the list of potential partners identified in the programme of work, as indicated in the table.
3. Provide case studies of good and bad practices, success and failure, and lessons learned from the implementation of the programme of work that can illustrate and provide insight on: (i) the contribution of the programme of work to Parties in implementing the Convention; (ii) the contribution of the programme of work in reducing the rate of biodiversity loss; and (iii) the effectiveness of the programme of work in the context of the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
4. Provide suggestions for modification of the existing programme of work, if necessary.
5. Provide information on the mobilization of the necessary financial resources, in particular those facilitated by the Convention Secretariat and other partners.

**Table 1.** Summary framework for collecting and compiling information for the review of implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (to be applied on a voluntary basis)

<b>Operational objectives of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (annex I of decision VII/5)</b>	<b>Partners identified in the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (annex I of decision VII/5)</b>	<b>Progress made in implementation</b>	<b>Barriers to implementation</b>	<b>Priorities for capacity-building to address the barriers</b>
<i>1.1:</i> To apply appropriate policy instruments and strategies, including building of capacity, for the effective implementation of IMCAM	Regional and international organizations			
<i>1.2:</i> To undertake direct action to protect the marine environment from negative impacts	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities			
<i>1.3:</i> To develop guidelines for ecosystem evaluation and assessment, paying attention to the need to identify and select indicators, including social and abiotic indicators that	Regional Seas conventions and action plans			

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distinguish between natural and human-induced effects.				
<b>2.1:</b> To promote ecosystem approaches to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal living resources, including the identification of key variables or interactions, for the purpose of assessing and monitoring, first, components of biological diversity; second, the sustainable use of such components; and, third, ecosystem effects.	FAO			
<b>2.2:</b> To make available to the Parties information on marine genetic resources in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction and, as appropriate, on coastal and marine genetic resources under national jurisdiction from publicly available information sources.	UNDOALOS, UNEP, IOC			
<b>2.3:</b> To gather and assimilate information on, build capacity to mitigate the effects of, and to promote policy development, implementation strategies and actions to address: (i) the biological and socio-economic consequences of physical degradation and destruction of key marine and coastal habitats including mangrove ecosystems, tropical and cold-water coral-reef ecosystems, seamount ecosystems and seagrass ecosystems including identification and promotion of management practices, methodologies and policies to reduce and mitigate impacts upon marine and coastal biological diversity and to restore mangrove forests and rehabilitate damaged coral reef; and in particular (ii) the impacts of mangrove forest	International Coral Reef Initiative and its partners, UNEP-RSP, IOC			

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destruction, coral bleaching and related mortality on coral-reef ecosystems and the human communities which depend upon coral-reef services, including through financial and technical assistance.				
<b>2.4:</b> To enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of marine living resources in areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction	United Nations General Assembly and other relevant international and regional organizations			
<b>3.1:</b> To establish and strengthen national and regional systems of marine and coastal protected areas integrated into a global network and as a contribution to globally agreed goals.	Regional and international organizations			
<b>3.2:</b> To enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction	UNDOALOS			
<b>3.3:</b> To achieve effective management of existing marine and coastal protected areas	Regional and international organizations			
<b>3.4:</b> To provide support for and facilitate monitoring of national and regional systems of marine and coastal protected areas	UNEP-WCMC			
<b>3.5:</b> To facilitate research and monitoring activities that reflect identified global knowledge gaps and priority information needs of management of marine and coastal protected areas.	Regional and international organizations, including research organizations			
<b>4.1:</b> To promote use of techniques, which minimize adverse impact of mariculture on marine and coastal biological diversity.	FAO			

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<b>5.1:</b> To achieve better understanding of the pathways and the causes of the introduction of alien species and the impact of such introductions on biological diversity.	IMO, Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)			
<b>5.2:</b> To put in place mechanisms to control all pathways, including shipping, trade and mariculture, for potential invasive alien species in the marine and coastal environment.	IMO, the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), FAO, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands			
<b>5.3:</b> To maintain an incident list on introductions of alien species				
<b>6.1:</b> To assemble a database of initiatives on programme elements through a cooperative approach with relevant organizations and bodies, with special emphasis on integrated marine and coastal areas management.				
<b>6.2:</b> To undertake effective collaboration, cooperation and harmonization of initiatives with relevant conventions, organizations and agencies while recognising their independent mandates.	Relevant conventions, organizations and agencies, coordinating units of Regional Seas conventions and action plans.			