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NOTIFICATION

Peer review of the draft report on the implementation of the Programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the peer review of the draft report on the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.

The Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) indicated, in annex I to decision VII/5, that the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity would be effective for a six-year time period (2004-2010) at which point its implementation would be reviewed in depth, and the programme of work revised, as necessary.

In the annex to decision VII/31, the COP decided to undertake the in-depth review of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity at its tenth meeting. The review will be undertaken in accordance with guidelines provided in annex III to decision VIII/15.

In order to facilitate this review, the CBD Secretariat, with kind support from the UNEP Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), has prepared a report based on compilation and synthesis of information submitted by Parties, other governments and organizations through national and voluntary reports, as well as from other appropriate sources. Upon the completion of the peer-review process and further revision, this report will be used for the preparation of a pre-session document on the in-depth review of progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity to be submitted to the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 14), scheduled for May 2010. The full final report will be submitted as an information document.

The draft report is accessible at <http://www.cbd.int/marine/doc/draft-report-imp-pow-marine-en.doc>. Please submit your comments and suggestions on the draft report to the CBD Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int) at your earliest convenience, but no later than **30 September 2009**.

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

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Executive Secretary

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