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**NOTIFICATION**  
**International Year of Biodiversity - 2010**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat has taken a number of measures to fulfil its role as the focal point for the observance of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in 2010. As part of this, I am pleased to inform you that the Implementation Strategy for the International Year of Biodiversity is now available in English on the Secretariat's website and can be downloaded at: <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/iyb-2010-strategy-final-en.pdf>. The remaining versions in the five official languages of the United Nations will be made available shortly.

As you will recall, in its decision 25/3, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme *Invites Governments and relevant organizations to plan and undertake appropriate activities to commemorate and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 spirit and to contribute to the success of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in 2010.*

With this in mind, the Implementation Strategy presents an ambitious vision to focus the world's attention on the importance of biodiversity for human well-being. I encourage all Parties and international stakeholders at the global, regional, national and local level to use the Implementation Strategy as they begin to plan for the International Year.

I will kindly invite you to keep the Secretariat informed of any activity that your organization intends to undertake to celebrate this important event, which will also coincide with the convening of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan, on 18-29 October 2010.

Mr. David Ainsworth is the designated focal point for IYB 2010 at the CBD Secretariat. He may be contacted at [david.ainsworth@cbd.int](mailto:david.ainsworth@cbd.int).

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

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