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## NOTIFICATION

### Peer review of the synthesis of Global Biodiversity Outlook 3

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a draft synthesis of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) has been prepared taking into account comments and suggestions from the peer-review of the extended version of the Outlook and the guidance from a scientific review panel as well as the Bureaux of SBSTTA and COP during their meetings in early November.

I invite you to participate in the peer review of this synthesis document accessible at: [www.cbd.int/gbo3review](http://www.cbd.int/gbo3review). This flagship report of the Convention provides an assessment of biodiversity in 2010, possible future trends and strategic actions for reducing biodiversity loss. It thereby provides the scientific underpinning for the new Strategic Plan of the Convention. The peer-review is **open until 31 December 2009**. When finalized, this short version of GBO-3 will be launched in all official UN languages on 10 May 2010 at the occasion of the opening of SBSTTA-14.

The SBSTTA Bureau, in its meeting on 6-7 November 2009, noted that only 15 Parties had so far participated in the peer review of the extended version and expressed concern about the limited geographical representation of the comments received. I therefore strongly encourage you to provide your comments and thank you in advance for your cooperation and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant organizations, scientists, indigenous and local communities and other relevant stakeholders