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## NOTIFICATION

### Oceans Day at Nagoya - 23 October 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to attend Oceans Day at Nagoya being held during the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) on 23 October 2010 at Shirotori Hall of the Nagoya Congress Centre.

Oceans Day at Nagoya aims to draw high-level policy attention to the need to address the major drivers of ocean and coastal biodiversity loss, take stock of progress (or lack thereof) in the achievement of global biodiversity targets and outline the next steps in the global oceans agenda. Oceans Day will feature presentations from high-level representatives from all sectors, including governments, international agencies, non-governmental organizations, science, and industry, organized into thematic panels focused on major topics in marine and coastal biodiversity to highlight ocean-related issues and to chart the course ahead for the future.

Oceans Day at Nagoya is co-organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, among other collaborators.

Please see the attached leaflet on Oceans Day at Nagoya and the provisional agenda for the meeting (Annex I).

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

#### Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, other governments, and relevant organizations

**The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, in association with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Global Environment Facility, and the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan, with funding support from the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea, France, and with the Collaborating Organizations noted below, announces:**

# **The Oceans Day at Nagoya**

**at the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,  
Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan (Shirotori Hall, Nagoya Congress Center Bldg. 4)  
October 23, 2010, 9:00AM-6:00PM**

## **Collaborating Organizations:**

UN-Oceans

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC),  
UNESCO

UNESCO's Division of Ecological Sciences

United Nations University

Government of Japan (Ministry of Environment, and  
Secretariat of the Headquarters for Ocean Policy)

Government of Canada (Department of Fisheries  
and Oceans)

Government of France (Directorate for Water and  
Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable  
Development and the Sea; Ministry of Foreign and European  
Affairs; and French Marine Protected Areas Agency)

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced  
Environment (GLOBE)

International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI)

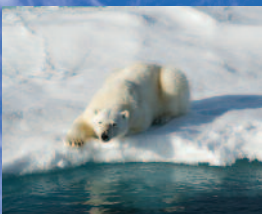
World Ocean Network (WON)

## **Background**

**T**he Oceans Day at Nagoya will draw high-level policy attention to the need to address the major drivers of ocean and coastal biodiversity loss, take stock of progress (or lack thereof) in the achievement of global biodiversity targets, and outline the next steps in the global oceans agenda. Oceans Day will feature presentations from high-level representatives from all sectors, including governments, international agencies, NGOs, science, and industry, organized into thematic panels focused around major topics in marine and coastal biodiversity.

Increasing scientific evidence is indicating the rapidly declining health of marine and coastal biodiversity. The main drivers of marine biodiversity loss are inherently difficult to control and are predicted to increase in the future, as 50% of the world's population is expected to live in coastal areas by 2015 and impacts due to climate change are likely to grow.

In recognition of this major problem, the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the Jakarta Mandate on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity in 1995, articulating a global consensus on the need to address the major threats to marine biodiversity. In 2002, the world's governments took bold steps in agreeing to a target to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 and to develop representative networks of marine protected areas (MPAs) by 2012.



As these deadlines approach and biodiversity targets remain unmet at the global scale, the global community must now reflect on why significant progress has not been made and craft the next steps to advance the marine biodiversity agenda. The Tenth Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP-10), in the context of the International Year of Biodiversity, provides a critical opportunity to reach high-level decisionmakers and foster support for a renewed global commitment to conserve marine biodiversity for present and future generations.

## **Vision for the Future**

The Oceans Day at Nagoya will reaffirm the Jakarta Mandate on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity, and will aim to provide the impetus for renewed ambitious, relevant and timely efforts to ensure that marine and coastal biodiversity is sustained and enhanced in the future. The Oceans Day at Nagoya will highlight the importance of scaling up efforts and improving the effectiveness of integrated marine and coastal area management (IMCAM) and networks of marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs), improving engagement of all ocean stakeholders in the conservation and sustainable enhancing the resilience of marine and coastal biodiversity to the impacts of climate change.

## **Related Oceans Events**

Oceans Day at Nagoya will lead off other oceans-focused events taking place at COP-10. The Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE), in collaboration with the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), will gather a core group of legislators to discuss GLOBE's Coral Reef Emergency Strategy on October 24, 2010. GLOBE is also co-organizing the official CBD Parliamentarians event on October 25 and 26, 2010. These events will also serve to raise the profile of marine biodiversity among parliamentarians and other high-level participants.

## **Topics to be Addressed at Oceans Day at Nagoya**

*Trends in Global Ocean Biodiversity*

*Assessment of the Implementation of the Jakarta Mandate*

*Improving Coordination of Monitoring, Reporting, and Information Exchange*

*Efforts Towards Valuation of Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*

*Mobilizing Private Sector Stewardship for Biodiversity*

*Mobilizing Public Support and Stewardship for Marine and Coastal Biodiversity*

*Incorporating Climate Change as a Central Element of Marine Biodiversity Protection*

*Government Policies in Marine Biodiversity Protection*

*Towards Establishing Networks of Marine Protected Areas*

*The Role of Parliamentarians and Ocean Legislation*

*Tools: Biogeographic Classification, Identification of Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas, and Environmental Impact Assessment*

*Protecting Biodiversity in SIDS and Safeguarding Coral Ecosystems*

*Establishing an Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*

## **Opportunities for Collaboration**

Organizations or individuals wishing to co-sponsor Oceans Day and/or organize a panel or presentation, should contact the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands (Dr. Biliiana Cicin-Sain, [bcs@udel.edu](mailto:bcs@udel.edu) or telephone +1-302-831-8086).



*Annex I*

**Oceans Day at Nagoya**  
**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

*Date: Saturday, 23 October 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*  
*Venue: Shirotori Hall, Nagoya Congress Centre, Building 4*

**Morning**

- Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- Session 1: Progress Made in Achieving Reduction of Biodiversity Loss and Establishing Networks of Marine Protected Areas
- Session 2: Towards an Integrated, Ecosystem-Based Approach to Marine Biodiversity Conservation in Areas Within and Beyond National Jurisdiction

**Afternoon**

- Session 3: Moving Forward in Achieving Major International Goals for Biodiversity and Marine Protected Areas
- Session 4 and Closing Remarks: Marine Biodiversity - Vision for the Future

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**Website and Oceans Day Materials:**

<http://globaloceans.org/content/news>

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