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NOTIFICATION

South East Asia's Capacity Building and Orientation of GTI National Focal Points On Species & Protected Areas Database Interfaces 22 June 2011 - Manila, Philippines

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a regional capacity building workshop for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) National Focal Points in ASEAN countries will be held in Manila, Philippines on 22 June 2011. The workshop will be organized by Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity.

The objective of the workshop is to strengthen national capacities for development the capacity in taxonomy based on the needs assessment conducted for the region in 2009 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/36), and to facilitate the implementation of the Programme of work for the GTI in harmony with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision X/2). The workshop is expected to produce a report which will be considered at the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan Workshop in the region to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam in November 2011 and the other relevant meetings. The provisional agenda for the meeting is in Annex I of this document.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite you to nominate one representative from your government, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **22 May 2011**. The representative would normally be the current GTI Focal Point. In the case that the GTI Focal Point is unable to attend, other nominees must include full contact details, including email address. In either case, the designation should be in the form of an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary signed by the CBD National Focal Point. The letter can be scanned and sent by email at: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at: +1 514 2886588, with a copy to the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity at pdi@aseanbiodiversity.org.

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

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Executive Secretary

To : The CBD National Focal Points and GTI Focal Points for the following countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, VietNam



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Annex I

Provisional Agenda

The Global Taxonomy Initiative National Focal Points Workshop and ASEAN Species and Protected Areas Database Interfaces

Hotel in Manila

22 June 2011

1. Opening of the workshop
2. Organizational matters
3. Substantive matters
 - 3.1 Overview of the role of the GTI National Focal Points
 - 3.2 The need for inter-operability of data for biodiversity conservation planning and decision making
 - 3.3 Current efforts towards regional data integration
 - 3.4 Overview on IUCN PA Categorization
 - 3.5 ACB Species and PA Database Interfaces, concepts and Demonstrations
 - 3.6 Hands on Session for Darwin Core 2 and the FOB
 - 3.7 Open Forum – comments, reactions, suggestions on the interfaces and FOB
4. Next Steps / Action Planning on Information Sharing
5. Closing ceremony