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Subject: **Peer review of SBSTTA-15 draft documents**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a page has been created on the CBD website (<http://www.cbd.int/sbstta15/review/>) to facilitate the peer-review of the drafts of documents prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-15) scheduled to be held from 7 to 11 November 2011 in Montréal, Canada.

Please download the document and kindly send your suggested changes and comments (using the track change mode if possible) to the Secretariat by e-mail (secretariat@cbd.int) or fax (+1 514 288 6588) at your earliest convenience. The deadlines for submitting comments are indicated below. From those dates, documents will be revised, edited and submitted for translation. Please note that these documents are unedited drafts, for comment only and **not for citation or other uses**.

The following documents will be posted as soon as they are finalized with a deadline of **14 July 2011** for receiving comments in the peer-review process:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Provisional working title</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/4	Ways and means to support ecosystem restoration
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/5	Draft capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/6	Invasive Alien Species: Proposals on ways and means to address gaps in international standards regarding invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/8	Implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources to the implementation of the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/9	Report on assessment of ways and means to address relevant inland water biodiversity needs in coastal areas
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/10	Report on assessment of the status of implementation of the River Basin Initiative

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points and SBSTTA Bureau Members and relevant organizations

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Provisional working title</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/15	Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

For the following documents, the deadline for peer-review is **19 July 2011** for receiving comments in the peer-review process.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Provisional working title</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/2	Updated technical rationales, suggested milestones and indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/7	Report on how Parties, other governments and relevant organizations are addressing gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework in invasive alien species
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/11	Progress report on the work in addressing paragraphs 40 to 42 of decision X/28 on review of information, and the provision of key policy relevant messages, on maintaining the ability of biodiversity to continue to support the water cycle
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12	Sustainable Use: Options for small-scale food and income alternatives in tropical and sub-tropical countries and revised recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/13	Report on how to improve sustainable use of biodiversity in a landscape perspective
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/14	Arctic Biodiversity

I wish to thank Parties, other Governments and organisations for contributing to this review of the drafts of the SBSTTA documents.

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

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