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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER: Deadline for Nomination of Experts to the Western South Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs), 22-25 November 2011, Fiji

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to the earlier notification (2011-136) sent on 22 July 2011 regarding the nomination of experts to the Western South Pacific regional workshop to facilitate the description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs), which will take place from 22 to 25 November 2011, in Fiji.

This regional workshop is being convened by the CBD Secretariat, with financial support from the Government of Japan, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), pursuant to decision X/29, paragraph 36.

In order to organize the workshop and prepare necessary scientific inputs to the workshop in a timely manner, I seek your kind cooperation to nominate an expert who can participate and provide scientific information in support of the workshop objectives prior to the workshop, as soon as possible but no later than **16 September 2011**.

I wish to remind Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations that the selection of experts will be based on scientific expertise and experience, taking into account the guidance of COP in its decision X/29, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- Good scientific knowledge related to, and research experience in describing ecologically or biologically significant marine areas through application of scientific criteria in annex I of decision IX/20 as well as other relevant compatible and complementary nationally- and intergovernmentally-agreed scientific criteria;
- Good scientific knowledge related to, and experience in the application of scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20; and

CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points in Western South Pacific Region; other Governments; competent organizations and regional initiatives

- Good scientific knowledge related to, and experience in developing and applying biogeographic classification systems of open-ocean waters and deep-sea habitats

Nominations should be submitted to the CBD Secretariat via an official signed letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by the above deadline (faxed to +1 514 288-6588 or as a scanned attachment to an email addressed to secretariat@cbd.int) together with a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee. Limited financial resources would be available to assist the travel of the experts selected from those nominated by developing country Parties.

I thank you in advance for your continued cooperation to the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary