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**NOTIFICATION
REMINDER**

Submission of action plans for implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas

Dear Madam/Sir,

Through notification 2012-018 dated 26 January 2012 Parties were requested to submit to the Secretariat action plans for the CBD programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) by 31 March 2012 in response to paragraph 1(b) of decision X/31 of the Conference of the Parties. In paragraph 1(b) of the same decision the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the preparation of such plans to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

Within the recent series of sub regional capacity building workshops¹ to support implementation of the PoWPA the Secretariat has provided capacity for Parties to develop these action plans for PoWPA implementation and achieving Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Parties that attended workshops thus far have developed draft action plans using a template supplied by the Secretariat (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2012/pa-action-plan-en.doc>).

I express my gratitude to those Parties that have formally submitted their finalized PoWPA action plans to the Secretariat. Parties that have not yet done so are kindly reminded to submit their action plans in the briefest delay and before **31 May 2012** to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int) to allow the Secretariat to prepare documentation for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in a timely manner as requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 1(b) of decision X/31.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and for your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

¹ Seven workshops have been held to date in the regions of: West Africa; Pacific; South, East and South-East Asia; South, East and Central Africa; Latin America; the Caribbean; and West Asia and North Africa. A workshop is planned for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia for June 2012.

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