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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties that a regional capacity-building workshop for West Asia and North Africa will be held on 11-14 February 2013 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to address invasive alien species and to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9. The workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Water, Government of the UAE, the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for West Asia and Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), with the generous financial support of the Government of Japan. Please note that this workshop, originally planned for 12-15 November 2012, had to be postponed for technical reasons.

This workshop will consider how to develop or update national strategies and action plans for invasive alien as part of updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans taking into account decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other elements of the international regulatory framework relevant to invasive alien species. I therefore invite your Government to nominate an official or expert to participate in this workshop. In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that the nominee should be in a position to assist the country in integrating the issue of invasive alien species into the updated Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and to liaise with the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in this regard.

Nominations should be provided through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, signed by the CBD National Focal Point or a senior government official to be sent to the Secretariat by fax at +1514 288 6588 or by email to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) **no later than 10 January 2013**. Nominees should complete and return the attached questionnaire.

Please note that a second participant from the relevant international regulatory framework of the NPPOs in the region will also be invited to the workshop through the secretariat of the IPPC.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias  
Executive Secretary

### Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points for Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen



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Annex

Questionnaire: national strategies for invasive alien species and collaboration with the NPPO

Country name	
Name of nominee	
Email address of the nominee	
Office address of the nominee	
Office telephone and fax	
When was the last time the country developed or revised National Invasive Species Strategies and Action Plans?	
At that time did the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) was contacted to review the strategies and action plans?	
Indicate your current plans for revising and updating your invasive alien species strategy?	
Indicate how the NPPO will be involved in the updating of the national strategy/action plan on invasive alien species?	
Identify the contact person at the NPPO for the nominee to exchange information on invasive alien species.	Name: Title: Office address:
Indicate other relevant policies, regulatory framework or laws have been drafted or enacted that need to be considered to address invasive alien species in your country? (e.g. WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, code of conducts for responsible fisheries, BWM Convention implementation guidelines, CITES, Ramsar Convention and others )	
Date of submission	
Signature of the nominee	