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NOTIFICATION

Peer review of draft background papers in preparation for the Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in decision X/2 includes Aichi Biodiversity Targets that envisage, by 2020, to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society (Goal A of the Strategic Plan).

The seventh Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, to be held from 27 to 31 May 2013, aims to provide input to the CBD and its preparations for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Trondheim Conference, in 2013, will focus on economic and social dimensions of biodiversity conservation, in particular Strategic Plan Goal A.

In preparation for the conference, two background papers have been prepared by a team of consultants, under the guidance of the CBD Secretariat, on:

1. the role of the social sciences in achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets, particularly Aichi Targets 1 to 4 (Goal A), and
2. the importance of biodiversity for the development and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The papers will also contribute to the preparation of the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-17) in line with decision XI/13 and to the CBD's input to the post-2015 sustainable development agenda and SDGs, in line with decision XI/22.

I am pleased to invite you to review the drafts of the above-mentioned background papers. The papers are being made available at: <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta/trondheim.shtml>. The first background paper will be made available for comments **from 22 to 29 April 2013**. The second background paper will be made available **from 26 April to 3 May 2013**. Comments and suggestions for amendments should be sent by email to the Secretariat at: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at: +1-514-288-6588.

I thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

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



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