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NOTIFICATION

Setting National Targets within the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Framework and adopting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans as policy instruments

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, at its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and urged Parties and Governments to implement it. Specifically, I would like to draw your attention to the following four actions that Parties and Governments are urged to undertake:

- (a) To review, and as appropriate, update and revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (Decision X/2, paragraph 3(c)). As indicated in decision IX/8, the revision process should engage indigenous and local communities, and all relevant sectors and stakeholders including representatives of society and the economy that have a significant impact on, benefit from or use biodiversity and its related ecosystem services (paragraph 8(m)) and promote the mainstreaming of gender considerations (paragraph 8(d));
- (b) To develop national targets, using the Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets as a flexible framework (paragraph 3(b)), and to integrate these national targets into the updated NBSAPs. The national targets should be developed taking into account national priorities and capacities with a view also to contributing to the collective efforts to reach the global Aichi Targets (paragraph 3(c));
- (c) To adopt the updated NBSAPs as a policy instrument, and use them for the integration of biodiversity into national development, accounting and planning processes (paragraph 3(c) and (d), and Aichi Target 17);
- (d) To monitor and review implementation of the NBSAPs and national targets, using indicators, and to report to the Conference of the Parties through their national reports.

At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will undertake a mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. This review will be an important opportunity to take stock of the progress made by Parties and to take any necessary action to ensure that Parties are on track to achieve the mission and targets of the Strategic Plan by 2020.

I take this opportunity to congratulate those Parties who have already submitted their revised NBSAPs and national targets, and, in line with decision XI/2, encourage those who are currently developing their NBSAPs and national targets to do so in a timely manner. Furthermore, I would like to encourage Parties who have already submitted their revised NBSAPs aligned with the Strategic Plan 2011-2020, but have not yet developed their national targets, or have not clearly shown how the national

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targets would contribute to the global efforts to reach the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, to consider doing so at their earliest convenience. I would also urge those who have submitted their revised NBSAPs but have not yet adopted them as national policy instruments to consider doing so at their earliest convenience and inform the Secretariat accordingly.

With regard to the review, revision and updating of NBSAPs, I would like to draw the attention of Parties to the tools and guidance available on the CBD website (www.cbd.int/nbsap), which are based on decisions IX/8 and X/2 and other guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties. For ease of reference, an indicative outline of an NBSAP is annexed to this notification.

I would also like to highlight the importance of preparing, as part of the updated NBSAPs, country-specific resource mobilization strategies in line with decisions IX/11 B and X/3 as well as reports on biodiversity related expenditures in line with decision XI/4.

In line with decision XI/6 (paragraph 11), Parties are encouraged to incorporate into their revised NBSAPs the objectives of the biodiversity-related conventions and the other Rio Conventions as appropriate.

With regard to monitoring and reporting, please note that the deadline for submission of the fifth national reports is 1 March 2014. I am also pleased to inform Parties that the Secretariat is developing an on-line reporting facility to enable more regular reporting by Parties on progress towards their national targets and their contributions to the achievement of the global Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

The establishment of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and sustainable development goals offers the opportunity to ensure that the Aichi Biodiversity Targets framework is fully reflected in the mainstream of social and economic development planning and action both at the national and global levels. In this respect, and as referenced in notification 2013-017, dated 22 February 2013, I note that the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, encouraged Parties and all partners, institutions, organizations and processes concerned to consider the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in developing the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and sustainable development goals under the United Nations General Assembly.

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

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Attachment

ANNEX

Indicative outline of an NBSAP

Important note: Each country will need to develop an NBSAP or equivalent instrument that meets its particular needs and circumstances. Nonetheless, there are a number of elements that may be common to most countries, and in this spirit, a checklist of elements for an NBSAP is provided here. While based primarily on the COP guidance in decisions IX/8 and X/2 this outline is provided for guidance only and is not intended to be prescriptive. Additional information is available in the NBSAP Capacity Building Package available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/default.shtml>.

I. INTRODUCTION

A concise presentation, setting the scene for updated NBSAP and providing the rationale for the strategy and actions therein, including:

- **Values of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the country and their contribution to human well-being**
- **Analysis of the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss**
- **The national constitutional, legal and institutional framework**
- **Lessons learned from the earlier NBSAP(s) and the process of developing the updated NBSAP.**

II. NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY: PRINCIPLES, PRIORITIES AND TARGETS

The main "high-level" elements of the Strategy that provide the framework for the NBSAP as a whole, including:

- **Long term vision** - an inspirational statement that reflects the importance of biodiversity for people and is broadly shared across the country. This may be for 2050 (as is the case for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020) or may be aligned with other long term national development plans.
- **Principles governing the strategy** - Core values and beliefs underlying the NBSAP.
- **Main goals or priority areas** - The most pressing issues that are addressed by the NBSAP.
- **National Targets** - These should be measurable, time-bound targets established in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

III. NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

The details of the Strategy and the Action Plan, including:

- **National actions to achieve the strategy, with milestones** -- These should consist largely of strategic actions such as institutional, legislative, economic or other policy and institutional actions that will provide the enabling conditions and incentives necessary to achieve the goals or priority areas and the targets of the NBSAP. The Plan should determine who does what, where, when and how.
- **Application of the NBSAP to sub-national entities** -- How the NBSAP will be implemented at state/provincial and municipal levels
- **Sectoral Action and mainstreaming into development, poverty reduction and climate change plans** - steps that will be taken to integrate biodiversity into broader national policies, strategies and plans and into sectoral policies, strategies and plans, across government, the private sector and civil society.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT PLANS

- **Plan for capacity development for NBSAP implementation** - The human and technical needs to implement the NBSAP and how they may be mobilized.
- **Communication and outreach strategy for the NBSAP.** -- How the NBSAP will be promoted in the country among decision makers and the public at large
- **Plan for resource mobilization for NBSAP implementation** -- The financial resources needed to implement the NBSAP and how they will be mobilized through all sources.

V. INSTITUTIONAL, MONITORING AND REPORTING

- **National Coordination Structures** that will guide, coordinate and ensure implementation of the NBSAP
- **Clearing House Mechanism** -- Including the development and/or enhancement of the national CHM.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation** -- including provisions for reporting and the identification of indicators to track progress towards national targets.
