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NOTIFICATION

Regional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia 9 – 12 December 2013 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties that a regional capacity-building workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia to address invasive alien species and to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 will be held on 9 – 12 December 2013 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of the Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and with the generous financial support of the Government of Japan.

This workshop will consider how to develop or update national strategies and action plans for invasive alien species as part of the 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. Please note that the workshop will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.

I therefore invite your Government to nominate one representative 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 taxonomic institutions and the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in this regard.

Nominations should be in the form of an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, signed by the CBD National Focal Point or a senior government official and should contain the nominee's name and full contact information, including e-mail addresses, as well as a *Curriculum Vitae*. The nomination letter, along with the attached questionnaire duly completed, can either be scanned and e-mailed to the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int or sent by fax at +1 (514) 288-6588 **no later than 25 October 2013**.

Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat will provide financial support for one participant from each country Party to the CBD eligible to receive financial support. Upon receipt of

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nominations, further information on travel and hotel arrangements will be duly communicated to nominated participants. I look forward to receiving your early nominations.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Annex

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

Country name	
Name of nominee	
E-mail	
Office address	
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 taxonomic institutes and the NPPO will be involved in the updating of the national strategy/action plan on invasive alien species?	
Identify the contact person at the taxonomic institute for the nominee to exchange information on invasive alien species (multiple answers are acceptable)	Name: Title: Contact address: Tel: E-mail:
Identify the contact person at the NPPO for the nominee to exchange information on invasive alien species.	Name: Title: Contact address: Tel: E-mail:
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	