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NOTIFICATION

Incorporating objectives of the biodiversity-related conventions into revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and other issues of relevance to NBSAP revision identified by the Conference of the Parties

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to refer you to notification 2013-067 of 8 August 2013, in which I drew the attention of Parties to the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP) that address activities to be undertaken in the review and, as appropriate, updating and revision of their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs), and in particular emphasized several issues for incorporation into revised NBSAPs.

By decision XI/6, on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations, and initiatives, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to incorporate into their revised NBSAPs *inter alia* the objectives of the biodiversity-related conventions (paragraph 11). In this connection, I am pleased to report that the last meeting of the liaison group of biodiversity-related conventions, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2 to 3 September 2013, considered this issue and decided to prepare, with a view to support such implementation, a succinct compilation of pertinent resolutions and associated tools under the respective conventions. Please refer to the annex for this compilation.

In light of the numerous COP decisions that make reference to the revision and updating of NBSAPs, the following link provides a compilation of these decisions and relevant topics, as well as background information and resources for each topic: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance.shtml>.

With specific reference to articles 8(g) and 19(4) of the Convention, and to the Cartagena Protocol as an implementing agreement under the Convention, I wish to highlight decision BS-V/16, on the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020. Paragraph 2(a) of this decision urges Parties and invites other Governments and relevant international organizations to “*review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, with the Strategic Plan*”.

The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties to develop or re-orient a long-term action plan for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and to integrate these action plans into revised NBSAPs as soon as possible and no later than six months before the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and further requested the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the integration of these plans to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting (decision X/31, paragraphs

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1(b) and (c); decision XI/24, paragraph 1(a)). As of 7 October, the Secretariat has received 108 action plans.

I also wish to recall the consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, adopted by the Conference of the Parties by decision X/17. In paragraph 6(a) of this decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other Governments to develop or update national and regional targets relevant to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as appropriate, and, where appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to align the further implementation of the Strategy with national and/or regional efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

I hope that this information will be useful in your work on the revision and updating of NBSAPs and the development of national targets.

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

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Annex

Pertinent tools developed by other biodiversity-related conventions

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

(ensuring that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival)

CITES guidance contributing to the development, review, updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)

<http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2011/E026.pdf>

<http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2011/E026A.pdf>

<http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2011/E021.pdf>

The new CITES Strategic Vision

<http://www.cites.org/eng/res/16/16-03.php>

Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

(for conservation of terrestrial, aquatic and avian migratory species, their habitats and migration routes, to ensure their favourable conservation status across their migratory ranges)

Guidelines on the Integration of Migratory Species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) - COP10 Document 27

http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/docs_and_inf_docs/doc_27_guidelines_nsbap_e.pdf

http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/docs_and_inf_docs/doc_27_guidelines_nsbap_f.pdf

http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/docs_and_inf_docs/doc_27_guidelines_nsbap_s.pdf

CMS COP Resolution 10.18 (Bergen, Norway, November 2011):

Guidelines on the Integration of Migratory Species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Other Outcomes from CBD COP10

http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/resolutions_adopted/10_18_nsbaps_e.pdf

http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/resolutions_adopted/10_18_nsbaps_f.pdf

http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/resolutions_adopted/10_18_nsbaps_s.pdf

Living Planet - Connected Planet

http://www.cms.int/publications/pdf/living_planet_gridarendal.pdf

http://www.cms.int/publications/pdf/living_planet_gridarendal_f.pdf

http://www.cms.int/publications/pdf/living_planet_gridarendal_s.pdf

CMS Family Guide

http://www.cms.int/publications/family_guide.htm

Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (WHC)

(preservation of cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value)

Decision 37COM5.A requesting State Parties to ensure that their National Biodiversity Strategy and their Action Plans fully consider the importance of natural World Heritage sites to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/decisions/4974/>

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)

(for conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use, for sustainable agriculture and food security)

Governing Body Resolution 5/2013, Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity

http://planttreaty.org/content/fifth_gb_resolutions

Governing Body Resolution 6/2013, Cooperation with other bodies and International Organizations.

http://planttreaty.org/content/fifth_gb_resolutions

Conservation and Sustainable Use under the International Treaty

http://www.planttreaty.org/sites/default/files/edm2_full_en.pdf

Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/015/i2624e/i2624e00.pdf>

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar)

(for conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national actions and international cooperation)

CBD-Ramsar 5th Joint Work Plan 2011-2020

http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/moc/CBD-Ramsar5thJWP_2011-2020.pdf

Ramsar Strategic Plan 2009-2015 (available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic & Russian)

<http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/strat-plan-2009-e-adj.pdf>

Ramsar Wise Use Handbooks (21 thematic volumes, available in English, French & Spanish)

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-pubs-handbooks-handbooks4-e/main/ramsar/1-30-33%5E21323_4000_0

Ramsar Scientific & Technical Briefing Notes

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-documents-strp-strp-bn/main/ramsar/1-31-111%5E25610_4000_0

Ramsar Technical Reports

http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-pubs-reports-tech-rpts/main/ramsar/1-30-99%5E21374_4000_0
