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NOTIFICATION

CBD Expert Workshop on Underwater Noise and its Impacts on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity 25 to 27 February 2014 – International Maritime Organization Headquarters London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Secretariat is convening an Expert Workshop on Underwater Noise and its Impacts on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity from 25 to 27 February 2014 at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization, in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The workshop is being organized with financial support from the European Commission.

This workshop is being held pursuant to decision XI/18, paragraph 20, which requests the Executive Secretary to organize an expert workshop with a view to improving and sharing knowledge on underwater noise and its impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity, and to develop practical guidance and toolkits to minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity, including marine mammals, in order to assist Parties and other Governments in applying management measures, as appropriate.

Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to nominate an expert to participate in this workshop. The workshop will comprise experts selected from among those nominated, taking into account regional and gender balance, using the following criteria:

- Knowledge of underwater noise and its impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity and/or experience in scientific research and monitoring thereof;
- Experience in management approaches to minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity;
- General understanding of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.

To ensure the finalization of arrangements for the meeting in a timely manner, nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible but **no later than 15 December 2013**. Nominations should be submitted via an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed by the National Focal Point or the head of the organization. Nominations must include the name and full contact details of the nominee, accompanied by a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee. Nominations must be sent e-mail to: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax to +1 514 288-6588.

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points; other Governments; International Maritime Organization; Convention on Migratory Species; International Whaling Commission; indigenous and local communities; and other relevant organizations



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The names of selected experts will be posted on the CBD website in due course. Meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts and posted on the CBD website as they become available. The meeting will be conducted in English.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary