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NOTIFICATION

Peer-review of the Draft Updated Synthesis of the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision XI/18, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, relevant scientific groups, other relevant organizations, and indigenous and local communities on the preparation of a systematic review document on the impacts of ocean acidification on biodiversity and ecosystem functions, which will provide a targeted synthesis of the biodiversity implications of ocean acidification for marine and coastal systems, including information on the less-reported paleo-oceanographic research, building upon the synthesis provided in CBD Technical Series No. 46 (available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-46-en.pdf>).

Pursuant to the above request, the Secretariat has prepared, with the assistance of a team of international experts and coordination and synthesis work kindly supported by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a [draft updated synthesis](#) of the impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity. After incorporating comments and suggestions received through technical peer review, this document will be submitted for consideration to the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice scheduled for June 2014, prior to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to forwarding it to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations and transmitting it to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

As such, Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations are kindly invited to review the above-mentioned document and provide their comments and suggestions to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int or fax +1-514-288-6588) at your earliest convenience, but no later than 28 February 2014.

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

Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points; Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; relevant scientific groups; other relevant organizations; and indigenous and local communities



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