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NOTIFICATION

CBD Expert Workshop to Provide Consolidated Practical Guidance and a Toolkit for Marine Spatial Planning, 9 to 11 September 2014 - Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, pursuant to decision XI/18 C (paragraph 2), the Secretariat is convening an Expert Workshop to Provide Consolidated Practical Guidance and a Toolkit for Marine Spatial Planning from 9 to 11 September 2014, hosted at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal, Canada. The workshop is being organized with financial support from the European Commission.

Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to nominate an expert to participate in this workshop. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible but **no later than 16 June 2014**, to ensure that travel arrangements are finalized in a timely manner. 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.

The workshop will comprise experts selected from among those nominated, taking into account regional and gender balance, using the following criteria:

- Knowledge of existing guidance and toolkits on marine spatial planning;
- Experience in the application of marine spatial planning or other area-based management tools within the context of integrated marine and coastal management; and
- General understanding of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.

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.

As per Notification 2014-025 (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2014/ntf-2014-025-marine-en.pdf>), issued on 19 February 2014, the CBD Secretariat, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, will compile and provide background information to the above-mentioned workshop.

I thank you for your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points; other Governments; United Nations specialized agencies, including UNEP, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission-UNESCO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and International Maritime Organization; the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-STAP); regional organizations, including Large Marine Ecosystem programmes; other relevant organizations; and indigenous and local communities



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