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NOTIFICATION

Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for South America 23-27 February 2015 – Lima, Perú

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite Parties and relevant regional organizations and initiatives from coastal countries in South America to participate in the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop to be held from 23 to 27 February 2015, in Lima, Perú.

The workshop is being convened by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Perú and various other partners, including FAO, relevant UN-Ocean members, and other relevant regional and international organizations and initiatives. The workshop will focus on regional experiences in the use of: (i) integrated marine and coastal area management toward achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 6 and 11 in a holistic manner, and (ii) scientific and technical tools in support of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, such as the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs).

The SOI is a global platform to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to marine and coastal biodiversity (in particular Targets 6 and 11). It is currently being funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the French Marine Protected Areas Agency (Agence des aires marines protégées), and its implementation is being coordinated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with various partners. Further details are available at: <http://www.cbd.int/marine/doc/soi-brochure-2012-en.pdf>.

The SOI was created at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to respond to the need for training and capacity-building of developing country Parties with regard to their efforts for marine conservation and management, as emphasized by the COP in decision X/29. At its eleventh meeting, the COP further emphasized the urgent need for capacity-building on various issues/tools concerning the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity, including ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), climate-change impacts on coral reef, marine debris, and marine spatial planning (decisions XI/17 and XI/18).

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Guyana, Perú, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela; regional seas conventions and action plans; regional fisheries management organizations; and other relevant regional organizations/initiatives



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Submission of nominations from Governments

Parties from the region are invited to nominate two experts to participate in this workshop. These experts should be involved in integrated marine and coastal area management to address multiple-use needs and conflicts, including the need for establishing and managing marine and coastal protected areas (Target 11) as well as sustainable fisheries management (Target 6). The Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of two experts from each eligible Party.

CBD Parties should provide the name and contact details of their nominees via a letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed by the National Focal Point. Nominations must include full contact details and be accompanied by a curriculum vitae clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominees.

Submission of nominations from relevant organizations

Relevant regional organizations and initiatives are invited to nominate one expert to participate in this workshop. The head of the organization/initiative should provide the name and contact details of their nominee via official signed letter addressed to the Executive Secretary. Nominations must include full contact details and be accompanied by a curriculum vitae clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominees.

All nominations must be received at the earliest convenience but no later than **Friday, 28 November 2014** (scanned and attached to an e-mail addressed to secretariat@cbd.int; or faxed to +1 (514) 288-6588).

Workshop materials will be forwarded to the selected experts and posted on the CBD website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish.

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

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary