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NOTIFICATION

Call for review of the second draft of the IUCN Standard on Key Biodiversity Areas Identification

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the call from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) regarding comments on the second draft of an IUCN Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas. Following the adoption of the World Conservation Congress Resolution WCC 3.01.3, IUCN Species Survival Commission and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas established a Joint Task Force on Biodiversity and Protected Areas. The Task Force mobilized expert input from a large number of stakeholders to consolidate globally agreed scientific criteria and methodology for identifying key biodiversity areas, as sites that contribute significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity.

In its eighteenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice, held in Montreal in June 2014, adopted recommendation XVII/ 11, paragraph 7, which took note of the work being done by the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Commission on Protected Areas and the International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission on Key Biodiversity Areas.

Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas help an important element of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, namely to effectively conserve “areas important of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services,” as well as other related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

A second draft of the Key Biodiversity Areas Standard is now available at www.kbaconsultation.org and IUCN is seeking comments on this draft. Comments should be sent to kbacomments@iucn.org by 11 October 2015.

Considering the relevance of Key Biodiversity Areas for achieving a number of Aichi Biodiversity Targets and for the work of the Convention, I encourage you to contribute and facilitate review of the second draft of this new standard.

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

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