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NOTIFICATION

Review of the proposed list of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 20(b) of decision XII/1, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 with the aim of identifying a small set of measurable potential indicators that could be used to monitor progress at the global level towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and to prepare guidance on the different types of indicators and approaches used to monitor progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at the regional, national and subnational levels. The meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 was held in Geneva, from 14 to 17 September 2015.

In recommendation XIX/4, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) took note of the proposed list of indicators and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate their peer review, inter alia, by the focal points of the Convention and its Protocols, the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions and members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, including information on the source of the indicator and its underlying data, using the following criteria: availability of the indicator; its use in the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*; its suitability for communication; possibility for aggregation or disaggregation of data used. The SBSTTA further requested the Executive Secretary to update and revise the proposed list of global indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in the light of the peer review and any comments made during its nineteenth meeting and taking into account the outcomes of the forty-seventh session the United Nations Statistical Commission and to submit the results to the SBSTTA at its twentieth meeting with a view to preparing a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

I am pleased to inform you that the proposed list of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 has been made available on the SBSTTA 20 review page (<https://www.cbd.int/sbstta20/review/>) along with a review comment template. I would like to invite you and your technical experts to participate in the peer review process.

Please note that comments provided by participants in the nineteenth meeting of the SBSTTA and comments previously provided through the peer review process for SBSTTA-19 documents are not reflected in the list of indicators being circulated and will be considered along with any other comments received during the current peer review process. Comments should be sent by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int no later than 4 January 2016.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, Primary National Focal Point to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, National Focal Points on Access and Benefit-sharing, and relevant organizations including the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, indigenous peoples and local communities and members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership



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