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## NOTIFICATION

### **Submission of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, Fifth National Reports, and Financial Reports**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to earlier notifications concerning the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and National Reports (2013-067, 2013-092, 2014-099, 2015-010, 2015-092 and 2015-095). In May 2016, the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) will review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. This review will be based on the NBSAPs received after the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10), national targets and Fifth National Reports. It will also be informed by Parties' submissions in the Financial Reporting Framework. The Secretariat counts on the timely submission of this information in order to provide updated information to Parties for their deliberations at SBI 1.

As you are aware, COP 10 adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, which urge Parties to prepare or revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and establish national targets in alignment with the global biodiversity framework. Aichi Biodiversity Target 17 states that Parties will adopt their revised NBSAPs as a policy instrument, and will have begun implementing them by 2015.

In its decision X/10, the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to submit their fifth national report by 31 March 2014, and again in its decision XII/2, urged countries that had not submitted their fifth national reports to do so as early as possible. Furthermore, in its Decision XII/3 on Resource Mobilization, the Conference of the Parties adopted a revised financial reporting framework and invited Parties and other Governments to report thereon by 31 December 2015.

To date, the Secretariat has received 65 NBSAPs, 169 fifth national reports and 9 submissions to the Financial Reporting Framework (6 online, 3 offline). To access information on NBSAPs, see link: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>. Fifth National Reports can be accessed at: <https://www.cbd.int/reports/nr5/>, and financial reports can be accessed at <https://chm.cbd.int/search/reporting-map>.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those Parties who have submitted their revised NBSAPs and national targets, their Fifth National Reports and/or their Financial Report. I would also like to urge those Parties that have not yet submitted these documents to do so as soon as possible, if they have not yet done so, to provide information on progress made and expected date of submission, preferably by **15 February 2016**.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for 2016 and reiterate my appreciation for your continued support towards the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols.

To: CBD National Focal Points and Resource Mobilization Focal Points



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

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