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## NOTIFICATION

### Technical Workshop on Monitoring of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity 24 April 2016 - Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, UNESCO/Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission-Global Ocean Observing System, and the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network, is organizing a Technical Workshop on Monitoring of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity. This workshop is convened in the context of the linkages to the Convention's existing work on marine and coastal biodiversity, in particular regarding the ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and addressing various threats to marine and coastal biodiversity. The workshop will be held on 24 April 2016, in Montreal, Canada, on the margins of the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 20) scheduled from 25 to 30 April 2016.

The workshop will bring together experts from various marine monitoring programmes/initiatives at global or regional levels, in support of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas, and other scientists and delegates attending SBSTTA 20. It is envisaged that the conclusions from the workshop will be relevant to the agenda items on marine and coastal biodiversity being considered at the twentieth meeting of SBSTTA, as well as the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. A draft of the provisional agenda for the workshop is attached to this notification.

The workshop is open to all delegates attending SBSTTA 20. To register, please send an e-mail to the Secretariat at [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) at your earliest convenience, preferably by 31 March 2015. Limited funding is available to cover an extra day of Daily Subsistence Allowance for developing country delegates attending SBSTTA 20 with preference being given to potential panellists and presenters.

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

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points



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## **(Draft) Provisional Agenda**

### **Morning Session : Marine biodiversity reporting requirements and existing reporting mechanisms**

#### *Theme Presentations*

- ◆ Aichi Biodiversity Targets and reporting requirements
- ◆ First World Oceans Assessment : Key messages and implications for marine reporting
- ◆ Large Marine Ecosystem Program :Current reporting framework and future needs
- ◆ Monitoring to support national and global fisheries management including reporting against Aichi Target 6 : Successes, opportunities and challenges

#### *Moderated Panel Discussion*

#### *Plenary Discussion*

### **Afternoon Session : Enhancing existing/developing global reporting programs/initiatives**

#### *Theme Presentations*

- ◆ The Global Ocean Observing System
- ◆ GEOBON and the Marine Biodiversity Observation Network
- ◆ GOOS Regional Alliances : Regional capacity to support globally integrated monitoring
- ◆ Coral Reef Network : Developing an existing network to meet global needs
- ◆ Linking governance and monitoring : Examples from Australian KEFs, EBSAs and other initiatives

#### *Moderated Panel Discussion*

#### *Plenary Discussion*

### **Conclusion and Summary**