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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information on experiences in the implementation of marine spatial planning

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit information on national, subregional or regional experiences in the implementation of marine spatial planning.

In decision XIII/9, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity encouraged Parties to apply marine spatial planning in areas within their jurisdiction or enhance existing marine spatial planning initiatives. In the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary and invited relevant organizations, in particular the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, regional seas conventions and action plans and regional fisheries bodies to support the national implementation of marine spatial planning.

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision XIII/9, the Executive Secretary is compiling information on national, subregional or regional experiences in the implementation of marine spatial planning in order to support the efforts of Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in applying marine spatial planning. This information will be disseminated through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and relevant online information-sharing mechanisms.

Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are kindly invited to provide their submissions as soon as possible but no later than **30 November 2017**. Contributions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Convention and sent via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to +1 514 288 6588. Submissions may include relevant management plans at sub-national, national or regional levels, case studies (including specific sectors/uses involved, objectives, tools/approaches used, and outcomes), challenges, success factors, and lessons learned.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Focal Points; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, International Maritime Organization, International Seabed Authority, United Nations Environment Programme, regional seas conventions and action plans, regional fishery bodies, indigenous peoples and local communities; other relevant organizations, initiatives and stakeholders