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NOTIFICATION

Submission of information on experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit information on experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries, including through the ecosystem approach to fisheries.

At the High-Level Segment of the UN Biodiversity Conference held in December 2016, ministers and heads of delegation adopted the Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity for Well-Being.¹ In doing so, they committed to work at all levels within governments and across sectors to mainstream biodiversity in sectoral development, incorporate biodiversity values into national accounting and reporting systems, strengthen institutional support and capacities for biodiversity mainstreaming, and ensure that sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes integrate the conservation, sustainable use and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

In decision XIII/3, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity outlined a number of specific actions and approaches to be taken by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to support mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries and aquaculture.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary and invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to collaborate in the compilation of experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries, including through the ecosystem approach to fisheries, and to make this compilation available prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

Pursuant to this request, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are kindly invited to provide their submissions as soon as possible but no later than **29 December 2017** to the Executive Secretary via e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to +1 514 288 6588, to enable timely compilation and collation of this information, which will be made available to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

Submissions may include relevant legislation, policies and management plans at sub-national, national, regional and global levels, descriptions of specific measures taken, case studies, lessons learned, tools and guidance, and other relevant scientific and technical information.

¹ See: <https://www.cbd.int/cop/cop-13/hls/in-session/cancun-declaration-draft-dec-03-2016-pm-en.pdf>

To: CBD National Focal Points, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional fishery bodies, indigenous peoples and local communities, other relevant organizations

For your reference, a list of documents that provide further information and background on work under the CBD with regards to mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries is annexed to this notification.

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

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

*Annex. Documents related to work under the Convention on Biological Diversity on
mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries*

- CBD COP Decision XIII/3: Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors
(available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-13/cop-13-dec-03-en.pdf>)
- Report of the International Expert Workshop on Biodiversity Mainstreaming
(available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-52-en.pdf>)
- Report of the Expert Meeting on Improving Progress Reporting and Working Towards Implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6
(available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-27-en.pdf>)
- Report of the CBD-FAO Joint Expert Meeting on Addressing Biodiversity Concerns in Sustainable Fisheries
(available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/jem-bcsf-01/official/jem-bcsf-01-sbstta-16-inf-13-en.pdf>)
- Voluntary Guidance for Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Across Sectors Including Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Tools, Guidance, Frameworks, Standards and Platforms to Move Towards More Sustainable Practices (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/INF/55)
(available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-55-en.pdf>)
- Strategic Scientific And Technical Issues Related to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/INF/51)
(available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-51-en.pdf>)