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## NOTIFICATION

### Selected proposals for organizing the Global Taxonomy Initiative Training Courses in 2018

Dear Madam/Sir,

In reference to notification 2017-110<sup>1</sup> dated 19 October 2017, developing countries, as well as countries with economy in transition were invited to submit proposals for organizing training on DNA technologies, such as application of DNA barcoding for rapid species identification at the national, sub-regional or regional level.

Based on the selection criteria<sup>2</sup> and consultation with the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism, I am pleased to attach, as an annex to this notification, the list of the selected countries and their project titles.

Accordingly, arrangement will be made for these countries to organize the Global Taxonomy Initiative Training Courses in 2018 with generous financial support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, World Customs Organization, indigenous peoples and local communities, other relevant organizations and partners

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-110-gti-en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/gti/doc/call-for-proposal/application-procedure-selection-criteria-en-updated.pdf>

## Selected Countries and Project Titles for the Global Taxonomy Initiative Training Course in 2018

Country	Project title
Belarus and Moldova	Building of the national and regional network for study of alien species using DNA technologies as a great tool removing the taxonomic impediment
Bhutan	Training Bhutanese institutes for the application of DNA techniques
Brazil	Course on rapid identification of invasive alien species for government regulators
Colombia	Hands-on training on DNA barcoding for threatened species and regulation of illegal wildlife trade addressed to governing agencies and academics.
Nigeria	Building technical expertise in DNA Barcoding technique for identification of agricultural pests and Invasive alien plant species in Nigeria
Philippines	Hands-on training course for wildlife enforcement officers on identifying collected and confiscated wildlife specimens using DNA barcoding
Sri Lanka	Capacity building for plant quarantine officers for the rapid identification of quarantine/invasive weeds in imported consignments
Suriname	Building technical expertise to enhance species detection for biodiversity management, wildlife trade, pest and invasive alien species.
Tunisia	Capacity building of North African countries in rapid identification of non-indigenous marine species by DNA-barcoding
Turkey	Applied training on DNA Barcoding of plants to build expertise for taxonomic analysis
Uruguay	DNA Barcode training course and grasses barcode pilot project

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