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NOTIFICATION

Call for submission of information on the implementation of (i) the Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems, (ii) the Voluntary Specific Workplan on Biodiversity in Cold-water Areas within the Jurisdictional Scope of the Convention, and (iii) the Voluntary Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite submissions of information on the experiences of Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations with regards to various areas of work addressed by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP) at its twelfth and thirteenth meetings. Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are kindly invited to provide information on one or more of the following topics in response to this notification.

(i) Implementation of the Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems

In decision XII/23, the Conference of the Parties adopted the [Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems](#) (as contained in the annex to the decision), and urged Parties, and invited other Governments and relevant organizations to implement the activities contained therein, where applicable and in accordance with national capacity and circumstances, for enhanced implementation toward achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 10. In the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate strengthening of international and regional cooperation in support of national implementation of the priority actions, and to facilitate technical collaboration and voluntary information sharing on all aspects of sustainable management of coral reefs and related ecosystems.

Also in response to a request in decision XII/23, the Executive Secretary is developing a global coral portal to facilitate technical collaboration and voluntary information-sharing on all aspects of sustainable management of coral reefs and related ecosystems. Information provided in response to this notification with respect to the management of coral reefs and related ecosystems may be shared through the forthcoming coral portal.

(ii) Implementation of the Voluntary Specific Workplan on Biodiversity in Cold-water Areas within the Jurisdictional Scope of the Convention

In decision XIII/11, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Voluntary Specific Workplan on Biodiversity in Cold-water Areas within the Jurisdictional Scope of the Convention (as contained in an annex to the decision), and encouraged Parties, other Governments and competent intergovernmental

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organizations, where applicable, within their respective jurisdictions and mandates and in accordance with national circumstances, to implement the activities contained in the Workplan. In the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, to facilitate, promote and support the implementation of the Workplan and the sharing of information on experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Workplan.

(iii) Implementation of the Voluntary Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats

In decision XIII/10, the Conference of the Parties took note of the Voluntary Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats (as contained in an annex to the decision), and urged Parties and encouraged other Governments, relevant organizations, industries, other relevant stakeholders, and indigenous peoples and local communities, to take appropriate measures, in accordance with national and international law and within their competencies, to prevent and mitigate the potential adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, taking into account the voluntary practical guidance, and incorporate issues related to marine debris in the mainstreaming of biodiversity into different sectors. In the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate collaboration among Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations on the application of measures within the respective jurisdictions of Parties and other Governments and the mandates of intergovernmental organizations, to prevent and mitigate the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, including those in the voluntary practical guidance, by facilitating the sharing of experiences, information, toolkits and best practices.

Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are kindly invited to submit information on the implementation of (i) the Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems, (ii) the Voluntary Specific Workplan on Biodiversity in Cold-water Areas within the Jurisdictional Scope of the Convention and/or (iii) the Voluntary Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats, or activities that are in line with these. Submissions should include information on activities at the global, regional, national and/or local levels and may include relevant scientific and technical information, relevant management plans at sub-national, national or regional levels, descriptions of specific measures taken, tools and guidance applied, case studies and lessons learned. These may include activities outlined in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). Submissions on one or more of the above should be sent as soon as possible but no later than **30 November 2018** to enable timely compilation and collation of this information. The submissions should clearly indicate which of the topics they are addressing. Submissions 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.

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

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