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## NOTIFICATION

### **Enhancing synergies among biodiversity-related conventions at the national level: improving access to, and quality of, available guidance and tools**

Madam/Sir,

I would like to bring your attention to and invite your feedback on materials that have been developed to support national efforts to strengthen synergies among biodiversity-related conventions, namely three documents which compile available guidance and tools on the:

- Synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level;
- Capturing, managing and using biodiversity-related data and information;
- Key global databases related to the biodiversity-related conventions.

The three compendia of guidance are accessible online at: <https://www.unep-wcmc.org/resources-and-data/biodiversitysynergies>.

The intended purpose of the compendia is to increase access to existing guidance material on these topics to users, including national focal points, management authorities and other stakeholders responsible for the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level.

They were developed as part of a joint project of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, funded by the Governments of Finland and Switzerland and the European Union, to support the implementation of decision XIII/24 and its annex, the “road map for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level 2017-2020”.

The compendia were launched at the margins of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in July 2018 and were subsequently presented at side-events held at the margins of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, in October 2018, and the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in November 2018. The work was acknowledged in CBD COP decision 14/30, paragraph 13, through which UN Environment and other relevant organizations were invited to continue initiatives and activities in implementing the roadmap.

To : CBD, CPB and ABS National Focal Points, relevant organizations

In order to inform a review of the usefulness and impact of the compendia, as well as the guidance and tools they include, we would like to invite you to respond to a questionnaire developed by UNEP-WCMC, accessible at the following link: [https://wcmc.io/compendia\\_review](https://wcmc.io/compendia_review). The review will inform any future strengthening of existing guidance material or development of new guidance in response to identified gaps, as well as efforts towards increasing access to guidance.

We would appreciate it if you could respond to the survey at your earliest convenience and no later than 12 April 2019. Should you have any questions concerning the questionnaire, or the project itself, please contact Ms. Katharina Rogalla von Bieberstein, UNEP-WCMC ([katharina.bieberstein@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:katharina.bieberstein@unep-wcmc.org)), Ms. Diane Klaimi, UN Environment ([diane.klaimi@un.org](mailto:diane.klaimi@un.org)) and/or Ms. Chantal Robichaud, CBD Secretariat ([chantal.robichaud@cbd.int](mailto:chantal.robichaud@cbd.int)).

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

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