

NOTIFICATION

Invitation to the Webinar on “Introduction to Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures for Mexico, Central and South America”, on 13 April 2021

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite Parties, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to the webinar on “Introduction to Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) for Mexico, Central and South America”, jointly organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature - World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN-WCPA) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on 13 April 2021, at 9:00-10:30 a.m. (GMT-5).

Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 explicitly mentions that “...especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of *protected areas* and *other effective area-based conservation measures* and integrated into the wider landscape and seascape”.

The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its fourteenth meeting, adopted the definition of OECMs and welcomed the related scientific and technical advice, including the criteria for identification, to be applied in a flexible way and on a case-by-case basis ([decision 14/8](#)). However, as the definition was only adopted in November 2018, there is still limited information on the global extent of OECMs or the impact they could have on the elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11. Therefore, the webinar aims to enhance understanding of OECMs, and their role as means of in-situ conservation of biodiversity contributing to Aichi Target 11, to facilitate identification, recognition, and reporting.

Furthermore, in paragraph 5 of the same decision, the COP encouraged Parties and invited other Governments, relevant organizations, in collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities, to apply the scientific and technical advice, including by: (a) identifying OECMs and their diverse options within their jurisdiction; and (b) submitting data on OECMs to the United Nations Environment Programme’s World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) for inclusion in the World Database on Protected Areas. In this regard, to assist Parties in identifying OECMs and in applying the scientific and technical advice, and pursuant to paragraph 9 of the above-mentioned decision, IUCN, through its WCPA Task Force on OECMs, developed technical guidelines for [Recognizing and Reporting Other Effective Areas-based Conservation Measures](#).

In view of the above, I strongly encourage Parties and stakeholders to participate in the webinar, by confirming their participation to Mr. Harry Jonas at: harry@futurelaw.org and Ms. Clara Lucia Matallana Tobon at: cmatallana@humboldt.org.co, with a copy to the Secretariat at: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible, and **at the latest by 10 April 2021**. Kindly note that the webinar will be conducted in **Spanish only**. Further details on the webinar and necessary links are in the attached annex (available in Spanish only).

To: CBD National Focal Points; PoWPA Focal Points; relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, French Guiana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention, as well as your contributions towards the achievement of Aichi Target 11 and towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

WEBINAR: INTRODUCCION A LAS OTRAS MEDIDAS EFECTIVAS DE CONSERVACIÓN BASADAS EN AREAS EN MÉXICO, CENTRO Y SUR AMERICA

Secretaría del Convenio sobre Diversidad Biológica y Comisión de Áreas Protegidas
de la Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (UICN)

Abril 13 de 2021, 9:00 am-10:30am (GMT-5)

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92307050770?pwd=WVpXR1Zwd2lrVXdzeWJONVZuOFBqUT09>

Meeting ID: 923 0705 0770

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1. Descripción

Las partes del Convenio sobre Diversidad Biológica (CDB) adoptaron la definición de “otras medidas efectivas de conservación basadas en áreas” (OMEC) en 2018. Una OMEC está definida como:

“Un área geográficamente delimitada que no sea un área protegida, que es gobernada y gestionada de manera que se logren resultados positivos y sostenidos a largo plazo para la conservación in situ de la biodiversidad, las funciones y los servicios ecosistémicos asociados; y cuando proceda, los valores culturales, espirituales, socioeconómicos y otros valores localmente relevantes”.

Organismos gubernamentales, entidades privadas, organizaciones de la sociedad civil y comunidades locales han empezado a explorar si las áreas bajo su gobernanza cumplen con los criterios para ser consideradas OMEC:

2. Agenda

Este webinar tiene por objetivo fortalecer los conocimientos de los participantes sobre las OMEC. Se abordarán los siguientes contenidos:

- **Introducción y agenda del evento.** Andrew Rhodes, punto focal para México de la Comisión Mundial de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CMAP) de la Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (UICN).
- **Decisión 14/8 del CDB, criterios para la identificación de OMEC, avances a nivel mundial, herramientas y recursos técnicos sobre OMEC.** Clara L. Matallana Tobón. Instituto Humboldt. Grupo de Especialistas de OMEC, CMAP, UICN.
- **Presentación de estudios de caso de OMEC potenciales en los contextos nacionales.**

- **Caso Colombia.** Marcela Santamaría, Resnatur. Coordinadora Proyecto OMEC-PPD, Colombia.
- **Caso Brasil.** Helena Alves-Pinto. Instituto Internacional para Sustentabilidade, Brasil.
- **Discusión de oportunidades y retos de las OMEC e identificación de pasos siguientes para avanzar en la región.**

3. Recursos técnicos y herramientas

- Decisión 14/8 del CDB (Ver párrafo 2 y Anexo III – [Download](#))
- IUCN guidelines for recognising and reporting OECMs ([Download](#))
- Draft IUCN site level methodology for identifying OECMs ([Download](#))
- Otras Medidas Efectivas de Conservación Basadas en Área – OMEC del Bioma Amazónico. ([Download](#))
- Memorias técnicas del III Congreso de Áreas Protegidas de Latinoamérica y El Caribe. ([Download](#))
- Base de datos Mundial de OmeC www.protectedplanet.net
- FAQ on OECMs ([Download](#))
- IUCN WCPA Specialist Group on OECMs ([Here](#))

Se agradece que confirme su participación por correo electrónico al Sr. Harry Jonas a: harry@futurelaw.org y a la Sra. Clara Lucia Matallana Tobon a: cmatallana@humboldt.org.co, con copia a la Secretaría, a: secretariat@cbd.int