

## NOTIFICATION

### Invitation to a Virtual Session on "The Critical Role of Citizen Science in the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity"

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity (CSP), in collaboration with the Secretariat, will host a virtual session of the Fifth Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity on the theme: "The Critical Role of Citizen Science in the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity", on 9 June 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT.

The virtual session will provide an opportunity for participants to exchange views and experiences on Citizen Science, also sometimes referred to as participatory or community science. Citizen scientists play an important role in producing new knowledge and contributing to innovative discoveries. Their participation in scientific processes can also raise awareness, increase scientific literacy, provide large and diverse data sets that might have been otherwise unavailable and lead to a stronger understanding of nature. Additionally, citizen science provides an opportunity for scientists and the public to influence policy and decision-making at a range of different scales.

In this virtual session, representatives from leading scientific agencies, natural history museums from around the world, and other global experts and engaged citizens will share practical experiences on citizen science, reflect on its potential contributions to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and identify collaboration opportunities to scale up its impact.

I am pleased to invite you to register and participate in this virtual session. The agenda and the registration form are available at the following website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-science-policy-forum-for-biodiversity-citizen-science-session-tickets-346985933267>. Upon registration, you will receive a Zoom link to join the event.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the Convention and look forward to your active participation in the session.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, SBSTTA National Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations