



Call for contributions to *[square brackets]*

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[square brackets] is a newsletter produced jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) (www.cbd.int) and the CBD Alliance (www.cbdalliance.info). The newsletter aims to facilitate timely dialogue among civil society stakeholders on cutting edge biodiversity issues, from both policy (advocacy and decision-making) and practical (implementation) perspectives. The 9th edition was published in July 2014: www.cbd.int/ngo/square-brackets/square-brackets-2014-07-en.pdf.

The new edition of *[square brackets]* will be published in April 2016 to coincide with the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 20), being held in Montreal 25-30 April 2016, and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, being held 2-6 May 2016 in Montreal. We invite short articles from members of civil society and indigenous peoples and local communities all over the world.

Specifically, we are interested in receiving articles related to issues being addressed at SBSTTA 20 (www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBSTTA-20) and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBI-01), including:

- Marine and coastal biodiversity
- Invasive alien species
- Synthetic biology
- IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production
- Biodiversity and climate change
- Sustainable wildlife management
- Protected areas and ecosystem restoration
- Mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors, including agriculture, forests, fisheries and tourism

Articles will be selected and edited by an editorial board comprising representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, non-governmental groups and staff from the SCBD. Potential contributors are advised to review guidelines for articles appended below.

Please send submissions electronically to: johan.hedlund@cbd.int and gadirlavadenz@gmail.com

Guidelines for Articles:

Length: Approximately 800 words



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Photos: Photos that are of publishable quality are most welcome. Please note that photos should be sent as image files and not placed in Word documents. They can be sent as jpeg, tiff, or psd. Photos should be sent in the largest size available; please do not reduce the size of images before sending.

Tone: Articles must be written in a constructive and analytical manner and contribute to a deeper understanding of the issue. [Contributions should not identify or target particular Parties, individuals or specific entities]. The total coverage of topics in the newsletter will aim to present diverse and balanced viewpoints and arguments that enable readers to formulate their own informed opinions.

Style: Please note that the newsletter follows a similar style to popular publications. If possible, please keep sentences and paragraphs short; and use simple language, bearing in mind that for a large number of readers English is not their first language.

Links:

Convention on Biological Diversity: www.cbd.int/

CBD Alliance: www.cbdalliance.info/

Non-Governmental Organizations / [square brackets]: www.cbd.int/ngo/
