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NOTIFICATION

**Island summit on the margins of COP-11
Island Innovations: Celebrating Bright Spots, Leadership and Successes in Island Conservation
and Sustainable Livelihoods
16 October 2012, Hyderabad, India**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In Recommendation XVI/3, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice “welcomed the proposed initiative of island States and those Parties managing islands for research and conservation to organize an island summit on the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties...”

In close collaboration with the Republic of Seychelles and Palau, as well as the Commonwealth of Grenada, as co-chairs of the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA), I am pleased to officially announce that an island summit will be held on the margins of COP-11 on 16 October 2012 thanks to the generous support from the Government of Japan. The event, named “*Island Innovations: Celebrating Bright Spots, Leadership and Successes in Island Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods*”, will be an opportunity to celebrate island leadership, progress and new commitments in implementing the Programme of work on Island Biodiversity and achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. In addition, in light of the in-depth review of the Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity (PoWIB) to take place during COP-11 as well as the positive outcomes for islands and biodiversity at Rio+20, *Islands Innovations* will provide a platform to mobilize support for further actions to promote the conservation and sustainable use of island biodiversity.

Island Innovations is being organized by participant countries and organizations through GLISPA, with support from IUCN through the European Parliament’s BEST framework, as well as RARE Conservation. More detailed information on the summit is presented in the flyer attached to this notification. Delegates wishing to attend the afternoon session of the summit should send an e-mail to Ms. Leisha Beardmore at: leisha_beardmore@hotmail.co.uk.

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

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Island Innovations

Celebrating Bright Spots, Leadership and Successes in Island Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods

With the support of the co-chairs of the Global Island Partnership, the Presidents of Seychelles and Palau and the Prime Minister of Grenada

Tuesday, 16 October 2012, Hyderabad, India

Island Bright Spots Exchanging innovations and successes

13:00-17:30. *Contact Group VII - Level I - Room 1.03/1.04.*

The event will open with a plenary speech by the Executive Secretary of the CBD and a high level representative of an island Party. Innovative facilitation techniques will be used to focus on a selection of island bright spots and determine how these can be brought to scale.

Island Life Celebrating Leadership and Commitment to Action

18:30-23:00. *By Invitation only.*

This high level event will celebrate significant island initiatives and commitments made to island conservation and sustainable livelihoods by island Parties, Parties with islands and island supporters.

To register your interest in attending Island Innovations, email leisha_beardmore@hotmail.co.uk. This event is being coordinated by the Global Island Partnership.



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