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## NOTIFICATION

### Decision XII/5: Biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision XII/5, on biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the Chennai Guidance for the Integration of Biodiversity and Poverty Eradication and encouraged Parties to apply it, as appropriate, in accordance with national laws, circumstances and priorities, to their related plans, policies and actions and in the implementation of related programmes (paragraphs 2 and 16).

In paragraph 12 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties, other Governments, international organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, and indigenous and local communities “to identify best practices and lessons learned on how to integrate biodiversity, poverty eradication, and sustainable development and to share this information using the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and, as appropriate, other relevant means”.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also welcomed the processes on the post-2015 United Nations development agenda (now known as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development). Identifying and sharing best practices and lessons learned as above will also be highly relevant to efforts being undertaken by Parties on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

I invite you to submit the above-requested information at your earliest convenience but **no later than 31 August 2016**. In identifying and selecting pertinent best practices and lessons learned, you may wish to take into consideration the various elements of decision XII/5, as provided in the Annex. Best practices and lessons learned with respect to paragraph 3 of the decision would be particularly useful, as this paragraph embodies a key aspect of Aichi Biodiversity Target 2 as well as SDG Target 15.9.

Timely submission would enable the reflection of the information in the pertinent documentation for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held in December 2016 in Cancun, Mexico.

Thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

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Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points, International Organizations, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities



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## *Annex*

### **Identifying best practices and lessons learned on how to integrate biodiversity, poverty eradication, and sustainable development: pertinent elements of decision XII/5**

- How to integrate biodiversity and nature's benefits to people, including ecosystem services and functions, into poverty eradication and development strategies, initiatives and processes at all levels and vice versa, to integrate poverty eradication and development concerns and priorities into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other appropriate plans, policies and programmes, and to monitor, evaluate and report on these integration efforts through appropriate indicators and tools (see paragraph 3 of decision XII/5);
- How to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem benefits, including services and functions, into national budgeting processes in order to capture the value of biodiversity in national development planning across all sectors (see paragraph 4 of decision XII/5);
- How to enhance contribution of biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty reduction through the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilisation of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components (see paragraph 5 of decision XII/5);
- How to build resilience of ecosystem functions and services to climate-change risks and to natural hazards, and other anthropogenic pressures, as well as for adaptation to environmental stress for consideration in strategies and national development/sectoral plans (see paragraph 6 of decision XII/5);
- How to raise awareness on best practices of sustainable use, including agro-ecological approaches with positive impacts on the conservation of biodiversity, and to promote actions compatible with biodiversity conservation to strengthen food security and nutrition as mechanisms for poverty eradication in rural areas (see paragraphs 7 and 8 of decision XII/5);
- How to recognize and take into account the diverse and holistic intrinsic values of biodiversity, including its spiritual and cultural values, and to use appropriate and effective non-market-based, market-based and rights-based approaches, taking into account national circumstances, visions and approaches (see paragraph 9 of decision XII/5);
- How to identify and promote, policies, activities, projects and mechanisms on biodiversity and development that consider traditional knowledge related to biodiversity and that empower indigenous and local communities, the poor, marginalized and vulnerable, who depend directly on biodiversity and ecosystem services and functions for their livelihoods, recognizing the role of collective action in the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of its components (see paragraphs 10 and 13 of decision XII/5);
- How to support indigenous and community conserved areas and territories, community-based management, customary sustainable use and community governance of biodiversity, and ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in decision-making processes, taking into account international instruments and law related to human rights in accordance with national legislation and to consider traditional knowledge related to biodiversity conservation in their national policies and initiatives (see paragraph 11 of decision XII/5);
- How to take steps to identify and overcome barriers to the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties, such as lack of cross-sector coordination, resources and political prioritization, in order to effectively integrate biodiversity, poverty eradication and development, and to share lessons learned and the approaches or methods used to overcome barriers using the clearing-house mechanism (see paragraph 14 of decision XII/5);
- How to develop or strengthen the enabling environment and the capacity of Parties, communities, organizations and individuals, to effectively integrate the interlinkages between biodiversity and poverty eradication and sustainable development, and relevant cross-cutting issues by providing the necessary technical, scientific support and financial resources (see paragraph 15 of decision XII/5).