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NOTIFICATION

Expert workshop on marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas 6-9 February 2018 – Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

Through this notification, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to nominate scientific and technical experts to participate in an expert workshop on marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11¹ in marine and coastal areas, to take place in Montreal, Canada from 6 to 9 February 2018.

This workshop is being organized pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of decision XIII/9, whereby the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize an expert workshop to consolidate scientific and technical information on various approaches for, and their effectiveness in, assessing the contribution to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures as well as their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes, also considering the implementation of target 5 of Sustainable Development Goal 14. The workshop will also contribute to the tasks outlined in paragraph 10(b) of decision XIII/2, to provide scientific and technical advice on the definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures in marine and coastal areas and their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

It will be held in conjunction with the technical expert workshop on protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures and their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 ([2017-099](#)), with joint sessions on relevant topics.

The workshop will be organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with financial support from the Government of Canada, through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Technical preparation for the workshop will be also supported by funding from the Government of Norway, through the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries.

The information requested through notifications [2017-084](#) and [2017-065](#) will be compiled and used as input to this workshop.

¹ Aichi Biodiversity Target 11: By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, 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 landscapes and seascapes (<https://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/>).

To: CBD National Focal Points, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Focal Points, POWPA Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant United Nations/international organizations, Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, Regional Fisheries Bodies, IPLCs and other relevant organizations

The report of this workshop will be submitted for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-second meeting.

A maximum of four experts will be selected per region on the basis of nominations by Parties. A limited number, less than the total number of experts from Parties, of participants from other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities will be selected to participate as observers. Nominated experts must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Scientific, technical and managerial expertise and experience in the development and management of marine protected areas, and the application of other effective area-based conservation measures, toward the achievement of Target 11;
- (b) Significant experience in the implementation of the CBD programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, particularly relating to Target 11.

The selected experts from eligible Parties will receive financial support for their participation. Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English.

Nominations should include the name and full contact details of nominee and should be submitted via an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed, respectively, by the National Focal Point or head of the organization/initiative. All nominations must be accompanied by *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee, considering the above selection criteria. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat immediately, but no later than **17 November 2017**, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or by fax to +1 514 288 6588.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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