



**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Contribution to the progress report on integration of non-timber forest resources in forest inventory and management**

Dear members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests:

In paragraph 43 of decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties invited the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and its network to explore possibilities for enhancing the integration of non-timber forest resources (NTFR) in the forest inventory and management, and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held from 9 to 20 February 2004.

To this end, I would like to kindly invite the members of the CPF and its network to contribute to this report by sending any relevant information on current and past projects/experiences/initiatives aiming at integrating non-timber forest resources in forest inventories, and in particular, to contribute with proposals for enhancing the integration of NTFR in forest inventory and management in the context of (a) knowledge and assessment; (b) financial aspects; and (c) legal aspects. A preliminary version of the report is attached for your reference.

Please note that the final report will be available as an information document at the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-9) which will take place from 10 to 14 November 2003 in Montreal, Canada. Therefore, you are kindly requested to provide the Secretariat with your input at your earliest convenience but preferably no later than **15 September 2003**.

I wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours.

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CPF members and network



