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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Peer Review of Global Scenarios prepared for Global Biodiversity Outlook 2

Dear Madam/Sir,

Global Biodiversity Outlook 2 includes a summary description of the approach and results of six policy interventions that were considered realistic, yet challenging, and for which long-term benefits for biodiversity were anticipated. The study was carried out by the GLOBIO (Global Methodology for Mapping Human Impacts on the Biosphere) Consortium comprising the Global Resource Information Database of UNEP (UNEP/GRID-Arendal), the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (MNP) and the Agricultural Economics Research Institute at the Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR-LEI). The full report is accessible at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/gbo2/cbd-gbo2-global-scenarios.pdf>.

You are invited to provide your comments on this document and your views on the following specific questions:

- Is the document technically sound (i.e., appropriateness of methodology, reliability of underlying data, accuracy of findings)?
- Are the questions asked and conclusions drawn relevant for policy and decision makers?
- Which other scenarios on policy responses (options) should be calculated because of their relevance at (sub-)regional and/or global levels?
- What would be needed to ensure that planners and decision-makers can make full use of scenarios, models and strategic assessments to minimize loss of biodiversity?

To : CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders



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- On the basis of comments, which data sources and institutions should be involved in future scenarios work?

On the basis of your responses it is envisaged to:

- prepare a revised version of this document for presentation to SBSTTA-12 and in the CBD Technical Series;
- develop appropriate regionally-based response scenarios within the framework of the Convention's programmes of work in accordance with decision VIII/9 (para 20);
- evaluate the usefulness of scenarios and related tools for the implementation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and activities related to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

I hereby invite Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to submit written comments to the Secretariat **by 30 September 2006**.

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

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