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## NOTIFICATION

### Subject: Designation of a National Focal Point for the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA-NFP)

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph A 21 of decision IX/18, the Conference of the Parties requested “ Parties to designate a national focal point for the programme of work on protected areas in support of the Convention's national focal point to facilitate the effective and coordinated development and implementation of national and regional terrestrial and marine protected area strategies and action plans, taking into account the Convention's programme of work on protected areas and other relevant programmes of work and decisions”.

I therefore invite your Government to submit to the Secretariat the name and contact details of your designated National Focal Point for the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA- NFP) at your earliest convenience and preferably no later than **31 October 2008**. Although Parties determine the specific responsibilities of their focal points, PoWPA- NFP may have the following general responsibilities:

- Facilitating implementation of activities listed in paragraphs 3 to 6 and other relevant paragraphs of decision IX/18 in order to advance the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas at the national level;
- Responding to requests for input from the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat related to the programme of work on protected areas ;
- Communicating and collaborating with PoWPA-NFPs in other countries to facilitate implementation of the programme of work on protected areas at sub-regional, regional and global levels;
- In collaboration with other national-level focal points for the Convention and in coordination with the CBD national focal point, collaborate with focal points from other biodiversity related conventions to facilitate implementation of the Convention at the national level in the field of protected areas.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

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To : CBD National Focal Points



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