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## **NOTIFICATION**

## Invitation to submit project expressions of interest to the LifeWeb

Dear Madam/Sir,

As a follow up to the earlier notification SCBD/STTM/LifeWeb/JS/68345 dated 11 August 2009, through this notification, Parties are invited to submit recipient expressions of interest to participate in the LifeWeb initiative.

Submission of recipient expression of interest are encouraged to draw their priorities from ecological gap analysis, as well as management, financial, and other needs assessments undertaken as early actions in the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, as per paragraph A5(a) of decision IX/18. Pursuant to paragraphs B3(d) and (h) in this same decision, Parties are encouraged to consider the contribution of protected areas to addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as strengthening the provision of ecosystem services to people as a livelihoods and sustainable economic development strategy. Finally, pursuant to paragraph A5(b) in this decision, Parties are also encouraged, as appropriate, to coordinate the development of expressions of interest with relevant members of multisectoral advisory committees, including indigenous and local communities and non-governmental organisations, for the implementation of this programme of work.

Expressions of recipient interest are to introduce a project concept for the consideration of donors. The LifeWeb website serves as a clearing house for already committed and other interested donors to review expressions of interest and identify a shortlist of projects that are consistent with their own priorities. Further financial arrangements for specific projects are made directly between the donor and the recipient. The CBD LifeWeb Coordination Office actively supports this "match-making" process by profiling expressions of interest on the on-line clearing house, enabling the design of projects that address priorities shared by both donors and recipients by serving as a communication resource for both, and encouraging and recognising LifeWeb funding commitment. Expressions of interest can be submitted through a user-friendly on-line form or a Word and PDF template that are all available at https://www.cbd.int/lifeweb/countryprofile/.

Further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jason Spensley, Programme Officer for the LifeWeb Initiative, directly at +1.514.287.8704 and jason.spensley@cbd.int for further information.

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

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