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NOTIFICATION
Peer review of draft documentation for SBSTTA-17

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that draft documentation prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 17) is being made available for peer review at: <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta/preparation>.

Please send your suggested changes and comments to the Secretariat by e-mail (secretariat@cbd.int) or fax (+1 514 288 6588) using the template provided in the Annex and accessible in electronic form from the peer review page. The deadline for submitting comments is **15 July 2013**. Following that date, documents will be revised, edited and submitted for translation. Please note that these documents are unedited drafts, for comments only, and **not for citation or other uses**. The following documents will be posted as soon as they are finalized:

<i>Provisional working title</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Facilitating the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through scientific and technical means	3 and 4
Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal A of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal B of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal C of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal D of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
Assessing the effects of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention	4
Contribution of the Convention to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) intersessional process	5

Also available for review are two documents related to synthetic biology, prepared in response to decision XI/11 and foreseen to be considered at SBSTTA 18. These documents are available at: <http://www.cbd.int/emerging>, with a deadline for submission of comments of 20 September 2013.

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

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To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points and relevant organizations



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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON DRAFT
DOCUMENTATION FOR SBSTTA**

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