

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Questionnaires regarding synergy in implementing
the global biodiversity-related Conventions

1. The CITES Secretariat invites Parties to support a project currently being implemented by the Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme. The project is concerned with coherence and synergy in implementing the global biodiversity-related conventions, and is funded by the European Union, with additional support for some components from the Swiss Government.
2. There are two key elements to the project, and Parties may have already heard about one or both of these directly from the UNEP Secretariat.
3. The first element concerns the identification of opportunities and options for further enhancing cooperation at the global level through secretariats and their hosting bodies, and through the governance and advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions. There has been extensive discussion on possible ways and means for improving environmental governance over many years. In order to ensure that the UNEP Secretariat is able to take account of the views of as many States as possible in taking this discussion forward, it would be appreciated if Parties could complete the questionnaire that can be found at the following url:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_GlobalLevel.
4. The UNEP Secretariat would appreciate responses to this questionnaire by 6 June 2014, in order to prepare an analysis as a basis for discussion at a workshop later in the year.
5. The second element concerns the identification and sharing of best practice at the national level for achieving increased coherence in the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions. In order to ensure that the UNEP Secretariat is able to take account of the full breadth of existing experience in implementation of biodiversity-related conventions at the national level, and in particular efforts to implement a range of conventions in a coherent way, it would be appreciated if Parties could also complete the questionnaire that can be found at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalLevel
6. The UNEP Secretariat would appreciate responses to this questionnaire by 31 May 2014, if possible, to allow initial analysis of the responses so that they can be discussed in the margins of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation, Montreal (Canada), 16-20 June 2014.
7. Any questions concerning the questionnaires or the project should be directed to Ms Margaret Oduk at the UNEP Secretariat (margaret.oduk@unep.org).