



NOTIFICATION

**TARGETS AND DEADLINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED
PROGRAMME OF WORK ON INLAND WATER BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its recommendation VIII/2 (paragraph 4 b), the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for consideration by the national focal points and then the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a schedule of short, medium and long-term outcome oriented targets and deadlines for implementation of the programme of work in inland water biological diversity.

In response to this request, the Secretariat has prepared, with the help of members of the liaison group on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, a compilation of goals and targets including those reflecting the Convention's Strategic Plan, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, Millennium Development goals and elements of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which have been adapted to the inland water context. Several of the short-term targets correspond to elements of the Ramsar Strategic Plan for 2003-2008, which had been adopted by Ramsar COP 8 (Valencia, 18-26 November 2002).

The document is available for downloading at the following address: <http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/sbstta-09-draft-doc.asp>. I would appreciate if your Government could submit to the Secretariat, **no later than 30 September 2003**, comments and proposed text changes to this compilation. These will be summarized and made available for the ninth meeting of SBSTTA. Kindly note that this is a lengthy information document which forms the background to a set of high-level targets for the implementation of the programme of work on inland water biological diversity, which will be considered by SBSTTA at its ninth meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14/Add.1).

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support of the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: All CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points

