



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Three new publications in the CBD Technical Series:

- **Number 11 - Status and Trends of Biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems;**
- **Number 12 - Solutions for Sustainable Mariculture – Avoiding Adverse Effects of Mariculture on Biological Diversity; and**
- **Number 13 - Technical Advice on the Establishment and Management of a National System of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas.**

I am pleased to inform you of the publication of three new CBD Technical Series reports. The first one of these presents the results of the review of “The Status and Trends of Biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems”. The main text of the document is available on the CBD website at: www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-11.pdf and the accompanying maps, contained in the Appendix, are available at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-11-appx.pdf>. The files are posted separately to assist downloading. This report was prepared in response to Decision IV/4 of the Conference of Parties, which requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice to use existing information and draw upon relevant organizations and experts to develop an improved picture of inland water biological diversity, its uses and its threats, around the world, and to highlight where the lack of information severely limits the quality of assessments. It has been prepared in collaboration with the World Resources Institute and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands with financial support provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs through Wetlands International.

The second publication on “Solutions for Sustainable Mariculture – Avoiding Adverse Effects of Mariculture on Biological Diversity” presents the results of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Mariculture. This work, which was a collaborative effort between the Secretariat of the Convention and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, was undertaken as a step towards implementing programme element 4 (mariculture) of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision IV/5, annex), and provides information on the biodiversity-related effects of various forms of mariculture, as well as on the methods and techniques for avoiding such effects. The publication is available on the CBD website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-12.pdf>.

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The third publication is entitled “Technical Advice on the Establishment and Management of a National System of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas”. This publication presents one of the major outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas. The work of this Expert Group was supported by the Governments of New Zealand and the USA, as well as by IUCN - The World Conservation Union. The aim of this technical report is to provide practical information on issues relating to the design and management of a national marine and coastal biodiversity management framework, which includes marine and coastal protected areas, as well as sustainable management practices over the wider environment. The publication is available on the CBD website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-13.pdf>.

These publications have been prepared to provide technical information to delegates of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity being held in Malaysia from 9 to 20 February 2004. This meeting of the Conference of the Parties will consider, amongst other important matters, revised programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biological diversity.

I trust you will find the information useful, and I welcome any suggestions or comments that you may have on this information resource.

Yours sincerely,

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