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## NOTIFICATION

### **Nomination of experts for the technical expert workshop on other effective area-based conservation measures for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 6-9 February 2018 – Montreal, Canada**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities to nominate experts for the technical expert workshop on other effective area-based conservation measures for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

Pursuant to decision XIII/2, paragraph 10, of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, this technical expert workshop is organized to provide scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches, and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures, as well as their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11. It will be held in conjunction with the expert workshop on marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas ([2017-098](#)), with joint sessions on relevant topics.

The workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) with the generous financial support of the Government of Italy and the European Commission.

The information requested through notifications [2017-065](#) and [2017-084](#) will be used as input to the background document that will be made available at the workshop. The outcomes of the workshop will be reported to the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in July 2018.

Accordingly, I invite Parties to nominate an expert for this technical expert workshop. A maximum of three experts in protected areas will be selected per region on the basis of nominations by Parties, and a limited number of participants from relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities will also participate as observers. The experts could include protected areas focal points, experts from the Ministry of Environment or national agencies, as well as experts working on the different elements of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.

The experts will be selected according to the following criteria:

- (i) Long experience, knowledge and expertise, and a clear responsibility within a national-level institution/agency, or working on issues related to the elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 on protected areas and OECMs;
- (ii) Extensive experience in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) and knowledge about various topics related to OECMS, privately protected areas (PPA), indigenous community conserved areas (ICCA);

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- (iii) Indication of ability to share the outcome of the workshop with colleagues at the national and local levels to be able to take OECMs into consideration following the guideline that is being prepared; and
- (iv) Ability to facilitate inter-sectoral collaboration, including the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, to build understanding and cooperation for and achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 on protected areas.

The selected experts from eligible Parties will receive financial support. Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English and that the workshop materials will be made available through the CBD website in due course.

Nominations should include the name and full contact details of each nominee and should be submitted via an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and signed by the National Focal Point or head of the organization. All nominations should be accompanied by *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee, considering the above-mentioned selection criteria. The nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible, but no later than **13 November 2017**, via e-mail addressed to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), or by fax to +1 (514) 288-6588.

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support to the Convention, as well as your contributions towards the achievement of as many elements of Target 11 by 2020.

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

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Executive Secretary