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## NOTIFICATION

### Request to Identify and Submit Data on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to identify and submit data on other effective area-based conservation measures as means of in-situ conservation of biodiversity contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 11. As the definition of OECM was only adopted in November 2018, there is limited information on the global extent of OECMs or the impact they could have on the elements of this target.

The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its fourteenth meeting, adopted the definition of OECMs and welcomed the related scientific and technical advice, including the criteria for identification, to be applied in a flexible way and on a case-by-case basis (decision 14/8). The COP encouraged Parties and invited other Governments, relevant organizations, in collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities, to apply the scientific and technical advice, including by:

- (a) Identifying OECMs and their diverse options within their jurisdiction;
- (b) Submitting data on OECMs to the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) for inclusion in the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA).

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to identify and submit data on OECMs to UNEP-WCMC at: [protectedareas@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:protectedareas@unep-wcmc.org). Further information regarding submission is available at: <https://www.protectedplanet.net/c/other-effective-area-based-conservation-measures> and [Guidance on providing OECM data](#). The data on both protected areas and OECMs will be used to report on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

To assist Parties in identifying OECMs and in applying the scientific and technical advice, and pursuant to paragraph 9 of the above-mentioned decision, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, through its World Commission on Protected Areas Task Force on OECMs, has developed technical guidelines [Recognizing and Reporting Other Effective Areas-based Conservation Measures](#).

I therefore encourage you to use the technical guidelines as you deem appropriate.

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

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

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To: CBD National Focal Points; PoWPA Focal Points; relevant organizations; indigenous peoples and local communities