



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Enhancing synergies among biodiversity-related conventions at the national level:
improving access to, and quality of, available guidance and tools

1. The Secretariat has been requested by the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to bring to the attention of Parties to, and invite their feedback, on materials that have been developed to support national efforts to strengthen synergies among biodiversity-related conventions.
2. The materials have been compiled as part of a joint project of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), funded by the Governments of Finland and Switzerland and the European Union, to support the implementation of CBD decision XIII/24 and its annex, “Road map for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level 2017-2020”.
3. The three compendia of guidance are accessible online at: <https://www.unep-wcmc.org/resourcesand-data/biodiversitysynergies>, and compile available guidance and tools on:
 - synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level;
 - capturing, managing and using biodiversity-related data and information; and
 - key global databases related to the biodiversity-related conventions.
4. The intended purpose of the compendia is to increase access to existing guidance material on these topics to users, including national focal points, Management Authorities and other stakeholders responsible for the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level.
5. In order to inform a review of the usefulness and impact of the compendia among CITES Parties, UNEP-WCMC has requested Parties to respond to a questionnaire accessible at the following link: https://wcmc.io/compendia_review. The review will inform any future strengthening of existing guidance material or development of new guidance in response to identified gaps, as well as efforts towards increasing access to guidance.
6. Parties are encouraged to review the compendia and respond to the survey at their earliest convenience and **no later than 26 April 2019**.