

NOTIFICATION

Lists of Parties covered by the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the Secretariat's consultations with Parties to the Convention and its Protocols, as referenced in notification [2024-058](#), I am pleased to communicate the confirmed list of Parties to be supported by the subregional support centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, contained in section 1 of the annex to the present notification.

I would like to thank Parties that have confirmed to the Secretariat the subregional support centre with which they wish to collaborate, and invite those that have not yet responded to the Secretariat's communication and are therefore not included in the list, to communicate their wish at their earliest convenience, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int with copy to technicalcooperation@cbd.int. The list of the support centres with the geographical coverage will be updated as new information is received and will be made available online at: www.cbd.int/tsc/tscm.

With regard to the subregional support centres in Europe, where there was significant overlap in the country coverage, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP Bureau) requested the selected support centres in Europe to propose a workable solution. In response, three of the centres, namely the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission and the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences, agreed to partner together under the leadership of JRC. Under this collaborative arrangement, the JRC will provide a single-entry point for the Parties concerned.

Furthermore, the IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (IUCN ECARO) and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia have agreed to work together in a collaborative arrangement, whereby IUCN ECARO will serve as the single-entry point for the concerned Parties in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The indicative list of Parties that may be covered under the above two arrangements is provided in section 2 of the annex. Parties that do not wish to be covered under these arrangements and/or require additional information are invited to contact the Secretariat by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int with copy to technicalcooperation@cbd.int.

In the coming weeks, the subregional support centres will contact the respective Parties to discuss the next steps, including identification of the initial priority needs and options for technical cooperation, which will form part of the first biennial work plan of the support centres.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA national focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations

Annex

Coverage by the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres

1. List of Parties covered by the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres

Africa

Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC): Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Sao Tome and Principe

Ecological Monitoring Centre (CSE): Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo

Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD): Comoros, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia

Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS): Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia

South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI): Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, and Zimbabwe

Americas

Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute: Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago

Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD): Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama

Asia

ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB): Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam

International Union for Conservation of Nature Asia Regional Office: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Japan, Maldives, Republic of Korea, and Sri Lanka

International Union for Conservation of Nature Regional Office for West Asia: Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen

Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences (NIES): China, Cambodia, Nepal, and Pakistan

Oceania

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP): Cook Islands, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu

2. Indicative list of Parties that may be covered by the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres in Europe and Central Asia

European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC), together with the International Union for Conservation of Nature Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN Med) and the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences (RBINS): Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

International Union for Conservation of Nature Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (IUCN ECARO) together with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan