



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform
on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Call for the nomination of experts to participate in a workshop
to further scope the thematic assessment
of the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity

1. The Secretariat draws the attention of Parties to the call by IPBES in a letter dated 11 March 2016 under the reference EM/2016/22 (<http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5da0fed71c7e4399fb28ab549&id=e546c21a52>)
2. As reported at the 65th and 66th meetings of the Standing Committee (Geneva, July 2014 and January 2016), IPBES plans to undertake an assessment of the sustainable use of biodiversity (deliverable 3 b iii), the results of which may be of considerable relevance for the CITES Parties and for the implementation of the Convention.
3. At the recent fourth session of the Platform's Plenary (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 2016), it was decided to undertake further work on the terms of reference for the assessment on the sustainable use of biodiversity. The announcement referred to in paragraph 1 of the present Notification is a call for the nomination of experts to participate in this exercise.
4. The Secretariat urges Parties to consider nominating experts with the required skills and an understanding of the needs of CITES Parties, in order for the implementation of the Convention to fully benefit from this assessment. The deadline for nominations is **5 May 2016**; the application form, as specified in IPBES call for nominations is available at: <http://www.ipbes.net/applicationform.html>.