

NOTIFICATION

Information webinar on the results of the strategic reviews and analyses of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and the programme of work on island biodiversity, 12 September 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is convening an information webinar on 12 September 2024 to provide an overview of the results of the strategic reviews and analyses of the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and on island biodiversity, in preparation for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The webinar will be held twice, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT (GMT-4) and from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. EDT (GMT-4), in order to accommodate participants from different time zones.

Based on a request from the Conference of the Parties, in decision [15/24](#), the Executive Secretary, with the support of expert consultants, conducted strategic reviews and analyses of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and the programme of work on island biodiversity, in the context of supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The reviews and analyses were provided for information to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting in documents [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/9/Rev.1](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/10](#).

Draft updates to the programmes of work, in the form of gaps and areas of work in potential need of additional focus under the Convention to support the implementation of the Framework with regard to marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity, were developed on the basis of the strategic reviews and analysis and were provided to the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting (contained in the annex to [CBD/SBSTTA/26/7](#)). This issue was discussed by the Subsidiary Body, and the outcomes of these discussions are contained in SBSTTA recommendation [26/7](#), but there was insufficient time at the meeting to advance discussions on the annex (gaps and areas of work in potential need of additional focus).

The webinar will be conducted in English, and a recording will be made available on the CBD website. To participate, please register [here](#) for the session that begins at 9:00 a.m. EDT (GMT-4) and register [here](#) for the session that begins at 9:00 p.m. EDT (GMT-4). Registered participants will receive a confirmation e-mail with information on how to join the session.

I thank you and look forward to your participation in the information webinar.

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

(signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, CBD marine and coastal biodiversity focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant global and regional organizations/initiatives