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NOTIFICATION

Report of the Third Expert Workshop on the Development of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity, 11-12 October 2011, Singapore

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to inform you that the final report and documents related to the Third Expert Workshop on the Development of the City Biodiversity Index (CBI), also known as the Singapore Index (SI), held on 11–12 October 2011, in Singapore City, Singapore, have been posted online at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EWDCBI-03> along with the list of participants.

The workshop was attended by 26 technical experts on urban biodiversity conservation and planning, as well as city officers responsible for implementation and/or management of biodiversity and urban projects and programmes. They revised and enhanced the 23 indicators composing the Index, based also on the input from over 35 cities testing its application. As the CBI closely reflects the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, it constitutes a component of the CBD indicator framework for monitoring its implementation at the city level. Studies are underway to fine-tune it for the use of smaller towns and states/regions. A comprehensive information document will be made available at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-4) on the results of the testing period, and a revised version of the CBI manual will be posted shortly at <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/gettinginvolved/cbi.shtml>.

For further details on the roadmap of events and activities related to decision X/22 and the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities, please consult <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/events.shtml>.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration,

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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