



Call for contributions to [square brackets]

Submissions due 16 October 2011

[square brackets] is a newsletter produced jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) (www.cbd.int) and the CBD Alliance (www.cbdalliance.org).

The newsletter aims to facilitate timely dialogue among civil society stakeholders on cutting edge biodiversity issues, from both policy (advocacy and decision-making) and practical (implementation) perspectives. The 5th edition was published in June 2011 (www.cbd.int/ngo/square-brackets/square-brackets-2011-06-en.pdf).

We invite short articles from members of civil society all over the world (including NGOs, social movements, indigenous organizations and representatives, local communities).

The new edition of [square brackets] will be published to coincide with the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 15), being held 7-11 November 2011 in Montreal, Canada.

We are interested in receiving articles on issues being addressed by SBSTTA 15. These include:

- Invasive alien species
- How to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA
- Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

In addition, issues being addressed at the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, being held 31 October-4 November 2011, that would be topical include:

- Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the CBD
- Integrating Article 10, with a focus on Article 10(c), as a cross-cutting issue into the CBD programme of work and its thematic areas.

We also think it is a topical time to consider The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study one year later, and the IPBES, whose plenary meeting takes place this October.

In keeping with previous editions of the newsletter, there will be a Question & Answer section, “Perspectives”, and for this edition it will comprise three questions concerning the issue of **bushmeat**.

Articles will be selected and edited by an editorial board consisting of representatives of non-governmental groups, and staff from the SCBD.

Potential contributors are advised to review the guidelines for articles appended below.

Please send submissions electronically to both jdempsey@interchange.ubc.ca and johan.hedlund@cbd.int

Guidelines for Articles

Length: 700-800 words

Topics: We seek submissions that focus on targets that civil society will aim to implement nationally and the challenges or barriers they face in doing so.

Photos: Photos that are of publishable quality are most welcome. Please note that photos should be sent as image files and not placed in Word documents. They can be sent as jpeg, tiff, or psd. Photos should be sent in the largest size available; please do not reduce the size of images before sending.

Tone: Articles must be written in a constructive and analytical manner and contribute to a deeper understanding of the issue. Contributions must not identify or target particular Parties on issues under negotiation. Opinions are more than welcome, but total coverage of topics in the newsletter will aim to present diverse and balanced viewpoints and arguments that enable the readers to formulate their own informed opinions.

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