

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to draw your attention to the following internet-based call for evidence:

The G8+5 ministers, meeting earlier this year in Postdam, asked for an assessment of the economic arguments to conserve biodiversity.

The biodiversity report is intended to make the case for action now to stop biodiversity loss and to help develop cost-effective policy responses.

On 16 November the European Commission asked for evidence on the economics of biodiversity loss. The internet-based inquest http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/call_evidence.htm is open until the end of December.

The evidence collected during the public inquest will be presented at the 9th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Bonn, Germany, in May next year.

The working group preparing this report is especially hoping for contributions from countries from the South.

I participate in this working group and hope that many of you will find the time to make contributions to this call,

best regards,

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