

United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

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**Subject: Contribution to Secretary-General's Report on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
(Part I- Informal Consultative Process)**

Dear Mr. Tarassenko,

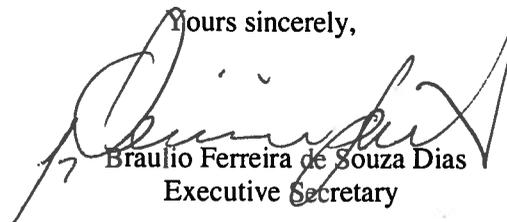
I would like to refer to letter of 12 December 2012, from Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Office of Legal Affairs, inviting the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to contribute to the Secretary-General's report on oceans and the law of the sea, which will be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly for its consideration at the sixty-eighth session.

As requested, I am pleased to enclose herewith the contribution of the CBD Secretariat regarding: (i) information on the activities currently undertaken related to the impacts of ocean acidification on the marine environment; and (ii) matters which may require further consideration on this issue, with an emphasis on areas where coordination and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-agency could be enhanced.

In relation to this subject matter, I wish to advise you that CBD Secretariat plans to hold a lunchtime side-event at the fourteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process to be held in New York from 17 – 20 June 2013, jointly with Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission-UNESCO and other relevant partners, on the topic of "Impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity". Our preferred date for this side event is Tuesday, 18 June 2013. I seek your kind facilitation in securing a slot for this side-event.

I look forward to our continuing excellent collaboration.

Yours sincerely,



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