

**NOTIFICATION****Invitation to engage with the Global Ecosystems Atlas**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to bring to the attention of Parties a recent initiative by the Group on Earth Observations and its partners to develop a Global Ecosystems Atlas. The Global Ecosystems Atlas aims to bring together high-quality global, regional and national ecosystem maps into a single, open, online resource. The Atlas team is hosting an information webinar on Thursday, 19 September 2024, to provide further information on the development of the Global Ecosystems Atlas. Parties that are interested to join the webinar should contact Ms. Lela Gomersall at [lgomersall@geosec.org](mailto:lgomersall@geosec.org).

The Group on Earth Observations is also inviting responses to a survey designed to identify countries that may have relevant national ecosystem maps that could be reflected in the Global Ecosystems Atlas. The survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/e/Y4MzBMyvwb>. Based on responses to the survey, the Group on Earth Observations will follow up directly with Parties that have existing national maps to invite them to share data which could be included in the Global Ecosystems Atlas.

Given the relevance of the work of the Group on Earth Observations and the Global Ecosystems Atlas to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and, in particular, to the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, I would encourage Parties to participate in these processes.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points, ABS national focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA focal points