**Questionnaire**

The Special Rapporteur would welcome answers to the following questions:

1. Please provide, in detail, examples of biodiversity-related legislation, policies and programmes that incorporate human rights obligations.
2. Please provide specific examples of good practices in the implementation of human rights obligations in biodiversity-related matters. For instance, such examples may include practices related to: guaranteeing procedural rights (e.g., rights to information, participation and remedy); monitoring human rights affected by biodiversity-related legislation, programmes and projects (e.g., rights to life, food, housing, health, water and sanitation, cultural rights, etc.); protecting the human rights of individuals and groups from adverse impacts related to biodiversity; promoting the enjoyment of human rights (e.g., rights to life, food, housing, health, water and sanitation, cultural rights, etc.); guiding business activities in accordance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; and seeking remedies for victims.
3. Please specify, where relevant, challenges your Government has experienced in the integration and protection of human rights in biodiversity-related matters.
4. How are the rights of those who may be particularly vulnerable to the loss of biodiversity, including but not limited to indigenous peoples, provided with heightened protection?
5. How do you ensure that the rights of environmentalists working on biodiversity issues (environmental human rights defenders) are protected? What efforts has your Government made to create a safe and enabling environment for them to freely exercise their rights without fear?

**Submission of responses**

Responses to the questionnaire can be sent to srenvironment@ohchr.org (encouraged) or addressed to:

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Due to a limited capacity for translation, we kindly request that your responses to the questionnaire be in English, French or Spanish. We kindly request that your submission be concise and limited to a maximum of 5 pages (or 3,000 words).

The deadline for submission is **30 September 2016**.

Unless otherwise requested, all submissions will be posted on the OHCHR webpage and *made publicly available*:

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