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Subject Call for data on critical loads and biodiversity indicators

Dear Madam or Sir,

Following the 24<sup>th</sup> CCE workshop and the 30<sup>st</sup> Task Force on Modelling and Mapping (Rome, 7-10 April 2014), the CCE is pleased to send you a pre-announcement of a "call for data on critical loads and biodiversity indicators" to be issued after adoption by the Working Group on Effects (WGE) at its 33<sup>rd</sup> session (Geneva 18-19 September 2014). This letter is to inform your WGE delegates of this call for data to be issued in case of a WGE adoption.

This new call for data to be adopted by the WGE with the aim to:

- adapt the critical load database to the new 0.50° x 0.25° longitude-latitude grid used by EMEP;
- offer the possibility to NFCs to update their national critical load data with a novel approach to calculate sulphur and nitrogen critical load functions taking into account their impact on biodiversity, proposed by the CCE.
- Respond to the policy demand of special emphasis on biodiversity.

The call will be organised so that three levels of responses may be possible:

- 1- Basic: Convert existing critical loads to **0.10°x0.05° Lon-Lat-grid** and the corresponding critical loads for acidity and the critical loads for nutrient N to a 4-point N & S critical load function
- 2- Intermediate: Update critical loads, considering including a biodiversity indicator before performing 1.
- 3- Advanced: Use (steady-state or dynamic) biodiversity model to derive N & S critical load functions before performing 1.

It is emphasized that this ICP M&M task responds to the requirements of the LRTAP Convention's Long-Term Strategy (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/17) and of the workplan 2014-2015, as adopted by the Executive Body in December 2013. The critical loads based biodiversity indicators are developed so that they can be used in integrated assessment modelling.

I look forward to the support of your delegate in the WGE and to your future participation in this call for data.

With kind regards,

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