

TO: FISH-BOL Participants

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to transmit to you the attached brochure on DNA barcoding. It was developed as a general introduction to barcoding that highlights its benefits to governments and society. The need for this brochure has been expressed at several CBOL outreach meetings in developing countries. At these meetings, participants described the need for a document they could provide to their funding agencies and other government officials. CBOL hopes that this document will be useful to you, and that it will help you attract research funds and other forms of support. We will be happy to send you some printed copies of the brochure. Please send your request to jettk@si.edu. We also plan to produce versions in several languages, so please let me know if you are willing to have it translated. CBOL will support the printing costs.

I will be attending the upcoming Convention on Biological Diversity Convention of the Parties (CBD COP-9) in Bonn, Germany where I will be distributing printed copies of the brochure and hope to discuss barcoding with country delegations. With this goal in mind, could you please send a copy of the brochure to members of your national delegation to CBD, along with the message that I would like to meet with them there? If you can put me in contact with them, I will try to arrange to meet with them personally.

CBOL will also be hosting a side-event at CBD in Bonn on Monday evening on 26 May. It will be a roundtable discussion about the benefits of barcoding and the international partnerships that CBOL is promoting to build barcoding participation and capacity in developing countries. I invite you and your country delegation members to attend.

I hope you will enjoy reading the brochure and will forward it to colleagues. Please let me know if you would like printed copies sent to you.

With best regards,

David

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