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Views from Parties on the content of the workshop on technical and scientific aspects of ecosystems with high-carbon reservoirs not covered by other agenda items under the Convention, such as coastal marine ecosystems, in the context of wider mitigation and adaptation efforts | SBSTA

Australia notes the proposal for a workshop on technical and scientific aspects of ecosystems with high-carbon reservoirs not covered by other agenda items under the Convention, such as coastal marine ecosystems, in the context of wider mitigation and adaptation efforts, and welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on this matter as requested under FCCC/SBSTA/2012/L.25, paragraph 16.

Australia would like to draw attention to the existing work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in the *2013 Supplement to 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands*. This Supplement provides additional guidance, among other matters, on coastal wetlands including mangroves, salt marsh, seagrass and tidal freshwater systems.

Australia notes that future inventory submissions will be governed by the IPCC guidance as agreed and adopted by Parties, and that the *Wetlands Supplement* is currently in the process of Government review, and is due to be adopted by the IPCC in October 2013.

To ensure efficient use of resources, Australia is of the view that the workshop should be held pre-sessionally, in association with a session of the SBSTA (preferably a session where research will be the focus under the Research and Systematic Observations agenda item), in order to minimise the cost of attendance for most Parties.



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