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Dear Madam/Sir,

The CCE is pleased to send you a detailed substantiation and technical description of the Call for Data 2015–17.

At the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Programme Task Force (20–23 April 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia) a call was decided "*for data on biodiversity critical loads is to be issued in 2015, with a delivery date in 2017 to allow NFCs sufficient time to develop such data, with interim results to be discussed in 2016.*" (see the draft minutes at [http://icpmapping.org/Activities/Past\\_meetings/Croatia\\_2015](http://icpmapping.org/Activities/Past_meetings/Croatia_2015))

Subsequently, at the 1<sup>st</sup> joint session of the Steering Body to the EMEP and the Working Group on Effects (Geneva, 14-18 September 2015) the Coordination Centre for Effects was requested to issue a Call for Data in the autumn of 2015 with a deadline in 2017. And encouraging NFCs to report on preliminary results in 2016.

Following this, the aims of this Call for Data are:

- (a) Derive nitrogen and sulphur critical load functions taking into account their impact on biodiversity (critical loads for biodiversity).
- (b) Present plans and preliminary results of the assessment of critical loads for biodiversity at the ICP M&M meetings in Dessau (19-22 April 2016)
- (c) And finally, to offer the possibility to NFCs to update their national critical load data on acidity and eutrophication, the latter consisting of (the minimum of) the critical load of nutrient nitrogen and the empirical critical load at a site (see Chapters 1 and 2 of the CCE Status Report 2015, *in press*).

Please note that results of the call will be considered as update of the European critical loads database, to be approved under the LRTAP Convention for use by its bodies, and possible use for European policy support. Please, also note that the CCE background database will be used for countries who do not respond to the call for data.

The Chair of the Task Force of the ICP Modelling & Mapping and the CCE expect results of this call to be an important step in meeting requirements of the Long-Term Strategy of the Convention.

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**Enclosure**  
- Instructions for submitting data  
- Database template

We wish you a successful implementation and look forward to your response.

With kind regards,

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