

Decision 14/COP.7

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

The Conference of the Parties.

Recalling decision 19/COP.6 on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and noting that the MA has been completed,

Taking note of the presentations made by representatives of the MA as well as of the information contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/9 and the comments made by the CST at its seventh session,

Acknowledging that the Convention could especially benefit from the MA findings in its further consideration of benchmarks, indicators, and monitoring and assessment activities,

1. Encourages the Parties to consider the findings, conclusions and response options contained in the “Ecosystems and Human Well-being: Desertification Synthesis”, and to make the best possible use of them in addressing the problems of land degradation;

2. Invites the CST to take the findings of the MA into consideration in its programme of work, inter alia in the GoE’s activities for the remainder of their term.

12th plenary meeting
28 October 2005