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Ref: *Co-financing commitment for the "Integrated Management of Water Resources of the Mira, Mataje and Carchi-Guáitara, Colombia – Ecuador Binational Basins" project.*

Dear Ms. Dinu:

I am pleased to confirm that WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, INC. – WWF COLOMBIA is fully committed to the success of the project "Integrated Management of Water Resources of the Mira, Mataje and Carchi-Guáitara, Colombia – Ecuador Binational Basins". This project aligns closely with our work focused on the following objectives: 1) Integrate ecosystem services and climate risk analysis into basin management; 2) Reduce large-scale pressures on priority landscapes; and 3) Promote multi-stakeholder agendas.

I therefore confirm that WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, INC. – WWF COLOMBIA will implement co-financing valued at USD 425.000 that will be oriented towards all the components of the project. In particular, WWF has led formulation of one of the three pilot projects, specifically the one oriented towards community-based bioengineering work in the Guiza River basin. Our co-financing will contribute to:

- Share qualified information baseline and indicators defined for Mira and Mataje Basins including an Atlas (http://www.wwf.org.co/sala_redaccion/publicaciones_new/publicaciones_especies/?uNewsID=333856) and a Globil (WWF's global GIS portal) established for Mira & Mataje Basins, including biophysical information, land use, climate change scenarios, environmental services, and deforestation trends. Globil also offers a complementary platform for sharing information among watershed inhabitants and users (<http://arcg.is/1zn8e9>). We will share also the Basin Health Report Card for Mira & Mataje basins.
- Contribute to increase Colombia's national protected areas coverage by supporting the declaration and management plan formulation for the Mangroves of Cabo Manglares National Integrated Management District (DNMI).
- Support management plans for conservation in four of Nariño's coastal piedmont nature reserves (Río Ñambí, La Nutria, Tirapuentes, and La Planada).
- Fisheries management improvement under the Cabo Manglares protected area management plan including oceanographic data-gathering missions that were conducted in 2017.
- Nariño's Protected Areas System (SIDAP Nariño) strategic plan implementation.
- Design and implementation of a communication strategy for Mira and Mataje basins to share information, goals, activities, and results through media materials.
- Strengthening the binational agenda by facilitating coordinated actions and improving governance through stronger strategic alliances and agreements to reduce threats, share information, and advance in the implementation of basins management plan.

Yours sincerely,

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