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13 March 2019

Dear Mr. Kurukulasuriya,

**Co-financing by Biodiversity Sri Lanka for the Managing together:  
*Integrating community-centered, ecosystem-based approaches into forestry, agriculture  
and tourism sectors Project***

United Nations Development Programme is pleased to confirm in-kind co-financing for the above project. As a key development agency involved with the formulation of innovative development solutions on sustainable environment management, renewable energy, disaster risk management and governance in Sri Lanka, UNDP wishes to develop strong collaboration with the proposed project and harness the synergies for the betterment of the country. In particular to this project, UNDP in-kind support will be mainly on the support to biodiversity-friendly enterprises.

This letter, therefore serves to confirm to the GEF that the UNDP have committed 250,000 USD to be invested in parallel development initiatives within the North and North Central provinces in next three years. This in-kind co-financing reflects counterpart involvement of UNDP funded activities on the environment management with a special focus on biodiversity conservation that will complement the approach and investments envisaged in the project *Managing Together: Integrating community-centered, ecosystem-based approaches into forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors Project*.

Yours sincerely,

Jorn Sorensen  
Resident Representative

Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya  
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**Resident Representative**

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Dear Sir,

**Co-financing for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded project on “Managing together: Integrating Community Centered, Ecosystem-based approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sector”**

As the GEF Focal Point, this Ministry is pleased to inform you that we have secured co-financing of US\$ 15.48 million for the implementation of the project on “Managing together: Integrating Community Centered, Ecosystem-based approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sector” with the aim to mainstream biodiversity conservation into agriculture, tourism and forestry sectors identified under the proposed project.

We wish to inform you that the co-financing commitments have been extended by the following stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of the project activities sustainably.

Contributing Agency	Co-Finance Amount (US\$)
Forest Department	US\$ 1.00 Million
Natural Resource Management Center	US\$ 0.38 Million
Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP)	US\$ 3.2 Million
Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP)	US\$ 3.0 Million
Northern Province Sustainable Fisheries Development Project	US\$ 7.9 Million
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$ 15.48</b>

While thanking for your cooperation and support extended in developing the full project proposal as well as securing co-financing from GIZ, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and Biodiversity Sri Lanka, this Ministry would like to extend our fullest cooperation in the implementation of this project smoothly.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

**Anura Dissanayake**  
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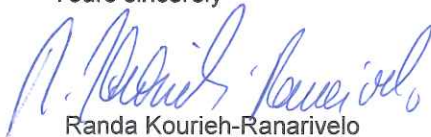
Dear Mr. Pradeep,

**Complementary interventions by GIZ for the "Managing together Project"**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has supported the Department of Wildlife Conservation to develop a comprehensive management plan for the Wilpattu National Park and its influence zone for the past 2 years. The plan was validated and GIZ was commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to assist Sri Lankan government agencies in its implementation. The *Wilpattu National Park and Influence Zone Management Project* is operating in the same geographical area as described in the new GEF project on *Managing Together* with many opportunities to collaborate and coordination on biodiversity compatible livelihoods and wildlife conservation.

This letter, therefore serves to confirm to UNDP and GEF that GIZ was commissioned to implement parallel development measures within and outside the Wilpattu National Park in the next three years worth up to 6 million Euros. This in-kind co-financing reflects counterpart involvement of GIZ activities that will complement the approach and investments envisaged in the project *Managing Together: Integrating community-centered, ecosystem-based approaches into forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors*.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Pradeep,

**Co-financing by Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for the Managing together: Integrating community-centered, ecosystem-based approaches into forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors Project**

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority is the government organization tasked with planning, development, regulation, and policy implementation of tourism and related industries. SLTDA is committed to implement the Sri Lanka Tourism Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and determined to develop the country's marketability as the best tourist destination in the world. Several global travel organizations have already identified Sri Lanka as the best travel destination and SLTDA is committed to maintain that status by increasing setting high standards for the tourism industry and supporting government and private stakeholders to achieve those standards in Sri Lanka. The SLTDA initiatives focused in the same geographical area as described in the new GEF project on Managing Together will increase opportunities for promoting sustainable tourism and eco-tourism with a specific focus to manage biodiversity.

This letter, therefore serves to confirm to UNDP and GEF that the SLTDA have committed SL Rs. 850-950 million Sri Lankan Rupees (approximately equivalent to 5-6 USD) to be invested in parallel development initiatives within the North and North Central provinces in next three years. This in-kind co-financing reflects counterpart involvement of public sector funded activities on the tourism sector that will complement the approach and investments envisaged in the project *Managing Together: Integrating community-centered, ecosystem-based approaches into forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors Project*.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

**Upali Rathnayake**  
Director General  
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Copy : Chairman, SLTDA – F.I.P

13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Dear Mr. Kurukulasuriya,

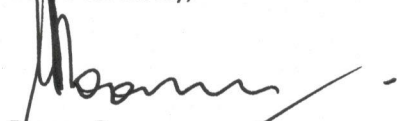
**SUB: CO-FINANCING BY BIODIVERSITY SRI LANKA MEMBER COMPANIES FOR THE 'MANAGING TOGETHER: INTEGRATING COMMUNITY-CENTERED, ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACHES INTO FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM SECTORS' PROJECT**

Biodiversity Sri Lanka (BSL) is a national platform entirely owned and driven by the private sector, established to promote strong engagement of the corporate sector in biodiversity and environmental conservation in Sri Lanka. BSL actively promotes strong leadership of the private sector in the areas of biodiversity and environmental conservation, through the provision of technical support, sharing of information, knowledge and experience, the promotion of best practices through active learning and understanding mechanisms and by initiating and facilitating dialogue between State and civil society partners and the private sector, advocating biodiversity-friendly policies and positive instruments that campaign for the conservation of Sri Lanka's fragile environment.

With the coordination and technical support of BSL, its member companies are able to design and implement initiatives in line with national environmental priorities, and reap the benefits of synergy between different initiatives. BSL Member initiatives focused in the same geographical area as described in the new GEF project named 'Managing Together' will increase opportunities available for BSL for promoting strong engagement of its Member companies in biodiversity conservation.

This letter, therefore serves to confirm to UNDP and GEF that the BSL Member Companies have committed LKR 357,800,000/- (approximately equivalent to USD 2,000,000/-) in parallel development initiatives within the relevant geographic areas over the next three years. This in-kind co-financing reflects counterpart involvement of private sector funded activities on environment management with a special focus on biodiversity conservation, that will complement the approach and investments envisaged in the project 'Managing Together: Integrating community-centered, ecosystem-based approaches into forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors' project.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Kurukulasuriya,

**Co-financing by IUCN Sri Lanka for the Managing Together: *Integrating Community-Centered, Ecosystem-based Approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors Project***

IUCN Sri Lanka is the agency leading the designing of the above project proposal for Cycle 6 of GEF grants for the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMD&E), Sri Lanka.

This letter, therefore, serves to confirm to UNDP and GEF that IUCN Sri Lanka has committed USD 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand USD) to be invested in parallel development initiatives within the North and North Central provinces in the next four years. This in-kind co-financing reflects the counterpart involvement of the IUCN Sri Lanka funded activities on the environment management with a special focus on biodiversity conservation that will complement the approach and investments envisaged in the project *Managing Together: Integrating Community-Centered, Ecosystem-Based Approaches into Forestry, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors Project*.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Ananda Mallawatantri'.

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Country Representative