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**National Conservation Strategy Coordinating  
Agency  
Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism**

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**Mr. Leonard Good**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Sir,

**PROJECT:BIODIVERSITY ENABLING ACTIVITY(ADDITIONALFINANCING FOR  
CAPACITY BUILDING IN PRIORITY AREAS)**

We refer to the above project being submitted by the National Conservation Strategy Coordinating Agency (NCSA) for your consideration.

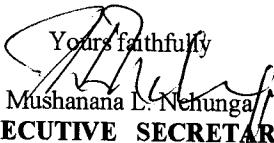
In accordance with the Operational Guidelines for Expedited Financing of Biodiversity Enabling Activities, the Government of Botswana requests additional interim funds in the amount of US\$ 91,000 to conduct new enabling activities in the follow up to those conducted under the UNDP/GEF Enabling Activities project (BOT/01/G31/A/IG/99).

To prepare the Third National Report to the Conference of Parties to the CBD, Botswana is requesting for US\$20,000. The total amount requested for new enabling activities and preparation of the Third National Report is US\$111,000.

The interim funds are essential for: assessment of national capacity for the implementation of general measures for *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation and sustainable use, including national plans, strategies and legislation; assessment of national capacity to implement initial assessments and monitoring programmes, including taxonomy and implementation of the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM), capacity building for all sectors participating in the CHM will be included.

For the Third National Report, Parties are requested to provide factual data based on indicators and other substantive information; elaborate on how they are implementing specific articles and related COP decisions.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully  
  
Mushanana L. Nehunga  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**