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Dear Madam

**PROJECT: WILDLIFE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION FOR IMPROVED RURAL
LIVELIHOODS IN BOTSWANA**

As the GEF National Focal Point and as the coordinators of environment we have assessed the above project and it has our full support for submission to GEF and respectfully request the World Bank to act as the GEF Agency in this project. Conflict between wildlife and communities is escalating dramatically and is a primary challenge to the conservation of Botswana's biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources for improved rural livelihoods.

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Thank you,

Yours faithfully



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