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To: Ms. Barbara Cooney
FAO/GEF Executive Coordinator
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy.

Subject: Endorsement Letter for Project "Demonstration of estuarine biodiversity conservation and MPA networking in China"

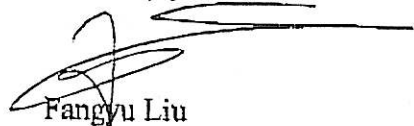
In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for China, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by China under the relevant global environmental conventions and (b) has been discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points, in accordance with GEF's policy on public involvement.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of FAO. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the State Oceanic Administration of China. Further, I request FAO to provide a copy of the project document for endorsement before submission to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is US\$4,000,000, which includes US\$120,000 for project preparation (PPG), US\$ 3,516,400 for implementation, and US\$ 363,600 (10% of the project amount) of fees to FAO for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to China in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (biodiversity: US\$4,000,000) to cover the GEF project implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Sincerely yours,



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