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**Subject: China: Endorsement Letter for GEF Support
Medium-Sized Project for Lake Dianchi Freshwater Biodiversity Restoration**

Dear Mr. Broadfield,

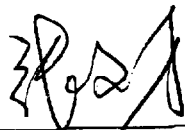
This is to advise you that Ministry of Finance, as the GEF Focal Point for China, would like to endorse the captioned concept paper to be submitted by the Financial Bureau of Yunnan Province, with the cooperation with World Bank for GEF support.

The biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of aquatic biodiversity is an important part of implementing the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Lake Dianchi has great significance to its unique local fresh water fish species and some special aquatic species, which have been classified as priority in the 1994 China Biodiversity Conservation Action Plan. Therefore, the proposed project, with the objective to sustainably conserve and manage the biodiversity in Dianchi Lake, will have global significance to biodiversity conservation, especially the aquatic biodiversity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts in the proposed project.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



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