

September 13th, 2007

To: **M. Steve GORMAN**
GEF Executive Coordinator
The World Bank
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Subject: Endorsement for the **Programme Cadre de Gestion des Aires Protégées (PCGAP)**

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Côte d'Ivoire, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with the government's national priorities and the commitments made by Côte d'Ivoire, 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 the World Bank. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by **Office Ivoirien des Parcs et Réserves (OIPR)** and the **Fondation pour les Parcs et Réserves de Côte d'Ivoire (FPRCI)**. Further, I request the World Bank to provide a copy of the project document for information before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

I understand that the total GEF financing being requested for this project is \$2,800,000, inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), if any, and Agency fee (10%) to the World Bank for project cycle management services associated with this project.

I consent to the utilization of the following indicative allocations available to Côte d'Ivoire in GEF-4 under the GEF Resource Allocation Framework to cover the GEF project preparation and implementation as well as the associated Agency fees for this project.

Biodiversity: \$2,800,000

Sincerely,

Mrs KONE-BAKAYOKO Alimata
GEF Operational Focal Point

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- CEO and Chairperson, GEF
- Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests
GEF Political Focal Point
- CEO of National Investment Bank
- Biodiversity Focal Point

