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CEO and Chairperson

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Dear Council Member,

UNEP as the Implementing Agency for the project entitled: *Global (Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mozambique, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Vanuatu): Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong Across the Indian and Pacific Ocean Basins (Short Title: The Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project)*, has submitted the attached proposed project document for CEO endorsement prior to final approval of the project document in accordance with UNEP procedures.

The Secretariat has reviewed the project document. It is consistent with the objectives of the project approved by the Council in June 2012. The scope of the project activities, however, has changed since work program entry with the inclusion of one additional country - the Solomon Islands. The GEF grant amount has increased by \$981,746 to cover eligible incremental costs. The changes in the various cost elements from the original concept approved by the Council and as recommended in the final project design have been incorporated throughout the project document. The project reflects the increased number of participating countries to eight and recognizes the high execution complexity of management arrangements for these countries that would oversee 40 sub-projects, 8 national committees, and the wide range of partners involved.

We have today posted the proposed project document on the GEF website at www.TheGEF.org for your information. We would welcome any comments you may wish to provide by June 12, 2014 before I endorse the project. You may send your comments to gcoordination@TheGEF.org.

If you do not have access to the Web, you may request the local field office of UNDP or the World Bank to download the document for you. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the document from the Secretariat. If you make such a request, please confirm for us your current mailing address.

Sincerely,

Naoko Ishii
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Attachment: Project Document
Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point
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