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To **Mr. Ahmed DJOHLAF**  
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Dcar Mr. Executive Director

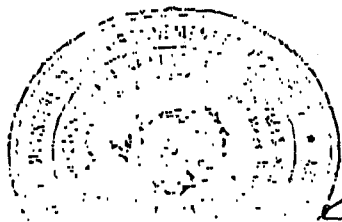
As the Operational Focal Point for Cameroon I respectfully submit this letter of endorsement for the Ecosystems, Protected Areas and people (EPP) project.

I have received and reviewed the proposed GEF MSP for the EPP project. I also had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the EPP core Management team to discuss the program of work. During this session, I learned more about the planned work at Réseau Cogestion des Ressources Naturelles dans le bassin du Congo and I fully understand the scope and intent of the work that the project team will be conducting at the network of sites as well as globally.

Cameroon fully understands the importance of conserving biodiversity through the creation of well managed protected areas and the important role these sites have in ensuring sustained and sustainable development. The EPP project will play an important role in building the capacity of protected areas managers around the world to adapt to challenges posed by global change factors. Capturing and transmitting the innovative lessons learned from sites such as Monte Cameroon and Korup, among others via the protected areas learning Network will benefit park managers in similar situations throughout the world.

Having reviewed this MSP document as the GEF focal point for Cameroon, I believe that this project is consistent with our national programs relating to the biological diversity convention. I submit this endorsement of the EPP project and its proposed work for the purpose of obtaining \$1 million of GEF financial support.

Thank you,





**MINISTERIO DEL AMBIENTE Y ENERGÍA**  
Dirección General de Cooperación Internacional

San José, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002  
DCI/00146-2002

Mr.  
Mohamed El Ashry  
Executive Director  
Global Environment Fund  
Washington

Dear Mr. El Ashry:

As the Operational Focal Point for Costa Rica, I am hereby endorsing the project titled "Ecosystems, Protected Areas and People" (enclosed)

As you may be aware, the Government of Costa Rica and its new President Dr. Abel Pacheco have stressed their goals regarding natural resources and biodiversity conservation and protection, particularly protected areas of the country. The proposed project will undoubtedly play an important role in building capacity of the protected areas managers to adapt to challenges deriving from global change factors. Capturing and transmitting the innovative lessons learned from experiences such as La Amistad and Corcovado through the Protected Areas Learning Network, will definitely benefit park and other protected areas managers in similar situations around the world.

From the operational perspective, we hope the related officers from the National System of Conservation Areas will become involved in the implementation of the project, both at the national and regional levels, as a way to fully guarantee the appropriation of it and the fulfillment of its goals.

Sincerely

Ricardo Ulate C.  
Director



c. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez Echandi, Ministro MINAE  
Ahmed Djoghlaï, Executive Director, UNEP/GEF Coordination Office  
Ing Raúl Solórzano, SINAC  
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REPUBLIC OF YEMEN  
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Tourism and Environment  
Environment Protection Authority



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Dear Mr. Djoghlaif,

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As the Operational Focal Point for the Republic of Yemen I respectfully submit this letter of endorsement for the Ecosystem, protected Areas and people (EPP) project.

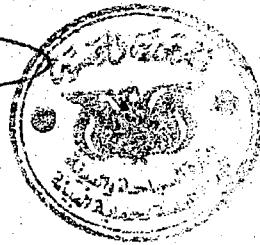
I have received and reviewed the proposed GEF MSP for the EPP project. I also had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the EPP Core Management Team to discuss the program of work. During this session I learned more about the planned work at Socotra Island and I fully understand the scope and intent of the work that the project team will be conducting at the site as well as globally.

Yemen fully understands the importance of conserving biodiversity through the creation of well managed protected areas and the important role these sites have in ensuring sustained and sustainable development. The EPP project will play an important role in building the capacity of protected area managers around the world to adapt to challenges posed by global change factors. Capturing and transmitting the innovative lessons learned from sites such as Socotra Island via the protected Areas Learning Network will benefit park managers in similar situations throughout the world.

Having reviewed this MSP document as the GEF focal point for Yemen, I believe that this project is consistent with our national programs relating to the biological diversity convention. I submit this endorsement of the EPP project and its proposed work for the purposes of obtaining \$1 million of GEF financial support.

Thank you,

Dr. Mohamed S. El-Mashjary,  
Chairman, EPA



MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA Y MEDIO AMBIENTE  
Dirección de Colaboración Internacional



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Havana, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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Subject: Medium Size project "Ecosystems, Protected Areas and People"

Dear Mr. Djoghlaif,

We have received and carefully analyzed the above-mentioned project proposal developed in consultation with IUCN, WRI and with the participation of some Cuban representatives.

Cuba recognises the importance of establishing a "Protected Areas Learning Network" which will positively impact in conservation of biological diversity worldwide. The inclusion of the Zapata Swamp National Park in this project will allow sharing of lessons learned between the Cuban and international experts in similar and relevant sites.

We hereby confirm that Cuba endorses this project proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Jorge L. Fernández Chamero  
Director  
GEF Focal Operational Point



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Ministerio del  
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Letter No. 1128/DASI/MA  
June 05, 2002

Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Director  
UNEP/GEF Coordination Office

Dear Mr. Djoghlaif:

As the Operational Focal Point for Ecuador I respectfully submit this letter of endorsement for the Ecosystems, Protected Areas and People (EPP) project.

We have received and reviewed the proposed GEF MSP for the EPP project. Dr. Roberto Ulloa, also had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the EPP Core Management Team to discuss the program of work. After this session we learned more about the planned work at Yasuni National Park and I fully understand the scope and intent of the work that the project team will be conducting at these sites as well as globally.

Ecuador fully understands the importance of conserving biodiversity through the creation of well managed protected areas and the important role these sites have in ensuring sustained and sustainable development. The EPP project will play an important role in building the capacity of protected area managers around the world to adapt to challenges posed by global change factors. Capturing and transmitting the innovative lessons learned from sites such as Yasuni National Park via the Protected Areas Learning Network will benefit park managers in similar situations throughout the world.

Having reviewed this MSP document as the GEF focal point for Ecuador, I believe that the project is consistent with our national programs relating to the biological diversity convention. I submit this endorsement of the EPP project and its proposed work for the purposes of obtaining \$1 million of GEF financial support.

Thank you,

  
**DR. ALFREDO BARRIGA**  
Minister of the Environment of Ecuador (E)

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Dear Mr Djoghlaif

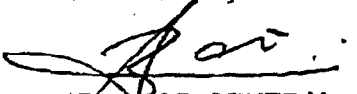
**ENDORSEMENT OF THE " ECOSYSTEMS, PROTECTED AREAS AND PEOPLE" PROJECT**

I hereby wish to inform you that the abovementioned project has been channelled through the various mechanisms that have been established to evaluate GEF projects.

It is clear from the recommendations received that this project has a broad based support and meets South Africa's national priorities in terms of the conservation and sustainable use of our biological diversity.

Given these recommendations I therefore grant my endorsement for this project and would appreciate it if you facilitate the approval of funding for it.

Yours sincerely

  
# DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
and GEF FOCAL POINT  
DATE: 12/8/2002

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México, D.F., a 26 de agosto de 2002.

**SR. MOHAMED T. EL-ASRHY**  
Director Gerente del Fondo para el  
Medio Ambiente Mundial - GEF  
Washington, D. C.

Hago referencia a la propuesta de proyecto "**Ecosistemas, Areas Protegidas y Pueblo**" que será apoyado con recursos del Fondo para el Medio Ambiente Mundial (GEF), a través del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente (PNUMA), en su carácter de Agencia Instrumentadora.

Sobre el particular, me permito informar a usted que el proyecto de referencia cuenta con el aval tanto de esta Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público como Punto Focal Político del GEF, así como con el dictamen técnico satisfactorio de la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT), por lo que le solicito que por su amable conducto, se inicien los trámites correspondientes para apoyar el proyecto de referencia.

Asimismo, agradeceré nos mantenga informados del trámite que guarden estas gestiones, y sin otro particular por el momento, aprovecho la ocasión para reiterar a usted las seguridades de mi más atenta y distinguida consideración.

Atentamente,  
SUFRAGIO EFECTIVO. NO REELECCION.  
El Director General Adjunto

  
Ricardo Ochoa

c.c.p.- Dirección General de Crédito Público.- Secretaría Particular.- Presente.  
c.c.p.- Sr. Ahmed Djoghla.- Director del Departamento de Coordinación del GEF - PNUMA.- Presente.  
c.c.p.- Dirección General Adjunta de Organismos Financieros Internacionales.- Presente.  
c.c.p.- Subdirección de Proyectos Especiales y del Sector Privado.- Presente.