

June 22, 2005

Dr. Jamie Oliver
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Dear Dr. Oliver,

The Tropical Marine Protected Area Networks Learning Partnership, a collaboration of four international conservation organizations, as represented below, dedicated to increasing knowledge and learning opportunities among marine conservation practitioners, strongly endorses the proposed GEF medium sized project titled "Knowledgebase for lessons learned and best practices in the management of coral reefs". We are very pleased to note the inclusion of US\$100,000 of project support for activities of the Marine Learning Partnership that are very consistent with the objectives of the proposed project. In exchange, the Partnership agrees that it will participate in the project and provide a total contribution of US\$400,000 of in-kind support during the three-year life of the project.

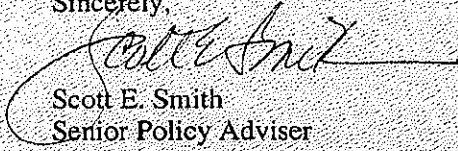
There are several areas within this GEF project where the Marine Learning Partnership shares a common vision. Overall, the Tropical Marine Learning Partnership is prepared, with its 30 marine conservation professional members and Core Team, to test good practices based on the lessons identified in the GEF project effort. More specifically, we envision the following ways that GEF funding will support and benefit from our activities:

- Assessments of tropical marine protected area networks supported by our four organizations and other non-GEF areas of high interest to our Marine Learning Group members. Preliminary interviews with the members indicate that priority areas of interest include MPA network design, enhancing management effectiveness, sustainable financing, collaboration of management with governments and partners, and providing benefits to local communities.
- Workshops of the partnership's Learning Group at which initial lessons learned or other products from the GEF project are presented to and discussed. These will be an opportunity to validate or challenge the conclusions of these products, and augment them based on the broader experience represented by our Learning Group members.
- "Collective learning activities" that engage outside experts or representatives of other sites in specific learning activities to complement the experience and expertise of our Learning Group members. These experts could be from GEF projects and/or people involved in the proposed project. This collaboration

would be a good vehicle for disseminating and/or validating the conclusions coming from the analysis of GEF experience.

If we can be of assistance to answer questions regarding the Partnership or to further clarify our support of this important GEF project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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To whom it may concern

The WorldFish Center strongly endorses the proposed GEF medium sized project titled "Knowledgebase for lessons learned and best practices in the management of coral reefs".

The Center agrees that it will participate in the project if it is successful and will contribute a total of US\$471,000 of in-kind support during the 3 year life of the project.

Yours faithfully,



Stephen J. Hall
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To whom it may concern:

The International Coral Reef Action Network strongly endorses the proposed GEF medium sized project titled "Knowledgebase for lessons learned and best practices in the management of coral reefs". ICRAN agrees that it will participate in the project if it is successful and will contribute a total of US\$78,000 of in-kind support during the 3 year life of the project.

Yours Sincerely,

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Director

A Global Partnership for Coral Reef Conservation

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The World Fish Centre (ICLARM) • The World Resources Institute • The World Wildlife Fund