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**RE: GEF- MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY
PROJECT**

The Government of Mozambique identified, in its National Environmental Management Programme, the coastal areas as one of the priority areas and, therefore needing special attention. It is under these lines that the Ministry for Coordination of Environmental Affairs through the Coastal Zone Management Unit is preparing a National Coastal Zone Management Programme. Meanwhile, demonstration activities are also being implemented which will be a strong input for the Coastal Zone Programme while, at the same time, contributing to the improvement of the living standard of the coastal population.

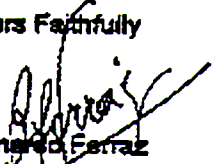
It is in prosecution of this goal that the Ministry for Coordination of Environmental Affairs obtained some funding from the GEF "PDF" Grant B to prepare the Management of Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Project.

The concept of the project, included herein, includes a new approach to natural resources management, and as been widely discussed among all stakeholders both at central and local levels and, consequently has been endorsed as a concept which, if successfully implemented, will bring new sustainable development to the selected pilot project areas and, can replicated to other coastal areas of Mozambique.

It is, therefore, taking into account the foregoing that the Government of Mozambique would like to strongly endorse the Concept of the GEF funded Management of Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Project.

Thanking you in advance for your continuous cooperation,

Yours Faithfully


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