

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN
Ministry of Water and Environment
Environment Protection Authority



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To: Tim Clairs

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Date: Sep. 12, 2005

Subject: Endorsing the project: Mainstreaming conservation of migratory soaring birds into key productive sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway

Dear Mr. Clairs

Reference to the above-mentioned project I would like to take this opportunity to confirm the importance of securing safe passage of migrating soaring birds along the Rift Valley-Red Sea flyway. Therefore, Environment Protection Authority in Yemen is confirming its commitment to the project along other countries in the flyway.

We continue to attach great importance to the conservation of migratory soaring birds through mainstreaming conservation in the productive sectors in Yemen. As part of this commitment, EPA continues to be strongly supportive of conservation projects and the various activities under this project.

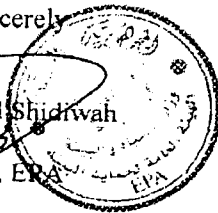
We acknowledge your effort and the various organizations involved for their efforts in the preparation of the draft proposal for the project. However, The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), GEF focal point in Yemen is pleased to endorse this project to be implemented by both EPA in collaboration with Yemen Society for the Protection of Wild Life in order to enhance the National capacity for both EPA and this NGO.

Thank you for your continued cooperation,

Yours sincerely

Mahmoud Shidiwah

Chairman, EPA





REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

THE MINISTER

UNDP OFFICE IN BEIRUT		
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Beirut, 28/9/05

H.E. Ms. Mona Hammam
Resident Representative
UNDP – Lebanon

Subject: “Mainstreaming Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds into Key Productive Sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea Flyway” Project

Dear Ms. Hammam,

With reference to your letter dated September 23, 2005 (reference Pro/301/Env.pipline/233/EC/ZG) relating to the endorsement request for the above-mentioned project; and based on UNDP and GEF RCU-AS commitment to incorporate the Ministry's suggestions into the project document and in reaching implementation arrangements suitable to the Ministry of Environment,

We, therefore, endorse the project entitled “Mainstreaming Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds into Key Productive Sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea Flyway”.

With best wishes,

Yacoub Riad Sarraf
Minister of Environment



- C.c:
- Mr. Tim Clairs, GEF regional coordinator – UNDP/Lebanon
 - Mr. Edgard Chehab, Programme manager, Energy and Environment Unit – UNDP/Lebanon
 - Miss Lamia Chamas, Acting Chief of Service Conservation of Nature (SCN) – DGoE
 - Miss Lara Samaha, Head of Department Conservation of Natural Capital – DGoE
 - Mrs. Nancy Khoury, Acting Head of Division Public Relations & External Affairs – DGoE

Arab Republic of Egypt
Cabinet of Ministers
Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs
Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency

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11 September 2005

Subject: Mainstreaming conservation of migratory soaring birds into key productive sectors along the Near East/Red Sea flyway

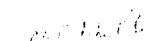
Dear Mr. Clares,

In my capacity as G.F.F. Operational Focal Point in Egypt, I hereby officially endorse the above mentioned project. The project has been developed in full consultation with all concerned stakeholders in Egypt and is consistent with Egypt's national development plans.

EEAA supports the project's approach for mainstreaming natural environmental considerations and specifically migratory birds into national development processes.

In this respect, I also confirm the support of EEAA for the joint cooperation between the LHA Red Sea project and the Migrating Soaring Birds project; this cooperation is to be carried out at the level of the activities considered as coordinating.

With best regards,

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Dr. Mohamed Sayed Khabl
G.F.F. - Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
G.F.F. Operational Focal Point in Egypt

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International Cooperation**

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وزارة التخطيط والتعاون الدولي

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Ref. No.

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**Subject: Mainstreaming conservation of migratory searing birds into key productive
sectors along the Rift Valley / Red Sea flyway**

Dear Ms. McNab,

In reference to the above-mentioned subject, concerning the development of a regional project document in **Mainstreaming conservation of migratory searing birds into key productive sectors along the Rift Valley / Red Sea flyway**.

Kindly be informed that, the objectives of the proposed project found to be consistent with the implementation of the United Nation Convention for Biological Diversity, and contribute directly towards Jordan's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan objectives.

Therefore, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation in its capacity as the Political and Operational Focal Point for the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), is pleased to support and endorse the GEF proposal of the said project, however, we understand that this endorsement letter does not obligate the Government of Jordan with any financial contribution towards the implementation of this project

I would highly appreciate it if you could kindly take the necessary action in this regard, and communicate this endorsement letter to the GEF Secretariat.

Please accept my high esteem and consideration.

**Dr. Kamal M. Khdir
Advisor**

Sincerely

Kamal M. Khdir

Advisor,

**GEF Operational Focal Point,
Ministry of Planning and
International Cooperation**

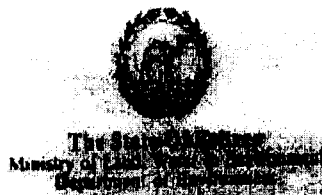
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Mr. Tim Clain
Regional Coordinator for Biodiversity
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Dear Mr. Clain,

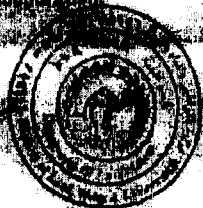
The Department of Regulatory Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, is informed as that it has received information regarding the implementation of UNEP/GEF project for the conservation of biodiversity in the country. The Department is confident that the project implementation will contribute to the conservation of important bird areas and habitats in the country.

Therefore, in my capacity as GEF focal person I wholeheartedly endorse the project.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

MOSES WOLDE-YOHANNIS
Director General



CC: Department of Regulatory Services
Ministry of Agriculture
Addis Ababa

RÉPUBLIQUE DE DJIBOUTI
Unité - Égalité - Paix

MINISTÈRE
DE L'HABITAT, DE L'URBANISME,
DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
ET DE
L'AMÉNAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE
LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Djibouti le **18 JUL 2005**

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Tim Claire,
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Objet : Assistance financière pour la participation aux activités du projet
« Conservation of soaring migratory birds in the eastern sector of the
Africa-Eurasia flyway system (Rift Valley and Red Sea flyways)

Monsieur Le Coordinateur Régional,

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que la République de Djibouti participe actuellement aux activités de la phase PDF-B du projet dont le titre, est dans sa version anglaise, **Conservation of soaring migratory birds in the eastern sector of the Africa-Eurasia flyway system (Rift Valley and Red Sea flyways).**

Aussi, je voudrais attirer votre attention par la présente sur l'importance que revêt ce projet quant à la conservation des oiseaux planeurs migrants d'une part et d'autre part et de la diversité biologique dans sa globalité, et ce en application des stratégies et programmes nationaux de conservation des ressources naturelles.

Par ailleurs, et conformément aux activités de la phase PDF -B de formulation d'un projet complet de conservation des oiseaux planeurs migrants, plusieurs études sont en cours ; d'autres ont été menées dans l'ensemble des onze pays partenaires, dans un premier temps pour identifier les menaces, examiner les politiques nationales et législations existantes en matière de protection des oiseaux planeurs migrants et ensuite évaluer les lacunes afin de les combler lors de la mise en œuvre du projet cité en objet.



No : 87/2005

Date: 27-July-2005

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Mr. Timothy S Rothermel
Special Representative
UNDP-PAPP Jerusalem

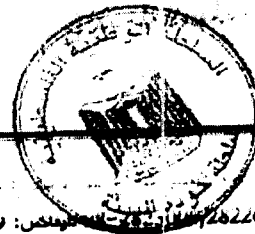
Subject: Endorsement Letter

The Environment Quality Authority (EQA) would like to confirm its endorsement and support for the project " Protection of Key Bottleneck Important Bird Areas for Soaring Migratory Birds in the Eastern Sector of the Africa Eurasia Flyway (Rift valley and Red Sea flyways) " being submitted by Bird Life International and implemented by Palestine Wild Life Society in Palestine.

This project is fully consistent with national conservation objectives, environmental action plans and biodiversity policies based on the priorities addressed by the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAPs).

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Said Jalala
Director General of EQA
GFF Focal Point



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Higher Council for the Environment &
Natural Resources
General Secretariat
Khartoum, Sudan
Date: 27.8.2005

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Mr Tim Clairs,
Regional Coordinator for Biodiversity
United Nations Development Programme, Global Environment Facility,
Riad-El-Solh Square,
Beirut-Lebanon,

Dear Mr. Tim Clairs,

**Subject: Endorsement letter for the Mainstreaming conservation of
migratory soaring birds into productive sectors along the
Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway**

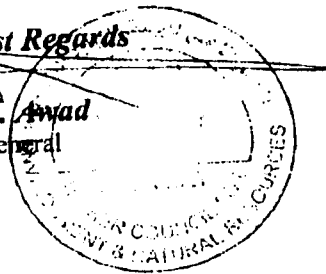
This council looks with satisfaction to the effort of SECS in collaboration with BIRDLIFE international to develop a full project proposal to conserve migratory soaring birds in the eastern sector of the Africa-Euroasia flyway system to be submitted to GEF for funding. This project has been developed in full consultation with relevant stakeholders in Sudan, and their input has been incorporated into the final proposal.

The Higher Council for the Environment and Natural Resources considers this project, which gives special recognition to protection and sustainable management of birds migrating through the eastern sector of the Flyway in Sudan essential to the conservation of biodiversity in the country. It is fully consistent with the national conservation policy, and objectives as spelled out in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the biodiversity country study.

As the secretary general of this council, I fully endorse this proposal and look forward to see that it is fully funded and soon implemented. I am confident that Sudan and its regional partners will benefit greatly from this effort and it will be a significant step to forward the conservation agenda.

Thanks and Best Regards

Dr. Nadir M. Ayad
Secretary General



Syrian Arab Republic
Ministry of Local Administration and Environment

الجمهورية العربية السورية
وزارة الإدارة المحلية والبيئة

Our reference No: 1381/S

To: Mr. Tim Clairs
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Subject: Protection of Key Bottleneck Important Bird Areas for Soaring Migratory Birds in the
Eastern sector of the Africa-Eurasia Flyway

Date: 28.9.2005

Dear Mr. Clairs,

In my capacity as the GEF Operational Focal Point for the Syria Arab Republic, I hereby endorse the project " *Protection of Key Bottleneck Important Bird Areas for Soaring Migratory Birds in the Eastern sector of the Africa-Eurasia Flyway (Rift valley and Red Sea Flyways)*".

This project has been fully consulted with Ministries and relevant stakeholders in the country.

The Ministry of Local Administration and Environment has been regularly updated on the progress during this phase of the project design.

The Ministry of Local Administration and Environment in Syria considers this project to be a national priority giving special recognition to protection and sustainable management of critical bird habitats and migratory routes along the eastern sector of the flyway.

It is fully consistent with the national conservation objectives, Environmental Strategy and Action Plans and Biodiversity Policies based on the priorities given by the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) and the National Biodiversity Country Study.

We hereby would like to endorse this important project.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

Deputy Minister of Local Administration and
Environment
GEF Operational Focal Point

Eng. Imad Hassoun

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Dr. Nadir M. Awad
Secretary General

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August 18, 2005

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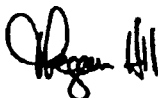
Dear Tim,

Thank you for the opportunity to work with BirdLife International and UNDP on the GEF-funded Project "Mainstreaming conservation of migratory soaring birds into key productive sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway". We are thrilled to be a part of your innovative project.

On behalf of Rare's Pride program, I confirm our intention to provide \$100,000 USD of co-financing to the above mentioned proposal, over the duration of the project's implementation. This co-financing will be provided as a cash contribution to BirdLife to be forwarded to the project account once project contracts are in place.

We look forward to our collaboration on the project.

Sincerely,



Senior Director
Rare Pride (USA)

c.c. Dr Nigel Varty, BirdLife International

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The Royal Society For the Conservation of Nature-Jordan



Ref: RS/Soc/Birds/VIII/8
Date: 29th August 2005

To: Mr. Tim Clair
Regional Team Leader
GEF Regional Coordinator Unit
Arab States
Beirut-Lebanon

Re: Cooperation through the UNDP-GEF Regional Migratory Soaring Birds Project

Dear Mr. Clair

Reference to your letter dated 29th August 2005 regarding the above mentioned subject. I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for your efforts and concerns.

I hereby would like with pleasure to endorse and confirm the joint cooperation through the wildlife enforcement activities carried by RSCN are considered as "system boundary" for the (Mainstreaming the conservation of the Migratory Soaring Birds into the Productive Sectors in the Red Sea and Rift Valley Fly Way Project) and to consider these activities as a co finance for this project.

Accept my high appreciation.

Yehya Khaled

Acting Director General

cc: Helena Naber, Environment Officer, UNDP-Jordan
Nigel Varty, Project Manager, Soaring Birds Project (PDEB Phase), BirdLife International
Lamia Mansour, Consultant, BirdLife International



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31 August 2005

Dear Mr. Clairs,

**Subject: Cooperation through the UNDP-GEF Regional Migratory
Soaring Birds Project.**

In reference to your letter dated August 31, 2005 regarding the above-mentioned subject, I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for your efforts and concerns.

It is then my pleasure to confirm and endorse this joint cooperation at the level of the activities under the "Supporting Enforcement of Environmental Legislation" project, which will be considered as co-financing for the Migrating Soaring Birds project.

Wishing success for this joint cooperation.

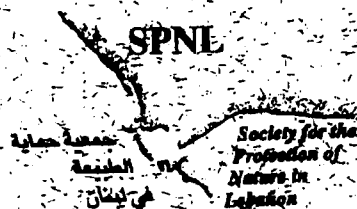

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Officer in Charge

Tim Clairs
Regional Team Leader
GEF Regional Coordination Unit
Arab States

Cc: Nigel Varty, Project Manager, Soaring Birds Project (POFB Phase), BirdLife International
Lamia Mansour, Consultant, BirdLife International



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Attention: **Tim Clarys**
Regional Team Leader
GEF Regional Coordination Unit
Arab States

From: **Mireille Alalakh-Auge**
Project Manager - Lebanon
Sustainable Hunting Project
Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon

Date: **September 5, 2005**

Subject: **Cooperation through the UNDP-GEF Regional Migratory Soaring Birds Project**

CC: **Edgard Chebab, Environment Programme Manager, UNDP Lebanon**
Nigel Varty, Project Manager, Soaring Birds Project (PDRB Phase), BirdLife International
Bassima Al Khatib, SPNL
Lamia Mansour, Consultant, BirdLife International

Dear Tim,

I would first like to thank you for your letter and the clarifications regarding the co-funding and collaboration mechanisms entailed.

Having read the information attached to your letter, it is certain that the Migratory Soaring Birds project will enhance and complement the objectives and accomplishments of the Sustainable Hunting Project - SHP.

On behalf of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon and more specifically the SHP, I hereby officially reassert our commitment to cooperate with the Migratory Soaring Birds project. In this context, and based on the SHP workplan, please consider the relevant national activities as co-financing for the MSB.

Wishing you best of luck with your application for our joint benefit, I remain available for any further assistance.

Best regards,

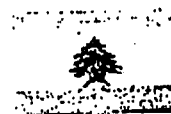
Mireille Alalakh-Auge

Sustainable Hunting Project Manager - Lebanon
SPNL

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SPNL Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon



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Agricultural Development Project
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Mr. Tim Clairs
Regional Team Leader
GEF Regional Coordination Unit
SURF-Arab States
Beirut-Lebanon

Beirut, 5 September 2005
Ref: cwg/ 103/05

Subject: Cooperation through the UNDP-GEF Regional Project
"Mainstreaming conservation of migratory soaring birds into key
productive sectors along the Rift Valley / Red Sea flyway"

Your Ref: Your letter dated 29 August 2005

Dear Mr. Clairs,

In reference to the above mentioned letter and subject, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts and concerns.

Based on the previous meetings with the SPNL Soaring Bird project manager Ms. Khatib, and the BirdLife Consultant for the project Ms. Mansour, and through our jurisdiction of the EU Agricultural Development Project, we would like to express our interest to collaborate with the above mentioned project and to consider the agreed activities in the ADP as co-finance for the above UNDP-GEF project.

Please note that ADP contribution does not imply any financial obligations from our side but the mentioned activities will be incorporated in the logical framework of both projects.

This cooperation between the two projects needs the official consent from the EU delegation and Ministry of Agriculture that we are currently working on to achieve.

Looking forward to a fruitful cooperation between the two projects.

Joumana Karamé
National Project Director

Christian Harel
Team Leader

Cc: Helena Naber, Environment Officer, UNDP-Jordan
Nigel Varty, Project Manager, Soaring Bird Project (PDFB Phase), BirdLife
International
Lamia Mansour, Consultant, BirdLife International

L to Bird Soaring Project mutual cooperation

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Mr Tim Chiles,
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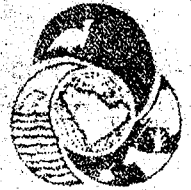
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Thanks and Best Regards

Dr. Nadir M. Awad
Secretary General



لجنة الوطنية لحماية الحياة الفطرية وإنمائها
National Commission For Wildlife Conservation And Development

Mr. Tom Clair
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25 Sept 2005

Sub: Project for the conservation of migratory soaring birds along the Red Sea flyway

Dear Mr. Clair

NCWCD shall be pleased to participate in the above project as part of our broader biodiversity conservation program. As you know, the Kingdom provides critical habitats for the soaring migrants and we are engaged in a number of activities to protect them as well as the migrants in general, particularly in line with our commitment to implement the CMS and CBD. You may note that NCWCD serves as BirdLife International's affiliate in the Kingdom.

I understand that Saudi Arabia will not be eligible for funding under this project. However, we shall be undertaking measures for the conservation of soaring birds as an integral part of our various programs. We always place high priority for regional cooperation in wildlife conservation and therefore very much

Dr. Abdulaziz Abuzinada
Secretary General

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