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17 April, 2003.

Mr Tim Clairs,
Regional Advisor – Asia & Pacific,
UNDP GEF,
PO Box 12544,
Kuala Lumpur 50782,
MALAYSIA.

Dear Tim,

Re: GEF MSP Application: Facilitating and strengthening resource management initiatives of traditional landholders & their communities to achieve biodiversity conservation objectives.

We are pleased to submit to the UNDP for consideration a GEF-MSP application for work to facilitate and strengthen resource management initiatives of traditional landholders and their communities to achieve biodiversity conservation objectives. The proposal is fully in accord with national priorities for biodiversity conservation as set out in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

I would like to express my office's support and endorsement for the proposal. We view the work it proposes as an integral component of the Vanuatu Environment Unit's work programme to manage Vanuatu's biodiversity effectively.

The Vanuatu Environment Unit has managed a number of small and medium sized projects over the past decade and I believe this project is within the capacity of the Environment Unit to manage and implement. Environment Unit staff accept the responsibility of managing and overseeing the project, and the Unit's Information Officer will become integrally involved in information preparation and delivery by the project, accessing information held in our Vila office for use within field activities, supervising volunteers and acting as counterpart to international volunteers. The value of this engagement is proposed as in-kind co-funding for the purpose of the MSP to the value of USD23,766 .

Funds for the project will be managed by the Department of Finance in accord with standard accounting procedures followed by the Vanuatu Government. This ensures full accountability of GEF funds. The value of financial services provided by the staff of the Department of

Finance and the Government's Audit Office have been proposed as in-kind co-funding to the project of the value of USD\$12,049.

To ensure the project is integrated into relevant in-country work programmes of the government the National Biodiversity Advisory Committee will act as a technical advisory body to the project. The National Biodiversity Committee comprises representatives of government, the University of the South Pacific, and several NGOs. This committee has been very active in support of the NBSAP activities with members contributing directly in their area of expertise. The value of technical inputs from this group has been valued at USD19,278.

I would like to confirm the budget allocations of some aligned Environment Unit projects that have also been developed and funded to complement the activities of the MSP Proposal

1. Invasive species awareness / Environment Week – British High Commission 365000VT.
2. In kind contribution
 - Project management 21,537 VT per month
 - Financial Management 21,537VT per month
 - In formation Officer (Quarter time) 29,174 VT per month

In addition we have several other projects currently with donors, none of which have been confirmed for funding. It is hoped some of these will be successful and provide additional co-funding.

I hope this information meets your need.

Yours sincerely,



Ernest Bani
Head
Environment Unit



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20 February 2003

Mr. Tim Clairs
Regional Advisor – Asia & Pacific
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P.O Box 12544
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Malaysia

Dear Mr Clairs,

Subject: Request For Funding: GEF Project Proposal

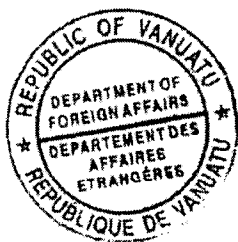
I have the honour to submit herewith as a formal request for funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), a project proposal for a Medium Scale Project titled: **Facilitating and strengthening local resource management initiatives of traditional landholders & their communities to achieve biodiversity conservation objectives**. The total cost of this project is amounting to seven hundred and forty five thousand, nine hundred and ten USD\$ (USD\$ 745 910) For further details, Please refer to the attached project profile, which has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu.

Your favourable consideration and approval to this project would be highly appreciated

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kalfau Kaloris'.

Fw Kalfau Kaloris
Director



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Mr. Ernest Bani,
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11th April 2003

Dear Sir,

Re: Sanma Province; Support to the Environment Unit for a project to strengthen local capacity conserve biodiversity.

Sanma Provincial Council, is aware of the Vanuatu Environment Unit's proposals to work with the landholders and people of Tanna, Santo and Gaua on a Project that will strengthen local capacity to conserve biodiversity.

Landholders and chiefs of Santo have long had interest in protecting their environment through applying traditional resource management measures. The Province has tried to support these efforts where possible, and we have one Environment Officer who is our contact point for environment matters.

It is our hope that through this project the Environment Unit will become better able to support conservation activities within Sanma Province. We expect that the Project staff working on Santo will Liase closely with the province and its staff and will:

- Help to build closer links between the environment unit and the province.
- Provide information, training and support that will help build the capacity of the province's Environment Officer.
- Provide information, training and Support that will help build the conservation capacity of landholders and their villages on Santo and Offshore Islands.
- Provide us with better information about the biodiversity of Santo and Offshore Islands so that the Provincial Council is better able to make decisions on environment impacts and environment management.

In the past Sanma Province has leased office space to the Environment Unit for the Vathe Conservation Project Office. Should space be available within our building when the new project starts we would consider a similar arrangement.

Yours Sincerely:

Yours sincerely,

President- John Lutz.

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Ref: 3/10/11

28 February 2003

To: Mr. Ernest Bani
Head,
Enviroment Unit,
PMB 9063,
Port – Vila

From: Acting Secretary General

Dear Mr. Bani,

Re: TAFEA Province support to the Enviroment Unit for a project to strengthen local capacity conserve biodiversity.

TAFEA Province is aware of the Vanuatu Enviroment Unit 's proposal to work with the landholders and people of Tanna , Santo and Gaua on a project to strengthen local capacity to conserve biodiversity.

Landholders and chiefs on Tanna have long had an interest in protecting their environment through applying traditional resource management. However the Province has limited staff and resources to provide assistance.

It is our hope that through this project both the Vanuatu Enviroment Unit and our office will become better able to support conservation activities within TAFEA Province . We expect that the project staff working on Tanna will liaise closely with the Province and its staff and will

- Help to build closer links between the Environment Unit and the Province.
- Provide information, training and support that will help build the capacity of the Province's staff
- Provide information training and support that will help build the conservation capacity of landholders and their villages on Tanna.
- Provide us with better information about the biodiversity of Tanna so that the Provincial Council is better able to make decision on environmental impact and environment management

C04 PLANDEV: Ernest Bani

28 February 2003

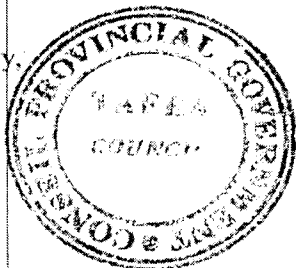
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- Provide us with better information about the biodiversity of Tanna so that the Provincial Council is better able to make decision on environmental impact and environment management

Yours sincerely,



Jones Ionkasu
Acting Secretary General



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TORBA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONCIL
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Mr. Ernest Bani
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26th of February 2003

Dear Sir,

**Re: TORBA Province: Support to the Environment Unit for a Project to
strengthen Local Capacity to Conserve Biodiversity.**

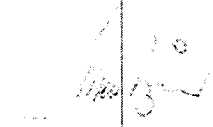
TORBA Province is aware of the Vanuatu Environment Unit's proposal to work with the landowners of Tanna, Santo and Gaua on project that will strengthen local capacity to conserve biodiversity. This proposal is seen by the TORBA Province as a tool to implement its REDI program as was indicated in Provincial strategy (chapter four) and area strategy (chapter seven) of the TORBA REDI five year master plan.

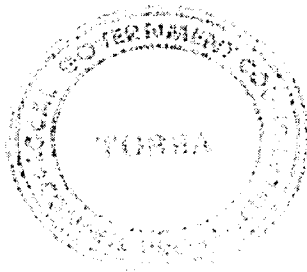
Landowners and chiefs of Gaua have long had an interest in protecting their environment through applying traditional resource management measures. However, the province has limited staff and resources to become involve in this work.

It is our hope that, through this project, the Vanuatu Environment Unit will help the people and chiefs on Gaua become better able to manage the many risks to their biodiversity. In addition, we hope that the project will be able to provide information, training and support that will help build the capacity of the province to advise our communities on local environment management needs.

We expect that, the project's staff working on Gaua will liaise closely with the provincial headquarters (Provincial TAG), the Gaua Area Secretary and the Gaua Area TAG to inform us of work progress.

Yours sincerely,


Christopher Mackenzie
Acting Secretary General.



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05 May, 2003.

Mr Tim Clairs,
Regional Advisor – Asia & Pacific,
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PO Box 12544,
Kuala Lumpur 50782,
MALAYSIA.

Dear Tim,

Re: GEF MSP Application: Facilitating and strengthening resource management initiatives of traditional landholders & their communities to achieve biodiversity conservation objectives.

You have requested further detail on the value of co-funding in kind from the government to the proposed MSP project.

Environment Unit staff accept the responsibility of managing and overseeing the project. I estimate that either myself or the Head of the Environment Unit will devote some 3 days per month to overseeing the management of the project and representing the project at senior government levels. The value of this in-kind support is estimated at some VUV10,000 per day, equivalent of USD12,049 over the life of the project.

The Unit's Information Officer will be integrally involved in information preparation and delivery by the project, accessing information held in our Vila office for use within field activities, supervising volunteers and acting as counterpart to international volunteers. The value of this engagement is proposed as in-kind co-funding by the Government to the value of VUV29,174 per month. This estimation is based on salary inputs only, and the true value of this in-kind support is larger than this. The total value of this in-kind support is equivalent to USD11,717 over the life of the project

The Vanuatu Government will make available office space within the Environment Unit Office in Port Vila. The value of such an office probably exceeds VUV15,000 per month project. The total value of this in-kind support is equivalent to USD6,024 over the life of the project.

The project coordinator and administrator will need to travel around Vila to attend meetings, organize training and capacity building logistics, take documents to the Finance Department, and facilitate purchases and shipping to staff on the participating islands. The project estimates local travel of 200 km per month. The Environment Unit will provide in-kind a quarter of this travel through use of the office car (driver, car, fuel etc). The value of this support in kind is estimated at USD1,004.

Funds for the project will be managed by the Department of Finance in accord with standard accounting procedures followed by the Vanuatu Government. This ensures full accountability of GEF funds. The value of financial services provided by the staff of the Department of Finance and the Government's Audit Office has been estimated at VUV 30,000 per month. This has been included as in-kind co-funding to the project of the value of USD\$12,049.

To ensure the project is integrated into relevant in-country work programmes of the government the National Biodiversity Advisory Committee will act as a technical advisory body to the project. The National Biodiversity Committee comprises representatives of government, the University of the South Pacific, and several NGOs. This committee has been very active in support of the NBSAP activities with members contributing directly in their area of expertise, and participating in working groups and sub-committees. The value of technical inputs from this group has been valued at 48 man days per year. Because of the seniority of the individuals concerned their time has been valued at VUV12,000 per day. This in-kind contribution is valued at USD19,278 over the life of the project.

The Environment Unit does not have a laboratory space. The Biodiversity project team has made use of the Fisheries Laboratory, and at present the beginnings of a fauna collection are stored in the Fisheries Laboratory. The MSP project team will also make use of this space where required to support biodiversity collections and monitoring activities. The value of use of this space is costed at VUV10,000 per month. This contribution is equivalent to USD4,016 over the life of the project.

A major focus of the MSP is capacity building. An assessment of community conservation capacity building needs is attached to the proposal. Capacity building will be designed during the life of the project to meet the specific needs of individuals and communities. It is envisaged that staff of a number of agencies will be able to assist with training delivery and training materials. This includes the Department of Forestry (forest management), Department of Fisheries (Freshwater fisheries management), Quarantine and Inspection Services (Invertebrates), Department of Business and Cooperatives (Management training), Department of Women's Affairs (skills based training and Women in Business programme), Department of Geology and Rural Water Resources (training in community financial management), and NGOs such as Save the Children Australia Vanuatu Field Office (Training of committees in committee functions), Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific (forest management and general community development), VANGO (training in community development and proposal management) and Chamber of Commerce (Business management training & marketing). An integrated approach to providing this training will help to build sustainability of support to the communities concerned. The project proposal has estimated that there will be an in-kind contribution from the staff of agencies to support capacity building initiatives of the participating communities of 100 days per year. This collaborative approach to capacity building, using the strengths and particular interests of different agencies is common practice in Vanuatu. This contribution is estimated to be equivalent to USD26,775 over the life of the project.

I would also like to confirm the Environment Unit received VUV365,000 from the British High Commission to promote invasive species awareness during Environment. This activity provided public information on several invasive threats that have been identified during the PDF development activities, and fostered greater recognition of these issues within other government agencies.

In summary government in-kind support:


1. Project management and supervision by Environment Unit	USD12,049
2. Information Officer quarter time	USD11,717
3. Office space	USD6,024
4. Local travel (Environment Unit car & driver)	USD1,004
5. Finance Department Financial Management Services	USD12,049
6. National Biodiversity Committee – Technical inputs & advisory	USD19,278
7. Use of Laboratory Space within Fisheries Department	USD4,016
8. Government agency engagement in capacity building activities	USD26,775

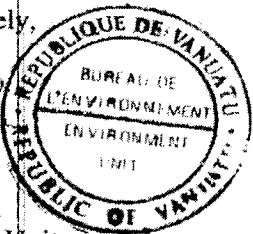
Direct monetary support

9. British High Commission – Invasive species awareness	USD2,920
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I hope this information meets your need.

Yours sincerely,


Russell Nari
 Acting Head
 Environment Unit



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20 May, 2003.

Mr. Ernest Bani,
Head
Environment Unit,
PMB 9063,
Port Vila.

Dear Mr. BANI,

Re: Support to the Environment Unit project proposal being submitted for GEF funding.

The two officers of the National Herbarium, within the Department of Forestry, are familiar with your proposal to work on Tanna, Gaua and Santo to strengthen the capacity of landholders and their communities to achieve biodiversity conservation objectives. Both herbarium staff have been involved in preparatory work for this proposal, with Mr. Philemon Ala assisting with the biodiversity survey on Gaua and Mr. Sam Chanel assisted with the survey of remnant vegetation on Tanna.

The Herbarium houses a collection of plants from Vanuatu, a database on the distribution of Vanuatu's plants and provides botanical advice to relevant government departments.

The GEF project will need to draw upon technical botanical advice from the Herbarium staff. This support is likely to consist of direct field assistance of a week or more of duration at any time, training of the project's field staff in plant identification and collection and occasional technical advice.

I estimate that this support may be of some 18 days per year or more. These in-kind contributions could be valued at 10,000VT per day.

I look forward to working with you on this project.

Yours sincerely,



Livo MELE
Director

Cc: Mr. Sam Chanel
: Mr. Philemon Ala
: File



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Division of Agriculture & Rural Development

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Mr. Ernest Bani
Head,
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20th February 2003

Dear Ernest,

**Re: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: Support to
Environment Unit GEF Project**

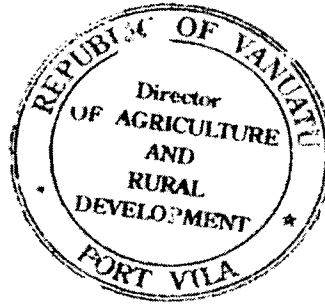
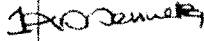
The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) is aware of the Vanuatu Environment Unit's proposed project to work on the islands of Tanna, Santo and Gaua to strengthen local capacity to conserve biodiversity.

Among the threats to biodiversity on these islands, the remnant vegetation on Tanna in particular, are some current agriculture and gardening practices. DARD has participated in several large projects to develop capacity in site stable agriculture. The Department's Field Officers actively promote a range of site stable farming systems in areas at risk. These include alley cropping, planting of legume or Nitrogen-fixing trees to improve soil fertility and planting cover crops to protect soils from erosion.

I have reviewed the proposed GEF Project. I believe that the DARD's staff will be able to provide advice and assistance to the project and their target communities, especially in the area of site stable agriculture and proper management of introduced agriculture trees and crop species. Over the 3 islands of Gaua, Santo and Tanna, it is realistic to expect that our technical staff and field officers will spend some 30 days per year advising, assisting or supporting the Environment Unit staff and the communities it is working with.

I believe this support will fully complement the work set out in the Environment Unit's proposal to the GEF for funding, and am happy to see our work considered as co-funding in-kind to the work set out in the project.

Yours sincerely,



Dorosday Kenneth
Director
Department of Agriculture & Rural Development

Cc: Director General, MAQFF
: Secretary General, PSC
: PAO (TORBA, SANMA & TAFEA)
: PAO (Technical)

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Mr. Ernest BANI
Coordinator, NBSAP Project,
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Dear Ernest,

**RE: VANUATU QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION SERVICES PROJECTS: CONTRIBUTION TO
GEF MEDIUM SCALE PROJECT CO-FUNDING**

The VQIS has become involved in a small fire ant awareness and management project, that is principally directed at the Banks Islands in the North of Vanuatu. This project was developed in consultation with the Vanuatu Environment Unit BSAP project, recognizing the significant threat this species poses to Vanuatu's environment.

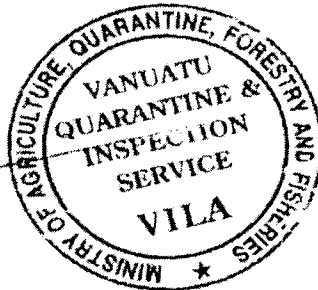
I would like to confirm that the value of this work is estimated as VT 1,200,000_ VT with initial funding provided by New Zealand.

In addition we have a second stage proposal that builds on this initial work, but for which funding is not yet confirmed. This project is valued at some __3,950,000- VT.

I would like to propose that the funding received for these projects is cited as co-funding for the proposed GEF Medium Scale Project, that is promoting biodiversity conservation on Gaua and Santo.

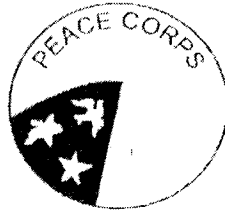
Yours sincerely

Benueal TARILONGI
Director.



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PEACE CORPS



VANUATU

24 February 2003

Ernest Bari, Director
Environment Unit
Port Vila, Vanuatu

Dear Ernest:

It was a great pleasure for Associate Director Ron Savage and I to recently meet with Russell Nari and Jenny White to discuss the Environment Unit's draft proposal (GEF/MSP) for facilitating and strengthening local resource management initiatives of traditional landholders and their communities to achieve biodiversity conservation objectives.

Peace Corps is very interested in supporting the Environmental Unit's biodiversity conservation project through the assignment of Peace Corps Volunteers. The objectives in the Environmental Unit's draft proposal correspond very well to Peace Corps's integrated Youth, Agriculture and Environment Project (YAE Project). The YAE Project Plan is one of two project plans that describe Peace Corp's strategy for providing assistance to Vanuatu through skilled and culturally aware Peace Corps Volunteers. A principal goal of our YAE Project Plan is to strengthen the capacity of communities and organizational counterparts to sustainably manage and conserve terrestrial and coastal natural resources and biodiversity. We hope to do this while enhancing local food and livelihood security, and improving the quality of life for the people of Vanuatu.

Peace Corps is prepared to commit to the assignment of three Volunteers to the biodiversity conservation project. Prospective assignments would be as participatory extension or community outreach workers on the islands of Guau, Santo and Tanna. For your reference in terms of measuring the value of this assistance to the Environmental Unit's project, the combined direct and indirect cost to Peace Corps of supporting a Volunteer is approximately \$ (US) 38,000 per Volunteer per annum. This amount includes Peace Corps' contribution to the Volunteer's monthly living allowance, readjustment allowance (for when a Volunteer returns to the U.S.), comprehensive medical care, pre-service and in-service training, transportation, and technical and administrative support.

Peace Corps very much looks forward to meeting at the appropriate time with the Environmental Unit to further discuss the assignment of Peace Corps Volunteers to the project.

Warm regards,


Kevin George
Country Director

cc: Ron Savage
Russell Nari

Jenny Whyte

From: "environ" <environ@vanuatu.com.vu>
To: "Jenny Whyte" <jwhyte@fspi.org.vu>
Sent: 30 May, 2002 07:37
Subject: Fw: From Donna Kalfata - for Alison

Jenny,

Below is Alison Hamilton's, respond

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Donna
----- Original Message -----
From: Alison Hamilton
To: NBSAP Project
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2002 1:26 PM
Subject: Re: From Donna Kalfata - for Alison

18 May 2002

Dear Donna,

I have talked with my Ph.D. advisor about your e-mail and we both feel it would be appropriate for the Environment Unit to consider my Ph.D. research as a component of the biodiversity research included under the co-funding requirement of the Global Environment Facility guidelines. I hope that inclusion of my research bolsters your proposal. I have broken down my funding by year, and simply provided funding source and amount in US Dollars. I have only included funding sources that have been confirmed. I will, however, be applying for ~\$12,000 from the US National Science Foundation later this year. I will let you know if it gets funded. Let me know if you need any more details. Good luck with the grant proposal.

With kind regards,
Alison Hamilton

Year 1 (Already completed)

Academic Programs and Student Activities Committee, University of North Dakota \$450
Office of Research and Program Development, University of North Dakota (to Dr. Christopher Austin) \$2000
Gale and Virginia Satrom Scholarship, University of North Dakota \$500
Esther Wadsworth Hall Wheeler Award \$1600
Year 1 Total \$3950

Year 2

Summer Doctoral Fellowship, University of North Dakota \$4000
Gale and Virginia Satrom Scholarship, University of North Dakota \$500
Office of Research and Program Development, University of North Dakota (to Dr. Christopher Austin) \$2000
Gage Award, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists \$500
North Dakota EPSCOR, National Science Foundation \$12,523.93
Year 2 Total \$19,523.93

Year 3

North Dakota EPSCOR, National Science Foundation \$21,943.70
Office of Research and Program Development, University of North Dakota (to Dr. Christopher

Austin) \$2000
Year 3 Total \$23,943.70

Total funding secured for my dissertation research in Vanuatu \$47,417.63

>>Dear Alison.

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>We have received your email on 16th of May 2002. Unfortunately Ernest is
>currently overseas. He will be back to the office by this weekend
>(24/05/02). Your email message was printed for him to action on once he
>return to work. Hopefully you will hear from him soon regarding your permit
>application to do further work on the Emoia species

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>On the other hand I have a request for your. Our biodiversity project that
>Leah, Catherine and I are working on with the Environment Unit is developing
>a Medium Scale project proposal (MSP) for Global Environment Facility (GEF)
>funding. The project focus is to facilitate and strengthen landholders'
>initiatives in conservation activities in Vanuatu - particularly on the
>islands of Tanna, Santo and Gaua. The proposal funding is to be around the
>vicinity of USD 700,000 to USD 800,000. But as part of the GEF requirement,
>we should identify 50% co-funding of the total funding either through
>in-kind contributions or counting on some current biodiversity activities
>that are in line with biodiversity conservation, research, etc. Therefore we
>would like to count your PhD research on Vanuatu skinks and geckos activity
>done in Vanuatu recently as part of our co-funding

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>Therefore we would be grateful if you can inform us of your total funding
>for this work - that is if you are happy with us to count your work as part
>of our MSP co-funding.

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>Looking forward to hear from you soon on this matter.

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>With kind regards.

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>Donna Kalfatak

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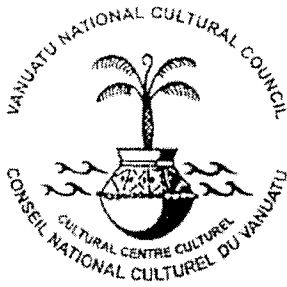
**Re Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: Support to
Environment Unit GEF Project**

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) is aware of the Vanuatu Environment Unit's proposed project to work on the islands of Tanna, Santo and Gaua to strengthen local capacity to conserve biodiversity.

Among the threats to biodiversity on these islands, the remnant vegetation on Tanna in particular, are some current agriculture and gardening practices. DARD has participated in several large projects to develop capacity in site stable agriculture. The Department's Field Officers actively promote a range of site stable farming systems in areas at risk. These include alley cropping, planting of legume or Nitrogen-fixing trees to improve soil fertility and planting cover crops to protect soils from erosion

I have reviewed the proposed GEF Project. I believe that the DARD's staff will be able to provide advice and assistance to the project and their target communities, especially in the area of site stable agriculture and proper management of introduced agriculture trees and crop species. Over the 3 islands of Gaua, Santo and Tanna, it is realistic to expect that our technical staff and field officers will spend some 30 days per year advising, assisting or supporting the Environment Unit staff and the communities it is working with.

I believe this support will fully complement the work set out in the Environment Unit's proposal to the GEF for funding, and am happy to see our work considered as co-funding in-kind to the work set out in the project.



VANUATU NASONAL KALJORAL KAONSEL

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16th April 2003.

Mr Ernest Bani
Head, Environment Unit
PMB 9063, Port Vila.

Dear Ernest,

Re: Vanuatu Cultural Centre: Contribution to Environment Unit's GEF Medium Scale Project.

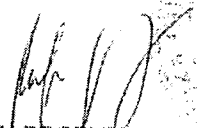
As we have discussed, the Vanuatu Cultural Centre is supportive of the proposed GEF Medium Scale Project. Over the past few years, the Cultural Centre has been building capacity with respect to research and advocacy of traditional environmental management practices. However, as a report prepared by the Cultural Centre as part of the preparatory work for the MSP proposal shows, there is currently limited archival documentation of traditional environmental management practices. The Cultural Centre is willing to accept a sub-contract to undertake activities within the GEF Medium Scale Project relating to:

- management of traditional environmental knowledge on the 3 participating islands;
- developing strategies for wider use of this knowledge both within the project and for wider use in policy, education and environment management purposes; and
- providing appropriate technical assistance to participating communities.

I understand that the GEF budget has allocated USD\$23,859 over 2 years for this purpose

The Vanuatu Cultural Centre's network of voluntary fieldworkers will be encouraged to participate and assist appropriate project activities on their islands.

Yours sincerely,


RALPH REGENVANU
Director, Vanuatu Cultural Centre

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20 January, 2003

Ms Donna Kalfatak,
Coordinator, NBSAP Project,
C/- Environment Unit
Port Vila

Dear Donna,

Re Vanuatu Protected Areas Initiative Contribution to GEF Medium Scale
Project Co-funding

I would like to confirm that the work done and activities undertaken by VPAI to strengthen conservation within Vanuatu and to build a conservation network are closely aligned with the goals and objectives of the Environment Unit's proposed GEF proposal to strengthen local level capacity for biodiversity conservation.

Accordingly I would like to propose that this work be considered co-funding for the purposes of the Vanuatu Environment Unit's GEF-MSP application

1 Conservation Network Formation NZD 40,000

In addition I and my organization have cooperated with the Environment Unit on several community based conservation activities, and I would like to think that this cooperative relationship continues during the GEF MSP application.

I hope that this meets your donor's needs

Yours sincerely,

Roy Hills
Director/VPAI

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9 April, 2003

Ernest Bani,
Environment Unit,
PMB 9063,
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Re: FSPI contribution toward GEF Medium Scale Project Proposal

Dear Ernest,

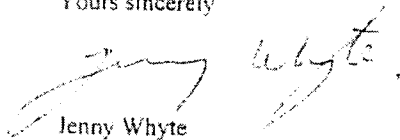
I am writing to set out FSPI's involvement in the GEF Medium Scale Project Proposal

Firstly I would note that I am managing the Vanuatu Voices and Choices, Gardening Good Governance Project. This four year project is currently conducting participatory research into community / village level governance. On the completion of the research phase we will be working to strengthen community governance through education, awareness and direct village partnerships. This project directly complements the MSP work to strengthen the capacity of communities to govern their natural resource base. Leadership capacity, respect building and strengthening the foundations for cooperation are strong elements emerging from this work. Our project team expects to continue to link closely with the Environment Unit to strengthen community governance capacity in the areas in which the GEF project will be implemented.

Secondly I would like to confirm a small study recently completed that also directly feeds into information on community conservation capacity gathered by the Environment Unit and work to assess village financial resource management capacity being conducted through the Department of Geology. Together with in kind inputs from several agencies I conducted an assessment of village capacity to organise and form committees to support community services: the work focused on Village Health Workers and Aid Posts which are currently scattered throughout Vanuatu. The survey was conducted on both Tanna and Santo. The budget for this work was 500,000 VT with both SCF and the Department of Health providing in-kind contributions of one staff person each over 1 month and on-island travel to conduct the survey. The results from this work have already been incorporated into the MSP community conservation strengthening work plans.

I hope this information meets your needs

Yours sincerely



Jenny Whyte

IC Coordinator



The Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific Vanuatu

FSP Vanuatu

Mr Ernest Bani,
Head,
Environment Unit
Port Vila

23/1/03

Dear Ernest,

Re: FSP Vanuatu Projects: Contribution to GEF Medium Scale Project Co-funding

As I have discussed with Jenny Whyte I would like to confirm that the work done and activities undertaken by FSP to lead to better understanding of community governance and to strengthen community governance are closely aligned with the goals and objectives of the Environment Unit's proposed GEF proposal to strengthen local level capacity for biodiversity conservation. I would also confirm that we are negotiating for funding of a Santo based Non-Timber Forest Products Project that will help to address sustainable livelihood issues.

Voices and Choices Project is a four year project with a core budget of VT4,000,000 per year funded by DFID and NZ-AID. This year we have received a once-off supplementary budget increase of 875,249VT for work. The work has also been supplemented by a USD\$5000 PACT grant from UNDP. A contract with ADB that will provide an additional 4,000,000VT for this work is being processed.

Non-Timber Forest Products Project due to start later this year with an initial one year budget of NZD80,000 provided by NZ-AID. This provides for community level work on NTFPs on Santo Island.

Accordingly we would like to propose that this work be considered co-funding for the purposes of the GEF-MSP application


1. Voices and Choices Project Four year project with a budget of VT4,000,000 per year
2. Non-Timber Forest Products Project -- one year initially with a budget of NZD80,000

For the past 2 years FSP Vanuatu has also been engaged in a community institution strengthening project as a component of TAFEA Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI). This work is relevant to your GEF proposal in that it is building organizational capacity at a community level and improved links between communities and the Provinces. Lessons from this work will be shared with the Environment Unit.

In addition Abel Tapisuwe, has consistently contributed to the work of the National Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Committee, and I would like to think that FSPV's voluntary commitment to this work continues.

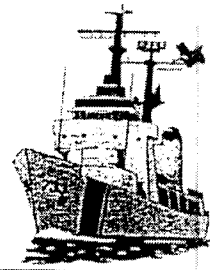
I hope that this meets your donor's needs

Yours sincerely,


Morgan Armstrong
Executive Director

NIKO LE TEN

TANNA COUNCIL OF CHIEFS IENI
C/- PO Box 7 - LENAKEL - TANNA - VANUATU



Date. 29th - 02 - 03

Mr Karnest Barni
Head
Environment Unit
PMB 9063
Port Vila

Dear Mr. Barni Re: Niko le Ten Council of chiefs: Support to the Environment Unit for a project to strengthen local capacity conserve biodiversity.

The chiefs and peoples of Tanna have long been concerned at the need to manage our environment and natural resources. We share concerns about the social changes and problems that make it increasingly difficult for some chiefs to effectively manage their natural resources. We are glad to see that the government environment unit has also seen the need for a project to help strengthen the capacity of local chiefs and their people to maintain good environment management on Tanna. We are glad that lessons from these works will become available to help the chiefs and people of other Islands.

We look forward to advising and assisting the Environment Unit in conducting this project.

Yours Sincerely -



RETERA HUCE
SECRETARY
NIKO LE TEN COUNCIL OF CHIEFS

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12/11/2002

Mr Peter Marcel
Niko le Tan Council
Isangel
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Vanuatu

Pacific Development and Conservation Trust
Project Strengthening Traditional Environment Systems - Tanna

Dear Peter

The Advisory Trustees of the Pacific Development and Conservation Trust have now completed their assessment of grant applications. I am pleased to advise you that the application made by Niko le Tan Council has been successful.

On behalf of the Trust, I am able to offer a grant of NZ\$ 11420.00 to be used to cover costs of the project of Strengthening Traditional Environment Systems - Tanna.

The Trust requires that grant money will be used only for the purpose outlined below:

Meetings	-- \$4950.00
Documentation	-- \$1550.00
Technical input	-- \$1150.00
Travel	-- \$395.00
Printing & Circulation	-- \$3075.00

In order to disburse the grant, we must receive details of your bank account. Please complete the enclosed Terms of Agreement and forward a pre-printed copy of a bank deposit slip to confirm the details. The grant will be deposited as soon as these are received. Funds will not be deposited into the bank accounts of individual members of the group.

The Trust requires successful applicants to provide a full written progress report of the project at six-monthly intervals after the grant has been uplifted. A progress report form is included for your use. On completion of the project, the Trust also requires that a report detailing that the grant has been spent in the manner outlined in the application form. This report should also discuss any problems encountered during the completion of the project and assess the success of the project. Please note that if for any reason the project does not go ahead, all funds must be returned.

Your referee will be sent a letter indicating that your grant application has been successful. Ihu Thomas will also be required to provide a written report of this project at six-monthly intervals after the grant is uplifted and on completion of the project.

Please note that grants made to registered persons or groups are not subject to GST as they are considered unconditional gifts under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

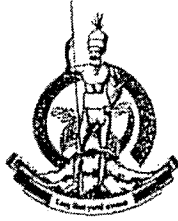
Once again, congratulations on your grant - and I look forward to receiving your completed Terms of Agreement shortly.

Yours Sincerely



Dalpat Nana
Trust Advisor

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20 January, 2003.

Mr Ernest Bani,
Head
Environment Unit,
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Dear Ernest,

Re: Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources: Complement to GEF
Medium Scale Project Co-funding

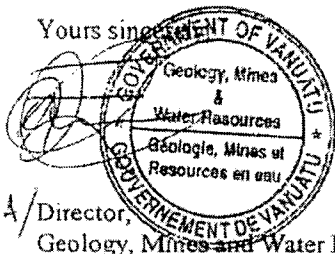
The Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources has a well-developed working relationship with the Vanuatu Environment Unit Biodiversity Project because of our shared interest in freshwater resources

Community capacity to support rural water supplies has been a long-standing problem. We are engaging in a 2-year project to assess community capacity building needs and develop community responsive training resources to strengthen community management capacity. We believe this work complements that of the GEF -MSP proposal, and will share the outputs from this work with your staff. This work is funded by NZ-ODA and is valued at about 30Mvt.

The Department is just starting a Catchments and Communities Project in collaboration with UNESCO. This project will extend over 3 Years and has a budget of some 2 Million VT. Lessons from this work may also complement the work of the Environment Unit.

The Department is supportive of the biodiversity conservation efforts of the Environment Unit, and is an active member of the National Biodiversity Advisory Council and its working groups.

Yours sincerely,



The stamp is circular with the text "GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU" at the top and "GOVERNEMENT DE VANUATU" at the bottom. The center contains the text "Geology, Mines & Water Resources" and "Géologie, Mines et Ressources en eau". A handwritten signature is written over the stamp.

A/ Director,
Geology, Mines and Water Resources