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Extn: 34269 GEF
Subject: PDF A: VIETNAM: The Establishment of Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve

Dear Lars:

The GEF Secretariat has reviewed the above PDF A and has the following comments.

It is noted that Birdlife International is taking the lead in this proposal, and will continue to be involved through the project itself. It is important that the Nature Reserve is managed holistically, and not just as an endemic bird area. If the project is to achieve the expected outcomes, it must address the underlying causes, especially those operating in the buffer zone. It would be important to ensure that appropriate institutions, community based organisations, and non-government groups are involved. The project should ensure that it does not overlap with other activities underway in Viet Nam. Thank you.

With best regards

Kanta Kumari

To: Lars O. Vidaeus
A. Robin Broadfield
cc: Colin P. Rees
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR GEFSEC

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To:	Mr. Keneth King
Dated:	11/16/99
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ACTION INSTRUCTIONS:

<p><i>Please reply directly and provide a copy</i></p> <p>Note: Electronic copy attached.</p>

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 1999

TO: See Distribution Below

FROM: Lars Vidaeus, GEF Executive Coordinator

EXTENSION: 34188

SUBJECT: **Vietnam: The Establishment of Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve - PDF Block A Request**

Please find attached a PDF Block A for the above-mentioned project. We would appreciate your comments by November 22, 1999. Thank you.

Distribution for Comments

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cc (for information only):

Messrs./Mmes: K. King, GEF Program Coordination, (GEFSEC);

M. Gadgil, STAP; M. Griffith, STAP (Nairobi);

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PART I - ELIGIBILITY

1. Project name: <i>The Establishment of Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve</i>	2. GEF Implementing Agency: <i>World Bank</i>
3. Country in which the project is being implemented: <i>Vietnam</i>	4. Country eligibility: <i>Convention on Biodiversity ratified in 1994</i>
5. GEF focal area(s): <i>Biodiversity</i>	6. Operational programme/Short-term measure: <i>Biodiversity - Forest ecosystems</i>
7. Project linkage to national priorities, action plans and programmes: <i>Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve was rated priority A in the Biodiversity Action Plan for Vietnam (GEF Project VIE/91/G31)</i>	
8. Status of national operational focal point review (dates): <i>Endorsed November 8, 1999</i>	
<p>9. Project rationale and objectives:</p> <p><i>BirdLife International's Biodiversity Project has identified 218 hotspots which are priorities for global conservation action. These areas termed "Endemic Bird Areas" have been shown to support high levels of endemism across other groups of organisms. Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve is situated on the Da Lat Plateau, which is one of only three Endemic Bird Areas in Vietnam. No other country in the region supports any of these hotspot areas.</i></p> <p><i>In 1986 the Government of Vietnam passed a statute to establish a protected area at Chu Yang Sin. Because of its high levels of endemic biodiversity Chu Yang Sin was ranked as a top priority in the Biodiversity Action Plan for Vietnam. This largely pristine, uninhabited area has been subject to traditional-use by tribal minorities. Dak Lak Province in which it is situated, has the highest levels of human population increase in the country, mainly as a result of in-migration. The reserve buffer zone receives new immigrants annually, which is marginalising the indigenous communities and the integrity of the site is now threatened. There is currently no protected area infrastructure and the site is not under any form of sustainable management.</i></p> <p><i>This site was proposed to be a focus for an earlier World Bank project but was dropped by the Government of Vietnam for unknown political reasons. However, those constraints are no longer believed to exist and Government Office has recently given the go-ahead for continued protected area development. Dak Lak People's Committee has recently invited BirdLife to develop a project for this site.</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Through consultation with all stakeholders, produce and implement a management plan for Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve.</i> <i>2. Raise awareness and generate support amongst stakeholders of the need for the sustainable management of Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve.</i> <i>3. Through training and provision of infrastructure and equipment, provide institutional strengthening to Dak Lak Forest Development Department.</i> <i>4. Elaborate, promote and implement rural development strategies which will directly enhance the conservation of biodiversity at this site.</i> <i>5. Create synergies within local government, especially the provincial Forest Development Department, which will promote better biodiversity conservation.</i> 	
<p>10. Expected outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. A management plan for Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve.</i> <i>2. Local community support for protected area designation.</i> <i>3. Enhanced capacity amongst the provincial Forest Development Department to manage Chu Yang Sin Nature Reserve.</i> <i>4. Government endorsement of the management plan.</i> <i>5. Reduced levels of encroachment and non-sustainable use of the protected area</i> <i>6. Better conservation management in Dak Lak Province.</i> 	

11. Planned activities to achieve outcomes:

1. *Biological survey of the protected area and buffer zone.*
2. *Formulation and implementation of appropriate rural development strategies using participatory methods to engage and understand the interests and aspirations of local stakeholders.*
3. *Conduct a training needs assessment and design and implement a training programme for provincial Forest Development Department staff.*
4. *Engage local communities and government in an awareness raising process.*
5. *Promote the approval of the management plan at provincial government levels.*
6. *Creation of a provincial conservation forum to promote linkages and exchange ideas for all those active in biodiversity conservation.*
7. *Provide financial and material support to Dak Lak Forest Development Department to facilitate the establishment of protected area infrastructure at Chu Yang Sin*

12. Stakeholders involved in project: *Relevant communities in Lac and Krong Bong Districts, Dak Lak Forest Development Department, Dak Lak People's Committee, and all government, bi-lateral, Multi-lateral organizations and NGOs concerned with biodiversity conservation in Dak Lak*

PART II – Information on Block A PDF Activities**13. Activities to be financed by the PDF:**

1. *Conduct a literature search and review of existing information on Chu Yang Sin and Government plans and proposals in the project area.*
2. *Participatory rural appraisal and needs assessment among stakeholders in the buffer zone.*
3. *Conduct a needs assessment among district and provincial institutions charged with conservation in the project area.*
4. *Workshop in Ban Me Thuot and Hanoi to review planning and development initiatives in the project area and review project content.*
5. *Identify those project inputs which will measurably improve conservation of biodiversity in the study area.*
6. *Drafting project documents.*

14. Expected outputs and completion dates:

Completed project proposal as required (including logical framework, workplan and terms of reference) within 4 months.

15. Other possible contributors/donors and amounts: *BirdLife International***16. Total budget and information how cost will be met (including the Block A grant):**

GEF: US \$ 600,000

Co-financing: Government of Vietnam US \$ 100,000, BirdLife International US \$ 100,000.

TOTAL: US \$ 800,000

Budget for Block A grant

Items	Total (US\$)	GEF	BirdLife
Consultants service			
Conservation planner (expatriate)	7000	7000	0
Conservation planner (local)	1000	1000	0
PRA specialist (local)	1500	1500	0
Community/ local government liaison	1000	1000	0
Consultation			
Workshop	1000	1000	0
Liaison with government	3000	2000	1000
Translation and administration	2000	2000	0
Communications	700	400	300
Development of Project Brief	3000	3000	0
Travel			
International travel	1000	1000	0
Local flights (Hanoi – Saigon – BuonMeThuot)	800	800	0
Vehicle hire	1500	1500	0

Misc. field costs/ equipment	400	400	0
Perdiems for field team	2400	2400	0
Coordination			
Staff time	4700	0	4700
Total	31000	25000	6000

Part III – Information on the Applicant Institution

17. Information on the applicant institution:

BirdLife International is a global conservation federation with a worldwide network of partner organizations, representative and committed individuals. In Vietnam, BirdLife implement a conservation program from a representative office located in Hanoi, in collaboration with ministries, research institutions and local government, focusing on the identification and establishment of protected areas. BirdLife has a long history of association with this site.

Part IV – Information to be completed by Implementing agency

18. Project identification number: P068249

19. Implementing agency contact person: Tony Whitten, World Bank, 1818 H St NW, Washington DC 20433, USA, ph +1-202-458-2253, fx +1-202-522-1666, email twhitten@worldbank.org

20. Project linkage to Implementing agency program(s): The World Bank in Vietnam works to assist the government alleviate poverty, achieve rational and sustainable use of natural resources, and to mainstream environmental concerns in sectoral activities. This project will address the needs of the people in the project area, conserve endangered and potentially valuable biological resources, and work with local government to plan rational management.

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DATE: October 1999

From: GEF- Vietnam
To: The GEF/World Bank
GEF Secretary
GEF Council

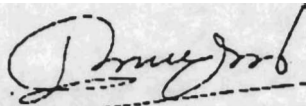
Ref: *GEF- Vietnam Focal Point endorsement letter for the project concept and PDF A: The Establishment of Chu Giang Sinh Nature Reserve*

Dear Sirs,

As the representative for the Global Environment Facility Focal Point for the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (GEF- Vietnam), I would wish to confirm our strong endorsement of the project concept: *The Establishment of Chu Giang Sinh Nature Reserve*, which is prepared by Birdlife International- Vietnam Programme.

The GEF- Vietnam hope very much that the PDF A application will be accepted and can be processed as early as convenient to speedily expedite this project.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.
Yours sincerely,



Pham Khoi Nguyen
Chairman of GEF- Vietnam Committee
Vice Minister of Science, Technology and Environment

CC: Birdlife International- Vietnam Programme
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