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Dear sir / madam

**ENDORSEMENT OF SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES PROJECT (SWIOFP):  
SOUTH AFRICAN GEF FOCAL POINT**

The development of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project (SWIOFP) is nearing completion and will soon be in an appraisal phase. Preparation of the project to date has been a collaborative effort between officials from nine countries, under the leadership of Dr. William Leeds Lane from the World Bank.

The government entity in South Africa that is responsible for the management and sustainable utilization of living marine resources is Marine and Coastal Management (MCM) in the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). This entity is also responsible for the participation of South Africa in SWIOFP.

Departmental support (scientific, legal, managerial, financial and logistic) has been pledged for SWIOFP for the period 2004 – 2010 at a Director-General level within DEAT.

Marine and Coastal Management, as the focal point institute responsible for SWIOFP in South Africa, therefore endorses the Project, and hopes to play an important role in the further development and implementation of SWIOFP.

Yours Sincerely

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