

[April 14, 2014]

To: Lilian Spijkerman
Conservation International
2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 22202

Subject: Endorsement for Improving mangrove conservation across the Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape (ETPS) through coordinated regional and national strategy development and implementation

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Costa Rica, and with respect to the proposed International Water project herewith, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities and our commitment to the relevant international environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed when necessary with relevant stakeholders.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of CI as the GEF Agency. If approved, the multi-national proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE) in coordination with the national program of Conservation International and co-executed by UNESCO. I request the GEF Agency to provide a copy of the project document before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO endorsement.

The total financing from GEFTF being requested for this project is US\$2,000,000 (two million US dollars) inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for this multi country International Waters project is detailed in the table below.

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
GEFTF	(select)	IW	99,190	1,743,862	156,948	2,000,000
(select)	(select)	(select)				0
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Total GEF Resources			99,190	1,743,862	156,948	2,000,000

Sincerely,