



12 September 2019

**To:** Mr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya  
 Executive Coordinator and Director, UNDP-GEF  
 United Nations Development Programme  
 304 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 982  
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United Nations Development Programme

**Subject:** Endorsement for Mainstreaming climate change and eco-system based approaches into the sustainable management of the Living Marine Resources of the WCPFC.

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for the Cook Islands, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government's national priorities (including, if available, the priorities identified in the National Adaptation Plan of Action and/or the National Capacity Self-Assessment,) and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions; and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of the GEF Agency listed below. If approved, the proposal will be prepared and implemented by the Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) 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\$ 11,278,500 inclusive of project preparation grant (PPG), and Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for the project is detailed in the table below.

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)			
			Project Preparation	Project	Fee	Total
GETF	UNDP	IW	300,000	10,000,000	978,500	11,278,500
<b>Total GEF Resources</b>			<b>300,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>978,500</b>	<b>11,278,500</b>



**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SERVICE**  
TU'ANGA TAPOROPORO  
COOK ISLANDS

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ngatokotoru Puna'.

**Mr. Ngatokotoru Puna**  
**Director National Environment Service**  
**Cook Islands**

Cc: Vavia Tangatataia  
Manager, Advisory and Compliance Division

Cc: Pamela Maru  
Secretary, Ministry of Marine Resources