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Tarikh : 29 Mac 2013

Tuan Syed Abdullah bin Syed Abdul Kadir  
National Project Coordinator  
GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project  
Pusat Penyu dan Ekosistem Marin (TUMEC)  
Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia  
23050 Rantau Abang, Dungun,  
TERENGGANU

Dear Sir,

**LETTER OF CO-FINANCING FOR THE GEF DUGONG AND SEAGRASS CONSERVATION PROJECT FROM DEPARTMENT OF MARINE PARK MALAYSIA (DMPM)**

The above subject is hereby refers.

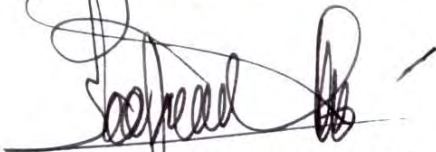
It is our pleasure to inform you that the DMPM will commit through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled “**Operationalising National Dugong Action Plan in Pulau Tinggi-Pulau Sibu, Johor, Malaysia**” with the amount of **US\$ 413,920.00 (US Dollar: Four Hundred and Thirteen Thousand and Nine Hundred Twenty).**

Below are the estimated costs to DMPM and its partners for the entire project for the duration of 36 months (from Jan 2014 to Dec 2016) based on current salary and approved government pay scales, and our experiences with cost-sharing in previous projects and projections for the coming years.

1. Staff cost						
	No. of staff	Per-diem (RM)	Man-days	Man-months	Staff cost (RM)	US\$
Project Advisor (DG of DMPM)	1	736	2	30	44,160	14,720
Project Leader	1	450	10	36	162,000	54,000
DMPM Officers	2	150	14	36	151,200	50,400
DMPM Assistants	5	120	14	24	201,600	67,200
Other Govt. Agencies' Officers (Project Partners and Stakeholders)	12	200	3	24	172,800	57,600
Sub-total						243,920
2. Rent and Storage (office space, facilities, utilities, boats, etc)						60,000
3. Equipment (computers, cameras, projector, etc.)						20,000
4. Travel and meeting- Land transport, Sea transport						90,000
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>413,920</b>

I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.

With best regards.



**(DR SUKARNO B WAGIMAN)**  
Director General  
Department of Marine Park Malaysia  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment  
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Date: 29 March 2013

**Dr. Donna Kwan**

Programme Officer -Dugongs Mbu UNEP/CMS  
UNEP/CMS Office  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Dear Dr. Donna Kwan,

**LETTER OF CO-FINANCING FOR THE DUGONG AND SEAGRASS CONSERVATION PROJECT  
FROM DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES MALAYSIA (DoFM)**

It is our pleasure to inform you that the DoFM will commit through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled " **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE FOR CONSERVING DUGONGS AND THEIR HABITATS THROUGH INVOLVEMENT OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS**" with the amount of **US\$ 510,600.00 (US Dollar: five hundred and ten thousands and six hundreds)**

Below are the estimated cost of DoFM and its partners for the entire project for the duration of 36 months (from January 2014 to December 2016) based on current salary and approved government pay scales, and our experiences with cost-sharing in previous project and projections for the coming years.

1. Staff costs	No of staff	Per - diem (RM)	Man-days	Man-months	Staff cost (RM)	US\$
Project Advisor (DG of DoFM)	1	800	2	36	57,600	19,200
Project Leader (DoFM)	1	400	7	36	100,800	33,600
Management officers (DoFM)	2	200	10	36	144,000	48,000
Assistant Officers (DoFM)	3	150	12	36	194,400	64,800
Other government agencies and stake holders	15	500	2	36	540,000	180,000
Sub-total						345,600
2. Rent and storage ( office space, facilities, utilities)						60,000
3. Equipment (computers, projector, etc.)						15,000
4. Travel and meeting – Land transport						90,000
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>510,600</b>

I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.

With best regards,



**(SYED ABDULLAH BIN SYED ABDUL KADIR)**  
**National Focal Point for Malaysia (Dugong MoU UNEP/CMS)**  
**Turtle and Marine Ecosystem Research Center (TUMEC)**  
**Department of Fisheries Malaysia**  
**Rantau Abang, Terengganu**



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Tuan Syed Abdullah bin Syed Abdul Kadir  
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Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia  
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**Letter of Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)**

This letter is to pledge the commitment of Universiti Sains Malaysia through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled '**Community Understanding and Management of Dugong and Seagrass resources in Johor, Malaysia**'.

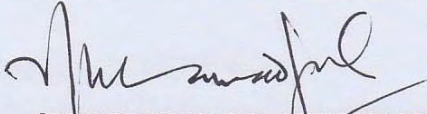
Below are the estimated costs to USM for the entire project for the duration of 36 months (from Jan 2014 to Dec 2016) based on current salary and approved government pay scales, and our experiences with cost-sharing in previous projects and projections for the coming years.

1. Staff cost						
	No. of staff	Per-diem (RM)	man-days	man-months	staff cost (RM)	US\$
Project leader	1	400	5	36	72,000	24,000
Researcher DS51	1	400	2	36	28,800	9,600
Researchers	2	200	5	36	72,000	24,000
Field assistants	2	80	5	36	28,800	9,600
Sub-total						67,200
2. Office space, facilities, supplies and utilities						50,000
3. Equipment (computers, cameras, cam coders, etc.)						30,000
4. Travel-Land transport (1 x 4WD)						50,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>197,200</b>

I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.

Thank you.

'Ensuring a Sustainable Tomorrow'



**(PROFESSOR DR. MUHAMAD JANTAN)**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Division of Research & Innovation

c.c. Director  
Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies (CEMACS)  
Universiti Sains Malaysia  
(Attn.: Dr. Leela Rajamani)



27 March 2013

En. Syed Abdullah Syed Abdul Kadir  
National Focal Point (Malaysia),  
GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project,  
Turtle and Marine Ecosystem Center (TUMEC),  
Department of Fisheries Malaysia,  
Rantau Abang, 23050 Dungun,  
Terengganu, MALAYSIA.

Dear Sir,

### Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project

With great pleasure I refer to the above:

We are pleased to confirm that the MareCet Research Organization (MareCet) is committed to supporting the dugong and seagrass conservation project as it is in line with our goals to advance scientific knowledge on our marine mammals in Malaysia as well as to enhance management and marine conservation efforts through the application of our research findings.

We have been actively involved in this project since the early stages of planning and proposal writing in 2011, and will continue to do so from the actual commencement of this project in 2013 to its completion in 2017. To that end, we confirm that MareCet supports the projects titled (i) [“A two-pronged approach for overcoming knowledge barriers on the ecology and status of dugongs in Johor, Malaysia”](#), (ii) [“Operationalising the Dugong National Action Plan in Pulau Sibu-Pulau Tinggi, Johor, Malaysia”](#) and (iii) [“Establishment of the National Working Committee for conserving dugongs and their habitats through involvement of various stakeholders”](#) through the following co-financing contributions:

No.	Item	Cost (RM)
1.	Professional consultancy fees of MareCet personnel x 36 months	200,000.00
2.	Overland travel for meetings and to project sites	50,000.00
3.	Equipment & materials (e.g. laptop, GPS, Digital SLR camera, etc.)	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>300,000.00</b>

We look forward to contributing productively and efficiently to this project and trust that this letter serves to reinforce our commitment to the project and to dugong and seagrass conservation in Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,



**DR. LOUISA S. PONNAMPALAM**  
Chairperson, MareCet

25 March 2013

En. Syed Abdullah Syed Abdul Kadir  
National Focal Point (Malaysia),  
GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project,  
Turtle and Marine Ecosystem Center (TUMEC),  
Department of Fisheries Malaysia,  
Rantau Abang, 23050 Dungun,  
Terengganu, MALAYSIA.

Dear Sir,

**Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project**

With great pleasure I refer to the above:

We are pleased to confirm that the Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences (IOES), University of Malaya (UM), is committed to supporting the dugong and seagrass conservation project as it is in line with our goals to advance scientific knowledge on our country's biodiversity as well as to enhance management efforts through the application of our research findings.

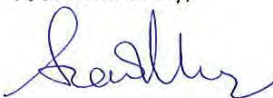
Our Research Fellow, Dr. Louisa S. Ponnampalam, has been actively involved in this project since the early stages of planning and proposal writing in 2011, and will continue to do so from the actual commencement of this project in 2013 to its completion in 2017. To that end, we confirm that IOES, UM will support the project titled "A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH FOR OVERCOMING KNOWLEDGE BARRIERS ON THE ECOLOGY AND STATUS OF DUGONGS IN JOHOR, MALAYSIA – TOWARDS CRITICAL HABITAT PROTECTION" through the following co-financing contributions:

No.	Item	Cost (RM)
1.	Salary of Dr. Louisa Ponnampalam x 36 months	176,400.00
2.	Stationary items	300.00
3.	Use of office space x 36 months	90,000.00
4.	Survey equipment (e.g. GPS, Digital SLR camera, etc.)	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>286,700.00</b>



We look forward to contributing productively and efficiently to this project and trust that this letter serves to reinforce our commitment to the project and to dugong and seagrass conservation in Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,



**PROF. DR. PHANG SIEW MOI**  
Director, IOES

**PROFESSOR DR PHANG SIEW MOI**  
Director  
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Our Ref.: SFC.PABC.CO.971.10

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013



Tuan Syed Abdullah bin Syed Abdul Kadir,  
National Focal Point,  
National Project Coordinator,  
GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project,  
Pusat Penyu dan Ekosistem Marin (TUMEC),  
Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia,  
23050 Rantau Abang,  
Dungun, Terengganu,  
Malaysia

Dear Tuan Syed,

**Letter of Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from  
SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation Sdn. Bhd. (SFCSB)**

The above subject is hereby refers.

This letter is to pronounce the commitment of SFCSB through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled **"Overcoming the Knowledge Gaps and Community Development to Establish a Marine Protected Area (MPA) for Conservation of Dugong and Seagrass in Bay of Brunei, Lawas, Sarawak, East Malaysia"**.

Below are the estimated costs to SFCSB for the entire project for the duration of 36 months (from Jan 2014 to Dec 2016) based on current salary and approved government pay scales, and our experiences with cost-sharing in previous projects and projections for the coming years;

1. Staff cost						
	No. of staff	Per-diem (RM)	man-days	man-months	staff cost (RM)	US\$
Project advisor	1	500	2	30	30,000	10,000
Project leader	1	300	5	36	54,000	18,000
Researchers	8	150	16	30	576,000	192,000
Research assistants	4	120	10	24	115,200	38,400
Field assistants	8	80	16	24	245,760	81,920
Sub-total						340,320
2. Office space, facilities, supplies and utilities						50,000
3. Equipment (computers, cameras, cam coders, etc.)						30,000
4. Travel-Land transport (2 x 4WD)						100,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>520,320</b>

**SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation**

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I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.

*I CARE*

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Oswald Braken Tisen', is written over the printed name and extends diagonally across the title.

**OSWALD BRAKEN TISEN**

Acting Deputy General Manager

Protected Areas and Biodiversity Conservation Division

For Chief Executive Officer





# Universidade Eduardo Mondlane Museu de História Natural



29th March 2013

Ms. Donna KWAN  
UNEP/CMS Dugong MoU Secretariat  
c/o Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi  
P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates

**N/Ref:83/ MHN/E.27/2013**

**RE: Commitment of Co-financing for a full-sized GEF Dugongs and Seagrass Conservation Project**

Dear Ms. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the *Natural History Museum* support the project entitled “*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*”.

I am happy to advise you that through this letter, the *Natural History Museum* undertakes to provide *in-kind* support for the two projects proposed: (i) Dugong and Seagrass distribution in Mozambique and (ii) Developing An Education And Awareness Campaign To Conserve Dugongs In The Bazaruto Archipelago And Mozambique) to the value of 13500.00 **US dollars** to this project to implement project activities nationally.

This project will be helpful in implementing and addressing national marine conservation and management issues, which also relate to the implementation of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP/CMS Dugong Memorandum of Understanding. The aims and activities of the project are consistent with key national biodiversity objectives in Mozambique and we look forward to doing our utmost to ensure this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lucilia Chuquela, MA  
Director of the Museum



Mammal Research Institute Whale Unit

c/o Iziko SA Museum

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24 March 2013

Ms. Donna KWAN

UNEP/CMS Dugong MoU Secretariat

c/o Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi

P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi

United Arab Emirates

**RE: Commitment of Co-financing for a full-sized GEF Dugongs and Seagrass Conservation Project**

Dear Ms. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the Mammal Research Institute Whale Unit to support the project entitled "*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*".

I am happy to advise you that through this letter, the Mammal Research Institute Whale Unit undertakes to provide in-kind support (salary component and office expenditure) to the value of US\$10 000 to this project to implement project activities within Mozambique, should this project be funded.

This project will be helpful in implementing and addressing national marine conservation and management issues, which also relate to the implementation of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP/CMS Dugong Memorandum of Understanding. The aims and activities of the project are consistent with key national biodiversity objectives in Mozambique and we look forward to doing our utmost to ensure this project moves forward.

Sincerely,



Dr Ken Findlay

Ken Findlay PhD  
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26<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Ms. Donna KWAN  
UNEP/CMS Dugong MoU Secretariat  
c/o Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi  
P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates

**RE: Commitment of Co-financing for a full-sized GEF Dugongs and Seagrass Conservation Project**

Dear Donna,

This letter serves to certify that the Centre for Dolphin Studies (CDS) has a vehicle, Toyota Surf – 4 wheel drive, in Mozambique. This vehicle is dedicated to dugong research, education and awareness and will be made available (at running cost only, about US\$1.00 / km) to projects fulfilling this purpose.

Also, the CDS has some US\$12 000 remaining of our National Fish and Wildlife Fund funding remaining, which I am happy to contribute towards our proposed projects (should the NFWF be in agreement).

Any other CDS hardware or resources, such as or website and the NGO – DUGONGOS.ORG - we have initiated, are available also for the projects.

In other words, I confirm the commitment of the Centre for Dolphin Studies in support of the project entitled “*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*”.

Yours faithfully

Prof. V.G. Cockcroft  
Director: Centre for Dolphin Studies





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Ms. Donna KWAN  
UNEP/CMS Dugong MoU Secretariat  
c/o Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi  
P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates

5 April 2013

Dear Ms. Kwan,

**RE: Co-financing for a full-sized GEF Dugongs  
and Seagrass Conservation Project**

The Endangered Wildlife Trust is committed to supporting and implementing the GEF project entitled "*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*", which is being submitted to GEF by UNEP/CMS Dugong MoU Secretariat, for implementation over a five year period *if funding is received*.

The Guidance Notes to the application process specify requirements for partner co-financing. The Endangered Wildlife Trust estimates that its cash and in-kind co-financing of this GEF project will amount to **US\$140,000 (one hundred and forty thousand)**, being its funding of the *EWT Dugong Emergency Protection Project* for the period 2014-2018 (5 years). For the purposes of this funding submission, the *EWT DEPP* will be considered a site-specific project under the GEF Dugongs and Seagrasses Project. This co-financing projection is based on the actual 2012 income of the EWT DEPP, projected income for 2013, as well as the planned medium-term funding strategy for the project. The in-kind support will include dedicated office space, data and voice communications, IT, research, graphic design, fundraising, training communications, governance and finance support.

It must however be understood that our anticipated funding for the EWT DEPP is not guaranteed as it is entirely dependent and conditional on funding being raised on an on-going basis.

Yours sincerely,

Mandy Poole

COO: Endangered Wildlife Trust

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The Endangered Wildlife Trust is a non-profit, public benefit organisation dedicated to conserving species and ecosystems in southern Africa to the benefit of all people

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20 March 2013

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United Arab Emirates

**RE: Commitment of Co-financing for a full-sized GEF Dugongs and Seagrass  
Conservation Project**

Dear Ms. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of SOS – Save Our Species to support the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) with a grant of **43,247 US dollars** for the implementation of its “Dugong Emergency Protection Project”. This grant will support implementation of project activities in Mozambique between April 2013 and April 2014. A previous grant for the same project for the value of **80,779 US dollars** was awarded to EWT in January 2012 and will be concluded in August 2013. The funding comes from the World Bank and a private donor. SOS support can be considered as a contribution to the project entitled “*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*”.

These grants have been, and will be, helpful in implementing and addressing national marine conservation and management issues, which also relate to the implementation of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP/CMS Dugong Memorandum of Understanding. The aims and activities of the project mentioned above are consistent with key national biodiversity objectives in Mozambique.

We are delighted to see that more support for dugong conservation is underway in complement to what SOS has provided this far. We look forward to learning the outcome as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Dr Jean-Christophe Vié  
Director, SOS - Save Our Species  
Deputy Director, Global Species Programme  
IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature

**LaGuntza Foundation**  
319 South Third, Bozeman MT 59715

March 22, 2013

Ms. Donna KWAN  
UNEP/CMS Dugong MoU Secretariat  
c/o Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi  
P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates

**RE: Commitment of Co-financing for a full-sized GEF Dugongs and Seagrass  
Conservation Project**

Dear Ms. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the LaGuntza Foundation to support the project entitled "*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*".

I am happy to advise you that through this letter, the LaGuntza Foundation undertakes to provide cash support, to the value of \$ 9,500 to this project to implement project activities nationally.

This project will be helpful in implementing and addressing national marine conservation and management issues, which also relate to the implementation of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP/CMS Dugong Memorandum of Understanding. The aims and activities of the project are consistent with key national biodiversity objectives in Mozambique and we look forward to doing our utmost to ensure this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

  
Susan A.T. MacGrath





REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

**MINISTRY FOR THE COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
**MINISTER'S OFFICE**

Our Ref. **94** /GM/MICOA/13

Maputo, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

Dr. Donna KWAN  
Programme Officer – Dugongs  
Dugong MOU Secretariat  
CMS Abu Dhabi Office  
C/o Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi  
P.O. Box 45553, Abu Dhabi  
United Arab Emirates

**Subject: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the Ministry for the Coordination Environment Affairs**

Dear Dr. Kwan

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the Ministry for the Coordination Environment Affairs to support the project entitled "*Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins*".

I am happy to advise that through this letter, the Ministry for the Coordination Environment Affairs undertakes to provide a total value of USD **32,938.20** in co-finance to implement global project activities.

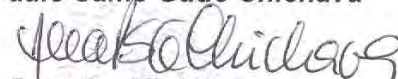
Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from the Ministry for the Coordination Environment Affairs for the project duration (2013-2018):

In-kind Contribution Amount (USD)	Activity
\$ 26,338.20	National Steering Committee for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project
\$ 6,600.00	Participatory Research of Additional Methods to Reduce the Impact of the Beach Seine Fisheries on Seagrass Beds at Vilanculos and Inhassoro

This Project will help to catalyse the implementation of global conservation and management actions for dugongs and seagrasses. The Project will also relate to the implementation of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP/CMS Dugong Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs and their Habitats Throughout their Range. The aims and activities of the project are consistent with key global biodiversity objectives and we look forward to doing our utmost to ensure this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

**Drª Ana Paulo Sampa Gudo Chichava**



**Deputy - Minister**

CC: CBD National Focal Point, GEF Country Operational Focal Point