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**RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project
from The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund**

Dear Dr. Kwan,

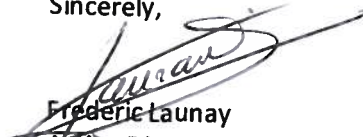
I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund to support the project entitled "Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins".

I am happy to advise that through this letter The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund undertakes to provide a total value of USD 613,948 in co-finance to implement global project activities. This amount is provided as a cash contribution to the project and includes Project Coordination team salaries, administration costs, office furniture and equipment, as described in the table below:

Cash Contribution Amount (USD)	Activity
277,300	Staff salary: Communications Manager
72,972	Staff salary: Finance Manager
93,408	Staff Salary: Senior Advisor
129,728	Office Administration
40,540	Accounting fees

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,


Frederic Launay
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Attn.: Syed Abdullah bin Syed Abdul Kadir
Focal Point - Dugong Conservation (Malaysia)

February 27, 2013

Dear Tuan Syed:

Over the last three and a half years, MRF has actively collaborated with the CMS-UNEP Dugong Secretariat in Abu Dhabi to further the goals of the Secretariat and to develop the GET Dugongs and Seagrasses Project. During that time our consultants have worked at a fraction of our normal charge-rates, as our contribution to conservation and to the Dugongs and Seagrasses Project in particular.

Normal charge-out rates for MRF senior scientists are roughly USD1,500 per day, and our -in kind contribution has been roughly USD1,000 per day, for an average of 50 to 60 days per year.

MRF is committed to this project and will continue to provide its services to the CMS Secretariat, to Malaysian partners and to regional efforts at our current rates, which are roughly USD 55,000 per annum.

Please consider this letter as a commitment to the continuation of this co-financing towards the dugongs and seagrasses project, totaling USD 220,000 over the coming four years.

I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming Dugongs and Seagrasses project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicolas Pilcher
Executive Director



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Secretariat provided by the United Nations Environment Programme



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07 January 2014

RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from
the Convention On Migratory Species Office – Abu Dhabi

Dear Dr. Maryam Niamir-Fuller,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the Convention on Migratory Species Office - Abu Dhabi 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 Convention on Migratory Species Office - Abu Dhabi undertakes to provide a total value of USD **1.8 Million** in co-finance to implement global project activities. Of this amount, USD **634,000** is provided as a cash contribution and USD **1,166,000** is provided as in-kind support.

Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from the Convention on Migratory Species Office - Abu Dhabi for the project duration (4 years):

In-kind Contribution (USD)	Activity
\$1,166,000	Implementation of the Dugong MOU Conservation and Management Plan throughout the Indian and Pacific Ocean basins

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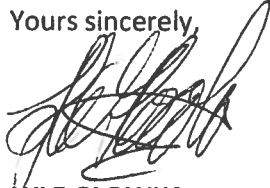


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Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia
Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs and their Habitats throughout their Range



Yours sincerely,

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LYLE GLOWKA

Executive Coordinator

Convention on Migratory Species Office - Abu Dhabi



4th April 2013

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

Dear Dr. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of **Sea Sense** 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”*.

While we are unable to contribute our country's GEF-5 STAR Allocation under the biodiversity focal area at this present time, I am happy to advise you that through this letter, Sea Sense undertakes to provide in-kind support, to the value of USD 394,650 to this project to implement global project activities.

This project will be helpful in implementing and addressing global 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 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,

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Australian Government

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Dear Dr Kwan

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2013 inviting Australia to strengthen the “Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins” project (the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project). I am pleased to advise you that through this letter, the Australian Government undertakes to provide in-kind support, to the value of approximately US\$85 million, to the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project to implement global project activities.

The Department administers key programs that contribute to dugong conservation and management across the dugong’s range. The Working on Country program funds around 400 rangers in northern Australia with a focus on sea country management. Approximately US \$17 million a year for the next five years will be spent on dugong and turtle related activities including monitoring, catch recording and marine debris removal. This equates to approximately US\$85 million over the next five years.

The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project will be helpful in implementing and addressing global 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 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.

Yours sincerely

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Geoff Richardson
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29 April 2013



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RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Dear Dr. Kwan,

I am writing to confirm the commitment of SPREP 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, SPREP undertakes to provide a total value of USD **58,000.00** in co-finance to implement global project activities. Of this amount, USD **18,000.00** is provided as a cash contribution and USD **40,000.00** is provided as in-kind support.

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

In-kind Contribution Amount (USD)	Activity
25,000.00	Salary cost: Threatened and Migratory Species Advisor
15,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Production of awareness materials- Develop guidelines for responsible watercraft operation (SPREP Dugong Action Plan Activity 3.7).- Develop a regional database using 'Lady of the Sea Profiles' (SPREP Dugong Action Plan Activity 8.6).

Yours sincerely

David Sheppard
Director General

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Dear Mr. Lyle Glowka,

Subject: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the United Nations Environment Programme/Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP/ROWA)

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of UNEP/ROWA 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, UNEP/ROWA undertakes to provide a total estimated value of **USD One Hundred Twelve Thousand (USD 112,000)** in co-finance to implement the global project activities, as in-kind support through UNEP-ROWA staff time.

I am happy to advise that through this letter, UNEP/ROWA is in support of this global project. The substantive and administrative services provided by UNEP-ROWA to implement the project will contribute to the effective conservation of sea grass ecosystems supporting dugong populations in the region which is aligned with UNEP's Medium Term Strategy and Programme of Work 2014-2017 and the Bali Strategic Plan on capacity building for developing countries.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Iyad Abumoghli, Ph.D.
Director and Regional Representative
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Date : 15 March 2013

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. **OCCURRENCE, DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF MARINE MAMMALS (DUGONG, WHALES, DOLPHINS AND PORPOISES) IN THE MALAYSIAN SOUTH CHINA SEA**
2. **SPECIES COMPOSITION, DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF SEAGRASS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH DUGONG'S POPULATION ECOLOGY IN THE MALAYSIAN BAY OF BRUNEI**

The above matter is referred.

This is to certify that the Institute of Oceanography and Environment (INOS) of Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) is conducting the above mentioned research projects in the Malaysian Bay of Brunei from January 2013 until December 2015. The projects are financed through the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Higher Institution Centre of Excellence (HICoE) research program with a total budget allocation of RM492,336.00.

Thank you.

"OCEAN OF DISCOVERIES"

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saifullah", written over a horizontal line.

ASSOC. PROF. DR. SAIFULLAH A. JAAMAN

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