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Our Ref.:

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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Ms. Nlamir Fuller:

**Letter of Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from  
BEAR (Biodiversity Education And Research), Sri Lanka**

I refer to the above matter.

This letter is to highlight the commitment of BEAR through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled A Community Based Approach for Conserving the Globally Threatened *Dugong dugon* in Sri Lanka.

Below are the estimated costs to BEAR for the entire project over three years 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						
Position	No. of staff	Daily Cost (USD)	Man-days	Man-months	Total Days	Total Costs (USD)
Director	01	91	3	36	108	9,828
Scientist	02	68	7	36	252	17,182
Field Assistants	04	41	10	36	360	14,727
Coordinator	01	45	10	36	360	16,364
Driver and Clerical stuff	05	34	15	36	540	14,728
Sub-total						72,829
2. Office space, facilities ,supplies and utilities (Office space – 7,500; office equipment – 6,000)						13,500
3. Equipment (Cameras, laptops, diving equipment,GPS)						15,000
4. Travel (KIA Sportage + fuel)						16,500
5. Professional service (developing video & puppet show etc)						3,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>120,829</b>

We thus confirm a total co-financing amount of USD 120,829 as contributions to overall project costs. I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.




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Ranil P. Nanayakkara  
Co-founder  
4/4/2013



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Maryam Niamir Fuller  
 Director,  
 UNEP GEF Coordination Office  
 Nairobi

Ms. Niamir Fuller,

**Letter of Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from Department of Wildlife Conservation, Sri Lanka**

I refer to the above matter.

This letter is to highlight the commitment of DWC through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled "Improving communication and collaboration amongst all relevant stakeholders in Sri Lanka to enhance seagrass and dugong conservation".

Below are the estimated costs to DWC for the entire project over four years 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						
Position	No. of staff	Daily Cost (USD)	Man-days/Mo	Man-months	Total Days	Total Costs (USD)
Secretary	1	55	1	48	96	5,280
Director General	1	50	3	48	144	7,200
Director	2	45	5	48	240	10,800
Deputy Director	2	40	5	48	240	9,600
Assistant Director	2	31	8	48	384	11,904
Wildlife Ranger	2	25	30	48	1440	36,000
Minor staff	2	20	30	48	1440	28,800
Other (Drivers, Labours)	4	20	4	48	192	3,840
Supporting staff	3	16	4	48	192	3,072
Consultants	1	100	2	48	96	9,600
Sub-total						126,096
2. Office space, facilities, supplies and utilities						67,000
3. Equipment						50,000
4. Travel						50,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>293,096</b>

We thus confirm a total co-financing amount of USD 893,256 as contributions to overall project costs. I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.

H.D. Ratnayake  
 Director General of Wildlife Conservation

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**RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the IUCN Sri Lanka Country Office**

Dear Dr. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the IUCN Sri Lanka Country Office 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, IUCN Sri Lanka Country Office undertakes to provide a total value of USD 224,100 in co-finance to implement the proposed project entitled ***‘Development of a multiple-community-based marine resource management plan in the Gulf of Mannar’*** under the global project activities.

Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from IUCN Sri Lanka Country Office for a period of 30 months.

In-kind co-financing contribution amount (USD)	Items / Activities
17,400	Staff costs: (Finance, HR, Admin and GIS expert)
31,500	Professional Services: IUCN supervision
12,500	Equipment (computers, printers, multi-media projector, camera, binoculars, furniture and fittings and other office equipment)
9,000	Report review and editing
1,000	Report printing
15,000	Rent and Storage (500 x 30 months)
1,200	Communications (40 x 30 months)
1,500	Supplies (50 x 30 months)
4,000	Livelihood initiatives
100,000	MFF large grant
25,000	MFF Regional Project
6,000	MFF small grant
<b>224,100</b>	<b>Total amount</b>



We thus confirm a total co-financing amount of USD 224,100 as in-kind contributions to overall project costs subject to IUCN's engagement in implementing the component mentioned above.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shamen Vidanage'.

Shamen Vidanage  
ACTING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE



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30<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

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**RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency**

Dear Dr. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of **National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency** 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, **National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency** undertakes to provide a total value of USD 89,750 in co-finance to implement global project activities. The amount is provided as in-kind support.

Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from **National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency** for the project duration (2013-2018):

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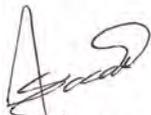
**General Office**

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In-kind Contribution Amount (USD)	Activity
27,750	Staff costs
5,000	Professional Services / Coordinator allowance
15,000	Equipment
15,000	Rent and Storage:
1,000	Communications
25,000	Travel
1000	Meetings
<b>89,750</b>	<b>Total</b>

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,



S. Suriyaarachchi  
Director General

Date: 23/03/2013

Maryam Nlamir Fuller  
Director,  
UNEP GEF Coordination Office  
Nairobi

Ms. Nlamir Fuller:

## Letter of Co-Financing for the GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from ORCA Sri Lanka

I refer to the above matter.

This letter is to highlight the commitment of **ORCA** through co-financing (in-kind) for costs that will be incurred in the proposed project entitled **“Increasing Knowledge on seagrass habitat and dugong Distribution at Selected Side in the NW Sri Lanka”**.

Below are the estimated costs to **ORCA** for the entire project over **January 2014 to December 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						
Position	No. of staff	Daily Cost (USD)	Man-days	Man-months	Total Days	Total Costs (USD)
Team Leader	1	50	10	10	100	5000
Diver	2	40	10	10	100	8000
Trainee Diver	1	27	10	10	100	2700
Secretary	1	10	17	36	612	6120
Analysis Staff	2	18	12	15	180	6480
Lead Investigator	1	25	12	15	180	4500
<b>Sub-total</b>						<b>32800</b>
2. ORCA Office space, facilities ,supplies, utilities & Office equipment						38,000
3. Equipment- ORCA field, survey, Diving and office equipment						1,000
4. Travel - ORCA Vehicles						40,000
<b>Total</b>						<b>111800</b>

We thus confirm a total co-financing amount of USD **111,800** as contributions to overall project costs. I trust this letter suffices to clarify our role in the upcoming GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project.



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H.M.D.Sajith Subhashana.  
ORCA President  
23/03/2013



## TURTLE CONSERVATION PROJECT (TCP)

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12 August 2013

**RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the Sri Lanka Turtle Conservation Project (SLTCP)**

Dear Dr. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of Sri Lanka Turtle Conservation Project 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, Turtle Conservation Project undertakes to provide a total value of USD **\$63,820** in co-finance to implement global project activities. This amount includes some funds provided for coastal conservation work in Sri Lanka by Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from Sri Lanka Turtle Conservation Project for the project duration (2013-2018):

In-kind Contribution Amount (USD)	Activity
\$18,820	Staff costs
\$3,000	Professional Services
\$6,000	Equipment
\$3,000	Rent and Storage
\$4,000	Communications
\$15,000	Supplies
\$12,000	Travel
\$1,000	Meetings
\$1,000	Miscellaneous

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,

**Thushan Kapurusinghe**  
Project Leader & Committee Chairman

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**RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the Marine Research Foundation**

Dear Dr. Kwan,

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of the Marine Research 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 that through this letter, the Marine Research Foundation undertakes to provide a total value of USD **20,000** in co-finance to implement global project activities as in-kind support. Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from Marine Research Foundation for the project duration (2013-2018):

In-kind Contribution (USD)	Activity
Staff Salaries	USD 5,000 per annum, USD 20,000 total

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,

Nicolas Pilcher, Executive Director

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**Dear Dr. Kwan**

**RE: Commitment of Co-finance to a full-sized GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project from the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources**

I am writing to you to confirm the commitment of **Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources** 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, **Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources** undertakes to provide a total value of **USD 40,000** in co-finance to implement global project activities. Of this amount, **USD 40,000** is provided as in-kind support.

Below is a detailed breakdown of the estimated value of in-kind support from the **Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC)** for the project duration (2013-2018):

In-kind Contribution Amount (USD)	Activity
USD40,000 over 4 years	For awareness activities, community mobilization and workshops

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,



Albert Abel Williams

**Director**

Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation

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16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Dugong Secretariat,  
UNEP/CMS  
ABU DHABI  
Att : Dr Donna Kwan  
Programme Officer - Dugongs  
UNEP/CMS Office – Abu Dhabi

Dear Sir/Madame

**Subject: Co finance, Dugong and Sea Grasses Project**

With regards to the above subject, The Department of Fisheries in Vanuatu has endorsed its commitment and support as a range dugong state to develop the GEF Dugong and Sea grass project.

The Department of Fisheries will work closely with Department of Environment, the CMS secretariat and will contribute USD 10, 000 per annum as aid-in-kind.

Contribution to the project will be made in kind, such as the Department of Fisheries Research Facilities, Laboratory equipments, Research Vessels and Personals

Please consider this letter as a commitment to the continuation of this co-financing towards the dugongs and sea grasses project.

Thank you very much,

Kind regards,

*FOR*  
Moses Amos,  
Director of Fisheries Department



Cc: - Mr. Albert Williams, Director, DEPC, GEF Operational Focal Point

# WAN SMOLBAG THEATRE

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27 March 2013

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**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 Wan Smolbag Theatre 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 in cash to the important project, we are happy to advise that through this letter, Wan Smol Bag undertakes to provide in-kind support, to the value of **US\$10,000** 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 and including our WSB Work Programme on Environment.

We trust this is sufficient and should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

  
Michael Taurakoto  
C.E.O / Governance Programme Manager  
Wan Smolbag Theatre  
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**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 Vanuatu Cultural Centre 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*".

We are happy to advise you that through this letter, Vanuatu Cultural Centre undertakes to provide in-kind support, to the value of **US \$10,000** 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 and we look forward to doing our utmost to ensure this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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Director Vanuatu Cultural Centre

