



**MINISTERIO DEL AMBIENTE Y ENERGÍA**  
Dirección General de Cooperación Internacional

San José, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
DCI/00123-2002

Mr. Gonzalo Castro  
Environment Department  
The World Bank  
1818 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20433  
United States

Reference: *Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund*

Dear Mr. Castro:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Costa Rica I would like to inform you that I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) **The Southern Region of the Mesoamerican Biodiversity HotSpot**, and the provision of grants to non-governmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. As an additional provision, we have already reached an agreement with CEPF in order to fully guarantee the necessary synergies among the initiatives to be derived from the project and the main strategic objectives of our Ministry.

We are aware that information relative to all specific projects can be accessed on the CEPF web site [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and we look forward to receiving annual listings of projects and activities conducted within Costa Rica. We also understand that each of the donors (Conservation International, GEF, the MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank) has provided equal funding to the CEPF Initiative.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that **The Southern Region of the Mesoamerican Biodiversity HotSpot** has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country. We note that it will be submitted for further review and approval by the CEPF Donor Council, and that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile will be contingent upon approval by the CEPF Donor Council. We agree that the Ecosystem Profile may be made publicly available after review and approval by the Donor Council

Sincerely,

Ricardo Ulate Chacón  
Director



cc: D. Ocker – CEPF  
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**MINISTERIO DEL AMBIENTE Y LOS RECURSOS NATURALES**  
**CORREDOR BIOLÓGICO DEL ATLÁNTICO**  
 Nuestra Mejor Herencia



November 08, 2001

Mr. Gonzalo Castro  
 Environment Department  
 The World Bank  
 Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Castro:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Nicaragua, I would like to inform you that I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) The Southern Region of the Mesoamerican Biodiversity HotSpot, and the provision of grants to non-governmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. We are aware that information relative to all specific projects can be accessed on the CEPF web site [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and we look forward to receiving annual listings of projects and activities conducted within Nicaragua.

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Sincerely,

  
 Garcia A. Cantarero  
 GEF Focal Point

cc.: D. Ocker-CI  
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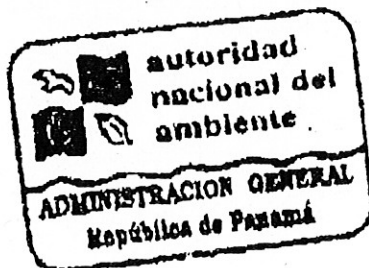
As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Panama, I would like to inform you that I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) The Southern Region of the Mesoamerican Biodiversity Hotspots, and the provision of grants to non-governmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. We are aware that information relative to all specific projects can be accessed on the CEPF web site [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net) and we look forward to receiving annual listings of projects and activities conducted within Panama.

We understand that each of the donors (Conservation International, GEF, the MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank) has provided equal funding to the CEPF Initiative.

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Sincerely,

  
Ricardo Anguizola  
General Administrator



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