



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
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Ms. Claudia Sobrevilla  
Task Manager, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)  
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The World Bank  
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Dear Ms. Sobrevilla,

**Re: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**

As the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Focal Point for the Government of Barbados, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to Non-Government and Private Sector Organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

We understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Francaise de Development, GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Caribbean Islands Hotspot has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country. We understand that the ecosystem profile is publicly available.

Sincerely



**Rickarde Ward**  
GEF-DFP

Ministry of Environment and Drainage

c.c. Mr. Steve Devonish – CDB Focal Point  
Ms. Michelle Zador – CEPF Caribbean Grant Director