

Focal Country Endorsements

CEPF will seek endorsement of each Ecosystem Profile by the relevant national GEF operational focal points. CEPF shall submit the proposed Ecosystem Profile for approval to the Donor Council, together with any prior endorsements. Any endorsements incurring thereafter shall be submitted no later than the next Donor Council meeting after the receipt of such endorsements. No funds shall be disbursed for any activities in a country until the GEF operational focal point for that country has endorsed the Ecosystem Profile.

Format for GEF Focal Point Endorsement Letters¹

[date]

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Reference: *Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund*

Dear Ms. MacKinnon:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of [insert country], I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) [insert official title of the ecosystem profile], and the provision of grants to nongovernmental 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 Française de Développement, 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 [insert official title of the ecosystem profile] has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country. We note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the ecosystem profile will be contingent upon approval by the CEPF Donor Council. We understand that the ecosystem profile will be made publicly available.

Sincerely,
[insert signature]

[name]
[title] and GEF Focal Point
[Address]
[tel and fax]

cc: *CEPF Executive Director, fax: ++1.703.553.0721*

¹ Note: The text of letters of endorsement for the CEPF Ecosystem Profiles can vary from country to country. However, letters that provide for conditional endorsement are not acceptable, and each letter must cover the following points

- Addressed to Ms. Kathy MacKinnon, World Bank (as per suggested format);
- State GEF Focal Point endorsement for the relevant Ecosystem Profile (include official name of document);
- State GEF Focal Point endorsement of strategy and programmatic objectives contained in the Ecosystem Profile;
- State that the GEF Focal Point understands that CI, l'Agence Française de Développement, GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank have providing funding for CEPF;
- State that the GEF Focal Point understands that the provision of funding for the activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile is contingent upon CEPF Donor Council approval of the Profile and investment strategy
- State agreement that the Ecosystem Profile may be made publicly available.
- Signed by GEF Focal Point