



**Republic of Seychelles  
Ministry of Environment and Energy**

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Dear Ms. Hickey,

**Subject: GEF Operational Focal Point for Seychelles**  
**Endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Madagascar and**  
**the Indian Ocean islands Biodiversity Hotspot**

As the Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point for the Government of the Seychelles, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Ecosystem Profile for the Madagascar and the Indian Ocean 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 Française de Développement, the European Union, GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative and that each of these donors supports the Ecosystem Profile. We also understand that CEPF has made the Ecosystem Profile publicly available.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that the Ecosystem Profile is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Sincerely,

**Didier Dogley**  
**GEF Operational Focal Point**  
**Special Advisor to the Minister of Environment & Energy**