



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, DISASTER MANAGEMENT & METEOROLOGY

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Ms. Valerie Hickey
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The World Bank
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Dear Ms. Hickey,

Subject: GEF Operational Focal Point for Solomon Islands Endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for East Melanesian Islands Biodiversity Hotspot

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Solomon Islands, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Ecosystem Profile for the East Melanesian Islands Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

We understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Global Environment Facility, l'Agence Francaise de Developpement, Conservation International, the European Union, 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,

Mr. Joe HOROKOU
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