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Objet: lettre d'approbation du Profil d'Ecosystème pour le Fonds de partenariat pour les écosystèmes critiques

Monsieur Langrand,

En tant que Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM pour le gouvernement d'Algérie, j'ai fait lecture du document suivant : « *Profil d'Ecosystème du Bassin Méditerranéen* », qui définit les directions stratégiques suivantes (DS):

- DS1: Soutenir la société civile à s'engager dans les approches intégrées pour la préservation de la *biodiversité dans les zones côtières* ;
- DS2: Soutenir la gestion durable des bassins versants via des approches intégrées pour la conservation de la *biodiversité d'eau douce* ;
- DS3: Promouvoir le maintien des *pratiques traditionnelles d'utilisation des terres*, nécessaires à la conservation de la biodiversité dans les corridors prioritaires de haute valeur culturelle et naturelle ;
- DS4: Renforcer l'engagement de la société civile à soutenir la *conservation des plantes* en danger d'extinction ou micro-endémiques ;
- DS5: Renforcer la communauté régionale de conservation grâce au partage des pratiques et des expériences parmi les bénéficiaires ;
- DS6: Coordonner efficacement les investissements du CEPF par l'intermédiaire d'une équipe régionale de mise en œuvre.

De ce fait, j'appuie les directions stratégiques décrites dans le Profil d'écosystème du Fonds de Partenariat pour les Ecosystèmes Critiques (CEPF) pour le Hotspot de la biodiversité du bassin méditerranéen et la fourniture de subventions, par le CEPF, aux organisations non gouvernementales ou du secteur privé, pour les activités suivant les orientations stratégiques qui y sont décrites.

Je comprends que chacun des bailleurs du CEPF (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, l'Union Européenne, le Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial, le Gouvernement Japonais et la Banque Mondiale) a engagé des fonds pour l'initiative CEPF et que chacun de ces bailleurs soutient le profil d'écosystème. Nous comprenons également que le profil de l'écosystème est un document accessible au public.

En apportant cette approbation, je confirme que le Profil d'Ecosystème est conforme à nos engagements au titre de la Convention sur la diversité biologique.

Cordialement,

Mme S.HAMIDI
Point Focal Opérationnel FEM
ALGERIE



No: ---ER250/19-----
Date: ---31/10/2019---

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التاريخ:-----

To: Mr. Olivier Langrand,

Executive Director, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund-CEPF

Subject: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Mr. Langrand,

As the Director General of the Environmental Resources Department, Environment Quality Authority, the government of Palestine, I have reviewed the following document "Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Francaise de Development, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, 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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,

Dr.Issa Albardeiya
Director General, Environmental Resources Directorate
Environment Quality Authority
State of Palestine
Cell: 00972-599-201545



To: Dr. Andrea Kutter
World Bank: akutter@worldbank.org

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Egypt, I have reviewed the following document "Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Egypt, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,

Mohamed Shehab Abdel Wahab
Shehab Abdelwahab
Chief Executive Officer, EEAA
GEF Operational Focal Point



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БОСНА И ХЕРЦЕГОВИНА
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ECONOMIC RELATIONS

No.: 10-3-50-28-4729-1/17
Sarajevo, 29.01.2018. godine

To: Dr. Andrea Kutter (akutter@worldbank.org)
Task Manager, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
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The World Bank, 1818 H Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20433, USA

Reference: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have reviewed the following document "*Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin*", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

As the GEF Political Focal Point and GEF Political Operational Point for Bosnia and Herzegovina, We endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem

Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity 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 (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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.

Sincerely,

Senad Oprašić, PhD


GEF Operational Focal Point

Mirko Šarović, Minister


GEF Political Focal Point



MONTENEGRO

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM

Podgorica, December 7, 2017

To: **Dr. Andrea Kutter**
Task Manager

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
Senior Operations Officer, Environment and Natural Resources
The World Bank
1818 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20433,
USA

Reference: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Montenegro, I have reviewed the following document "Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):


- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Montenegro, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,


Igor Gradjevic

GEF Focal point for Montenegro



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

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4 September 2017

To: Dr. Andrea Kutter (akutter@worldbank.org)
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Reference: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Albania, I have reviewed the following document "*Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin*", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

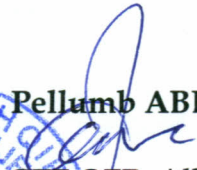
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- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.


As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Albania, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,


Pellumb ABESHI
GEF OFP, Albania
General Director of Environmental Policies
Ministry of Environment





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Objet: lettre d'approbation du Profil d'Ecosystème pour le Fonds de partenariat pour les écosystèmes critiques

Dr. Kutter,

En tant que Point Focal du FEM pour le gouvernement du Cabo Verde, j'ai examiné le document suivant: «Profil d'Ecosystème du Bassin Méditerranéen», qui définit les directions stratégiques suivantes (DS):

- DS1: Soutenir la société civile à s'engager dans les approches intégrées pour la préservation de la biodiversité dans les zones côtières;
- DS2: Soutenir la gestion durable des bassins versants via des approches intégrées pour la conservation de la biodiversité d'eau douce;
- DS3: Promouvoir le maintien des pratiques traditionnelles d'utilisation des terres, nécessaires à la conservation de la biodiversité dans les corridors prioritaires de haute valeur culturelle et naturelle;
- DS4: Renforcer l'engagement de la société civile à soutenir la conservation des plantes en danger d'extinction ou micro-endémiques;
- DS5: Renforcer la communauté régionale de conservation grâce au partage des pratiques et des expériences parmi les bénéficiaires;
- DS6: Coordonner efficacement les investissements du CEPF par l'intermédiaire d'une équipe régionale de mise en oeuvre.

En tant que Point Focal du FEM pour le gouvernement du Cabo Verde, j'appuie la stratégie d'investissement décrite dans le Profil d'Écosystème du Fonds de Partenariat pour les Écosystèmes Critiques (CEPF) pour le Hotspot de la biodiversité du Bassin Méditerranéen et la fourniture de subventions aux organisations non gouvernementales ou du secteur privé, pour les activités suivant les orientations stratégiques qui y sont décrites.



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Je comprends que chacun des bailleurs du CEPF (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, l'Union Européenne, le Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial, le Gouvernement Japonais, la Fondation MacArthur et la Banque Mondiale) a engagé des fonds pour l'initiative CEPF et que chacun de ces bailleurs soutient le profil d'écosystème. Nous comprenons également que le profil de l'écosystème est un document accessible au public.

En apportant cette approbation, je confirme que le Profil d'Ecosystème est conforme à nos engagements au titre de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique. Je note également que l'apport de fonds pour les activités décrites dans le Profil des Écosystèmes a été approuvée par le Conseil des bailleurs du CEPF.

Cordialement,

Alexandre Nevsky Rodrigues
Directeur National de l'Environnement du Cabo Verde
Point Focal Opérationnel du FEM du Cabo Verde





MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Ref.No **5/9/1/9949**
Date **28/09/2017**

Dr. Andrea Kutter
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Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
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Subject: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund.

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Jordan, I have reviewed the following document "Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
- SD4: Strengthen the engagement of civil society to support conservation of plants that are critically endangered or have highly restricted ranges;
- SD5: Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Jordan, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfil the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Francaise de Developpement, European Union, Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation and World Bank) has committed funding to the CEPF initiative



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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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,

Imad Najib Fakhoury
Minister
GEF PFP
Ministry of Planning and
International Cooperation

cc\International Cooperation Department
\Projects Department

9/10/2016
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REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

THE MINISTER

Beirut, 29.9.2017
Our Ref: 12146/B

To: **Dr. Andrea Kutter (akutter@worldbank.org)**
Task Manager,
Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
Senior Operations Officer, Environment and Natural Resources
The World Bank
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Washington, DC 20433,
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Reference: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot (2017-2022)

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Lebanon, I have reviewed the following document "*Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin*", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):


- SD1 : Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2 : Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3 : Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
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- SD5 : Strengthen the regional conservation community through the sharing of best practices and knowledge among grantees across the hotspot;
- SD6 : Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

Therefore, as the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Lebanon, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin 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.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,


Tarek El Khatib
Minister of Environment

CC: - Ministry of Environment – Department of Ecosystems
- Ministry of Environment – Department of Public Relations and External Affairs



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28 October 2017

Reference: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Libya, I have reviewed the following document
"Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin", which defines the following strategic directions
(SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
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التاريخ: / / 143

الموافق: / / 201

الرقم الإشاري:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Libya, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, 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, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,

Mustafa Soliman

GEF Focal Point





REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
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Date: 30. 08. 2017

TO: Dr. Andrea Kutter (akutter@worldbank.org)
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Senior Operations Officer, Environment and Natural
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The World Bank
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SUBJECT: Endorsement letter for the Critical Ecosystem
Partnership Fund

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the GEF Focal point for the government of Macedonia, I have reviewed the following document "*Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin*", which defines the following strategic directions (SD):

- SD1: Support civil society to engage stakeholders in demonstrating integrated approaches for the preservation of biodiversity in coastal areas;
- SD2: Support the sustainable management of water catchments through integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity;
- SD3: Promote the maintenance of traditional land use practices necessary for the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity in priority corridors of high cultural and biodiversity value;
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- SD6: Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of CEPF investment through a Regional Implementation Team.



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As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Macedonia, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to nongovernment and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

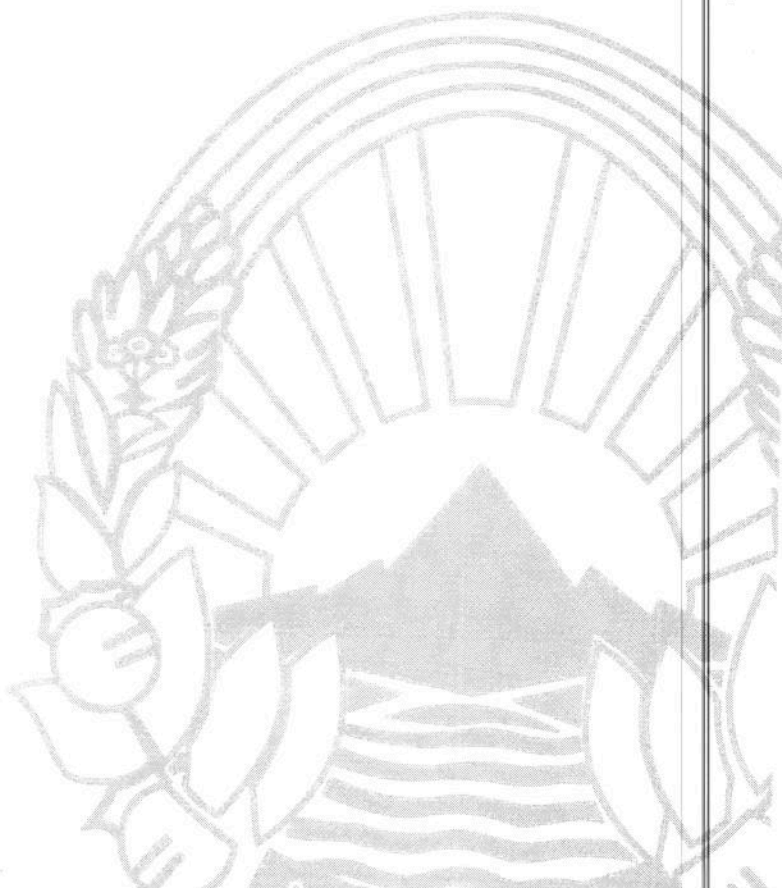
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In providing this endorsement, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile for the Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot is in line with our commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity. I also note that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile was approved by the CEPF Donor Council.

Sincerely,

Vesna Indova Tochko
GEF Operational Focal Point

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Le Secrétaire Général

الكتاب العام

A : Dr. Andrea Kutter
Gestionnaire de programme,
Environnement et ressources naturelles
La Banque mondiale
1818 H Street, NW
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Objet: lettre d'approbation du Profil d'Ecosystème pour le Fonds de partenariat pour les écosystèmes critiques

En tant que point focal du FEM pour le Gouvernement du Royaume du Maroc, j'ai examiné le document suivant « Profil d'Ecosystème du Bassin Méditerranéen », qui définit les directions stratégiques suivantes :

- Soutenir la société civile à s'engager dans les approches intégrées pour la préservation de la biodiversité dans les zones côtières ;
- Soutenir la gestion durable des bassins versants via des approches intégrées pour la conservation de la biodiversité d'eau douce ;
- Promouvoir le maintien des pratiques traditionnelles d'utilisation des terres, nécessaires à la conservation de la biodiversité dans les corridors prioritaires de haute valeur culturelle et naturelle ;
- Renforcer l'engagement de la société civile à soutenir la conservation des plantes en danger d'extinction ou micro-endémiques ;
- Renforcer la communauté régionale de conservation grâce au partage des pratiques et des expériences parmi les bénéficiaires ;
- Et coordonner efficacement les investissements du CEPF par l'intermédiaire d'une équipe régionale de mise en œuvre.

J'appuie également la stratégie d'investissement décrite dans ledit Profil du Fonds de partenariat pour les écosystèmes critiques (CEPF) pour le Hotspot de la biodiversité du bassin méditerranéen et la fourniture de subventions aux organisations non gouvernementales ou du secteur privé, pour les activités suivant les orientations stratégiques qui y sont décrites.

Je comprends que chacun des bailleurs du CEPF a engagé des fonds pour l'initiative CEPF et que chacun de ces bailleurs soutient le profil d'écosystème. Nous comprenons également que le profil d'écosystème est un document accessible au public.

En apportant cette approbation, je confirme que le Profil d'écosystème est conforme à nos engagements notamment ceux au titre de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique. Je note également que l'apport de fonds pour les activités décrites dans le Profil des écosystèmes a été approuvé par le Conseil des bailleurs du CEPF.

Cordialement,

Le PFO du FEM
Le Secrétaire Général

BENYAHIA Mohamed

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**Ministère des Affaires Locales
et de l'Environnement**



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Objet: Lettre d'approbation du Profil d'Ecosystème pour le Fonds de partenariat pour les écosystèmes critiques.

Dr. Kutter,

En tant que point focal opérationnel du FEM pour le gouvernement de Tunisie, j'ai examiné le document intitulé «Profil d'Ecosystème du Bassin Méditerranéen », qui définit les directions stratégiques suivantes (DS):

- DS1: Soutenir la société civile à s'engager dans les approches intégrées pour la préservation de la biodiversité dans les zones côtières ;
- DS2: Soutenir la gestion durable des bassins versants via des approches intégrées pour la conservation de la biodiversité d'eau douce ;
- DS3: Promouvoir le maintien des pratiques traditionnelles d'utilisation des terres, nécessaires à la conservation de la biodiversité dans les corridors prioritaires de haute valeur culturelle et naturelle ;
- DS4: Renforcer l'engagement de la société civile à soutenir la conservation des plantes en danger d'extinction ou micro-endémiques ;
- DS5: Renforcer la communauté régionale de conservation grâce au partage des pratiques et des expériences parmi les bénéficiaires ;
- DS6: Coordonner efficacement les investissements du CEPF par l'intermédiaire d'une équipe régionale de mise en œuvre.

En tant que point focal du FEM pour le gouvernement de Tunisie, j'appuie la stratégie d'investissement décrite dans le Profil d'écosystème du CEPF pour le Hotspot de la biodiversité du bassin méditerranéen.

En apportant cette approbation, je confirme que le Profil d'Ecosystème est conforme à nos engagements au titre de la Convention sur la diversité biologique.

Bien cordialement.

Sabria Bnoui Ben Ammar

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sabria Bnoui Ben Ammar', written over a horizontal line.

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