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Dear Ms. Hickey,

Subject “CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Indo – Burma Biodiversity Hotspot”

As the GEF Operation Focal Point for Thailand, we concur with the updated Ecosystem Profile for the Indo – Burma Biodiversity hotspot. However, we do have the recommendations as follows;

1. The first strategy under article 1.3 should include the assessment of threatened species as well as the measures to deal with these species. Furthermore, the research cooperation should be strengthened in order to improve the situation of the threatened species.
2. The second strategy should include the economic mechanism as the main instrument to tackle the illegal wildlife trafficking.
3. The sixth strategy should cover the promotion of civil society engagement on policy driving to reduce the impact of agriculture and industry in the biodiversity hotspots.

Please be assured of our full cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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