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Subject: Endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Ecosystem Profile for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to civil society organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. This includes grants for projects with objectives within the following Strategic Directions:

1. Address threats to priority species.
2. Improve sustainable management and biodiversity conservation within official protection status.
4. Engage communities of interest and economic sectors, including the private sector, in improved management of protection landscapes (i.e. priority sites and corridors that are not formally protected).
5. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action.
6. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (L’Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, 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. I also understand that CEPF has made the Ecosystem Profile publicly available.
In providing this endorsement, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile 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,

Schah Zaman Maiwandi
Director General of National Environmental Protection Agency, Afghanistan
Member of Ministers Cabinet
Member of the Council of Ministers
GEF Operational Focal Point
Subject: GEF Operational Focal Point for the Kyrgyz Republic
Endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot

Dear Dr. Kutter,

As the Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point for the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Ecosystem Profile for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to civil society organization for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. This includes grants for projects with objectives within the following Strategic Directions:

1. Address threats to priority species.
2. Improve management of priority sites with and without official protection status.
4. Engage communities of interest and economic sectors, including the private sector, in improved management of production landscapes (i.e. priority sites and corridors that are not formally protected).
5. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action.
6. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team.

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (I’Agence Francaise de Development, Conservation International, 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. I also understand that CEPF has made the Ecosystem Profile publicly available.

In providing this endorsement, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile 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,

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Subject: GEF Operational Focal Point for Tajikistan  
Endorsement of the CEPF Ecosystem Profile for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot  

Dear Dr. Kutter,  
As the Global Environment Facility Operational Focal Point for the Government of Tajikistan, I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund Ecosystem Profile for the Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot, and the provision of grants to civil society organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. This includes grants for projects with objectives within the following Strategic Directions:  

1. Address threats to priority species.  
2. Improve management of priority sites with and without official protection status.  
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5. Enhance civil society capacity for effective conservation action.  
6. Provide strategic leadership and effective coordination of conservation investment through a Regional Implementation Team.  

I understand that each of the CEPF donor partners (l’Agence Francaise de Developpement, Conservation International, 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. I also understand, that CEPF has made the Ecosystem Profile publicly available. 

In providing this endorsement, I confirm that the Ecosystem Profile 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.

The Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan takes the opportunity to renew to the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Endorsement of the Mountains Central Asia Ecosystem Profile for Central Asia (CEPF, 2017)

Dear Mrs. Andrea Kutter,

The State Committee for Environmental Protection and Land Resources of Turkmenistan expresses its gratitude to the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund (CEPF) and a group of donors of the Fund for attention paid to the mountain ecosystems of Central Asia, which are one of the global centres for biodiversity and wild relatives of cultural plants.

As Focal Point for the Convention on Biological Diversity in Turkmenistan, I confirm that the planned activities for the conservation of mountain ecosystems on a regional scale coincide with the priority areas of Turkmenistan's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan, as well as ongoing activities of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development on implementation of the Regional Environmental Protection Program for sustainable development in Central Asia.
In this regard, I consider it important to continue regional cooperation and work in priority areas of study and protection of wildlife in Turkmenistan and adjacent territories.

In conclusion, in the capacity of CBD Focal Point of Turkmenistan, let me express approval for the main investment directions of the CEPF strategy for Central Asia, formulated in the process of Mountains of Central Asia ecosystem profile. I would like to note the significance of the involvement of scientific and public organizations in implementation of the CEPF strategy and engagement of the private sector in environmental initiatives, which will contribute to the wildlife conservation goals. I hope that the planned CEPF activities, along with the GEF project activities, will play a significant role in safeguarding local unique biodiversity of the global importance.

Sincerely Yours,

Jumamurad Saparmuradov,
Focal Point for the Convention on Biological Diversity, Turkmenistan

Copy: Mr. Berdy Berdyev, acting GEF Operational Focal Point, Turkmenistan