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**Reference:** Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Mr. Castro:

As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Colombia, I would like to inform you that I Endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) **Chocó-Manabí Corridor of the Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador Hotspot**, and the provision of grants to non-governmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein. We are aware that information relative to all specific projects can be accessed on the CEPF web site [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and we look forward to receiving annual listings of projects and activities conducted within Colombia.

We understand that each of the donors (Conservation International, GEF, the Mac Arthur Foundation and the World Bank) has provided equal funding to the CEPF initiative.

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that **Chocó-Manabí Corridor of the Chocó-Darién-Western Ecuador Hotspot** has been shared with the officials responsible for the Convention on Biological Diversity, and has undergone review in our country. We note that it will be submitted for further review and approval by the CEPF Donor Council, and that provision of funding for activities outlined in the Ecosystem Profile will be contingent upon approval by the CEPF Donor Council. We agree that the Ecosystem profile may be made publicly available after review and approval by the Donor Council.

**The Chocó –Manabí Corridor of the Chocó –Darién –Western Ecuador** strategy reinforces the environmental strategies that the National Government promotes in the Pacific Region, principally, the "Agenda Pacifico XXI" a collective construction process. Therefor the project must be carried out with the active participation of the local communities as well as with the "Instituto de Investigaciones Ambientales del Pacifico".

Sincerely,

JUAN MAYR MALDONADO  
Minister



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**Ref.:** Proyecto Chocó – Manabí Conservation  
Corridor of de Chocó-Darién-Western  
Ecuador Biodiversity Hotspot Colombia and  
Ecuador

Estimado Señor Castro:

Atendiendo a la solicitud de Conservation International a este Ministerio para el proyecto en referencia y, que será presentado al CEPF -Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund-, me permito informarle que esta Cartera de Estado, después de haber estudiado y analizado técnicamente el Proyecto, encuentra que se enmarca dentro de los lineamientos y políticas que actualmente ejecutamos.

Solicitamos se sirva proporcionar su apoyo, para que dicho Proyecto sea canalizado al CEPF y logre la consecución de los recursos necesarios.

Con mis sentimientos de consideración y estima.

Atentamente,

**ING. HÉCTOR AYÓN JO**

Ministro del Ambiente (e)

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