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April 27, 2005

Mr. Michael Carroll
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Subject: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Dear Mr. Carroll,

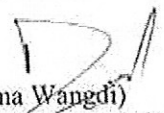
As the GEF Focal Point for the Government of Bhutan, I would like to inform you that I endorse the investment strategy outlined in the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) for Eastern Himalayas, and the provision of grants to non-governmental and private sector organizations for projects and activities that fulfill the programmatic objectives outlined therein.

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

In providing this endorsement, we confirm that Eastern Himalayas Ecosystem profile 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.

In addition, we would like to inform you that before the proposals are forwarded to CEPF for approval, the proposals will be reviewed by the National Coordination Mechanism where the WWF, Bhutan will act as the Secretariat.

Sincerely,


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23rd January 2006

Dear Mr. Dabas,

This is with reference to the project document entitled, "Ecosystem Profile on Eastern Himalayas" submitted by Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) for MoEF endorsement.

This is to kindly inform you that the project document was considered in the Ministry and was endorsed subject to the following:

1. A Program Steering Committee to evaluate and approve the fundability of proposals, proposed sites and details of foreign participation should consist of representatives from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India; Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India; Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as well as concerned state government (s);
2. Foreign consultants involved with the project will need security vetting;
3. Foreign consultants visiting certain states of the North Eastern Region require Restricted Area permit/ protected Area permit. Necessary permission in this regard would have to be obtained from Foreigners Division, MHA;
4. Foreign consultants will have no contact with tribal except where it is necessary for project implementation; and,
5. Foreign consultants will not indulge in activities other than those permitted under the program.

Warm regard,

Yours sincerely

(Sudhir Mital)

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KATHMANDU, NEPAL

2 October, 2005

Mr. Matthew Kahane,
Resident Representative
UNDP Office, Pulchowk
Nepal.

**Subject : INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT Eastern Himalayan
Region - Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**

Dear Mr. Kahane,

We have received a copy of Ecosystem Profile from WWF Nepal, for the implementation of activities "**INDO-BURMA HOTSPOT Eastern Himalayan Region**". This profile has been developed and will be funded by Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund. As mentioned in the letter from CEPF on July 21, 2005, this fund is designed to safeguard the world's biodiversity hotspots. CEPF is a joint initiative of Conservation International (CI), the GEF, the Government of Japan, the MacArthur Foundation and the World Bank. The Ministry of Finance has been asked to endorse the profile, after consultation with the concerned agencies, His Majesty's Government of Nepal has decided to endorse the project profile in **Principal**. As a focal point of GEF, we are requesting GEF through your auspicious organisation to communicate this endorsement to GEF.

I would also like to inform that the implementation modality for the execution of the programme will be settled later.

With best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

A Regmi
(Anandaram Regmi)
Under Secretary

cc: Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation
Task Manager, CEPF, World Bank Group
WWF, Nepal