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Re	Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity	www.net	herlandsembassy.in.th
	Conservation and Sustainable Use Pr./Main Phase, act. no. RA012904		
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Dear Mr. England,

I hereby inform you of my intention to make a financial contribution to the above-mentioned activity in the sum of USD 3,823,802. Contracts cannot be signed however until the necessary funds have been committed and a decision has been taken concerning the choice of the parties concerned to this Netherlands co-financing activity.

The contribution will become available over the life cycle of the programme starting 1 January 2004, upon which date this declaration of intent will cease to apply.

I reserve the right to withdraw this letter of intent at any time, should eircumstances necessitate it. In such an event, I shall be under no obligation to compensate any of the parties for the consequences thereof.

Yours sigcerely.

Gerard J.H.C. Kramer Ambassador For the Minister for Development Co-operation

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Dear Mr. Pinto,

16 October 2003

Mekong River Basin Wetland Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme

With the development of the tripartite agreement between UNDP, IUCN and the Mekong River Commission Secretariat (MRCS) to implement the above programme in partnership, it has been agreed that the project will be executed by UNDP through Direct Execution, with the UNDP Resident Representative in Lao PDR as the Principal Project Representative.

We are pleased to confirm that UNDP commits a total of USD 1 million to this project, over its five-year period of implementation, as follows:

- USD 500,000 from the Regional Programme for Asia and Pacific
- USD 125,000 from UNDP Cambodia
- USD 125,000 from UNDP Lao PDR
- USD 125,000 from UNDP Thailand
- USD 125,000 from UNDP Vienam

The contribution from the Regional funds will go towards the general operation of the programme. The contributions from each of the country programmes will be used in the country concerned for specific national-level programme activities, to be agreed each year by Programme Manager, UNDP Country Office, and national counterparts, and approved by the National Steering Committee.

ours since J. K. Robert England **UN Resident Coordinator**

UNDP Resident Representative

Mr. Frank Pinto Executive Coordinator UNDP/BDP/Environmentally Sustainable Development Group/GEF New York

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Mr. J.K. Robert England UN Resident Coordinator UNDP UN Building, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue Bangkok 10200 THAILAND

October 7, 2003

Dear Robert,

Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

With the development of the tripartite agreement between UNDP, IUCN and the MRCS to implement the above programme in partnership, it has been agreed that the IUCN Asia Regional Office will be responsible for implementing various components of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme, as detailed in the programme document.

During the development of the programme in its preparatory phase, IUCN has provided the following funds and in kind contributions:

Water and Nature Initiative Funding for 2002 and 2003	\$	400,000
 Wetlands International support for work in Songkhram (Thailand) 	\$	115,000
 Promotion of World Commission on Dams principles in Cambodia. 		
Lao PDR and Thailand	\$	170,000
 Environmental flow studies in Sesan River 	S	48,000
Sub-total	\$	733,000
In the future, IUCN will be contributing the following funds as co-finance:		
 Water and Nature Initiative Funding for 2004 - 2008 	\$	1,000,000
 Additional WANI support for communications and political discourse 		
 DFID supported Economic studies on valuation in Attapeu and 		
Stoeng Treng	S	120,000
 Climate change studies in Songkhram, Attapeu and Stoeng Treng 	S	120,000
Sub-total	\$	1,320,000
In addition, IUCN has prepared already two sub-project proposals, for wh	ict	h we are
awaiting decisions from donors, and will continue to exploring other fundi	ng	
Support to Ramsar promotion in Lao PDR	\$	25,000

Support to Ramsar promotion in Lao PDR \$ 25,000
 Migratory catfish research (Challenge programme) \$ 765,000
 Sub-Total \$ 790,000

The value of these activities and projects that can be considered as co-finance are estimated at US \$ 2,843,000

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We look forward to working in this tripartite management arrangement with UNDP and MRCS and to implementing the IUCN components of Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme

Yours sincerely

Aban Marker Kabraji IUCN Asia Regional Director

Cc: Andrew Ingles, IUCN Bangkok Peter John Meynell, IUCN Cambodia Nande Palihakkara, IUCN Bangkok

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Team Leader,

Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation Programme Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA

Dear Mr Meynell

Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

Following discussions between our representatives and the Team Leader for the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme, we would like to express our support for the programme and offer collaboration in terms of parallel financing of the following specific activities.

The project of "Biodiversity Resources Assessment in Stoeng Treng Ramsar Site" is engaged in the following activities in the Mekong River Basin, which are directly complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme. The project is already carrying out a number of activities of biodiversity resources assessment and the establishment of species conservation policy in the Stoeng Treng Ramsar Site where it located in the upper Mekong River. This programme of activities has a direct relevance to the development of a regional management plan for the Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme. The duration of the project is for 14 months starting from November 2002 to December 2003. The major work for this project is to identify the biodiversity resources, particularly plant, reptile, fish, mammal and bird within Stoeng Treng Ramsar Site. Finally the project will do the zoning for the specific management of the particular species found with definition and guideline as policy recommendation.

During the lifetime of the programme, we expect to collaborate with it, in either:

- a) direct involvement in specific activities and sub-projects contributing to output 2.7.
- b) sharing of information and results from our own activities so that these feed into overall wetland programme information base and examples of sound wetland conservation and sustainable use,

The values of our own activities and projects that can be considered as parallel finance are estimated at Euro 35,000.

We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the future.

Yours Sincerely

SOK Vong Project Leader

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Dear Mr. England,		
Subject: Mekong	River Basin Wetlands I	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable
Use Programme		
Following by a dis	scussion between the Offi	ce of Natural Resources and Environmental
Policy and Planning and the T	Feam Leader for the M	ekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity
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programme, we agreed that the ol	bjectives and activities of	the Implementation of Ramsar Convention,
Management and Protection of We	etland Areas Project have	a consensus with the Mekong River Basin
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Because of such	consensus, we would like	e to propose that DANIDA Project should
co - finance of the Mekong Rive	er Basin Wetlands Blod	versity Conservation and Sustainable Use
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Output 4.3: Recor	mmendations for wetlands	management and policy in Thailand
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Output 4.4: Nation	nal Wetlands Action Plans	strengthened in Thailand.
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. . .. 2 The value of DANIDA's project activities that can be considered as co - finance is estimated of US \$ 256,000. Thank you very much for your kind co - operation and best regards. Sincerely yours, C. Kellen (Mr. Kasemsun Chinnavaso) Deputy Secretary-General For Secretary-General 6 Mr. Robert England UN Resident Coordinator UNDP Resident Representative Chairman of the Programme Steering Committee United Nations Building, Rajdamnem Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200

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15 October, 2003

From: GEF - Viet Nam

To : Mr. Nguyen Minh Thong Country Representative IUCN Vietnam Office 13A Tran Hung Dao Street Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: 84 4 9330012/3 Fax: 84 4 8258794 E-mail: office@iucn.org.vn

Subject: GEF-Viet Nam Focal Point Endorsement Letter for the Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

Following discussions between our representatives and IUCN on the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme, we would like to express our continued support for the programme.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) of Vietnam has been engaged in the process to develop a National Wetlands Programme, which are complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme. The Vietnam National Wetlands Programme will contribute directly to the Mekong Wetlands Programme Outputs number 5.3 – Reccommendations for wetland management in Vietnam formulated and Output number 5.4 – National Wetlands Action Plans developed in Vietnam. Therefore, we would like to express our willingness to associate the Vietnam National Wetlands Programme as co-financing when and if the National Wetlands Programme is funded and implemented.

We expect to collaborate with the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme in either:

Direct involvement in relevant activities and sub-projects,

- Sharing of information and results from our own activities so that these feed into overall wetland programme information base and examples of sound wetland conservation and sustainable use,
- Participation in the National Steering Committee.

We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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Truong Manh Tien Vice-Chairman of GEF-Viet Nam Committee Director general, Department of Environment Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam

Section 1 Letters of Endorsement

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Dear Mr. Peter-John Meynell Team Leader Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Community Development Program

Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

Following discussions between our representatives and the Team Leader for the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme, we would like to express our support for the programme and offer collaboration in terms of co-financing/parallel financing of the following specific activities.

Tram Chim National Park is engaged in the following activities in the Mekong River Basin, which are directly complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme. Project: Planning and Construction of Administration, Laboratory, Tourism Service Complex Area of Operation: Eco-tourism and Conservation Research Duration: 2003-2006 Activities: conduct the planning and construction of Administration, Laboratory, Tourism Service

Complex. The value of our own activities and projects that can be considered as co-finance/parallel finance are estimated at 1.8 Million USD.

An Environmental Impact Assessment is being conducted for the plan of this project and the decision to go ahead with this project is up to the relevant athorities of the Vietnam government.

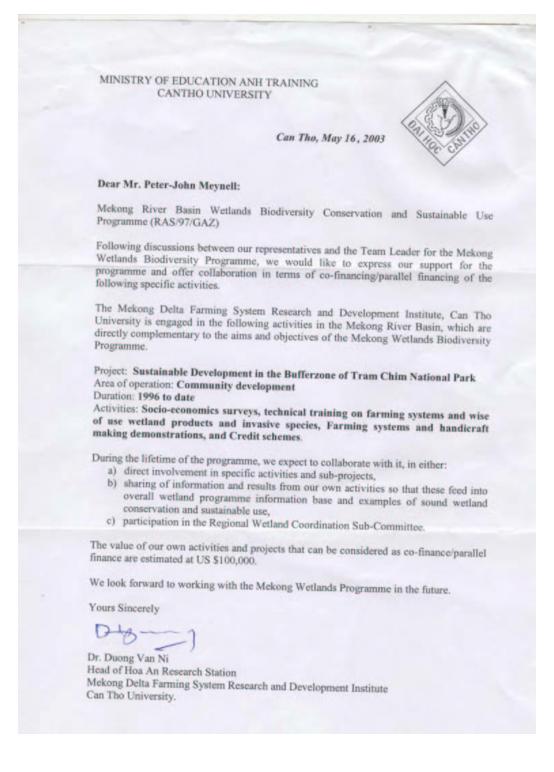
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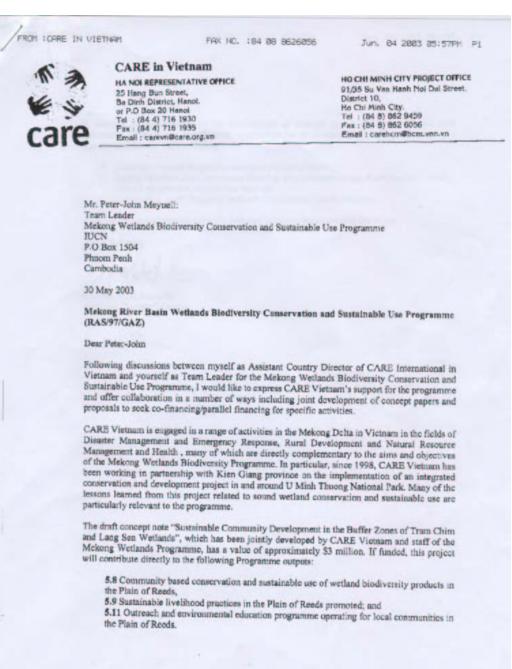
We understand that by signing this letter Tram Chim and Dong Thap province are under no obligation for any fund contribution to the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Program and that the total value of our project remains an asset of Tram Chim National Park and Dong Thap province.

We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Nguyen Van Lu Director Tram Chim National Park





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RE: Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

Following our discussions regarding collaboration, we would like to express our support for the programme and offer collaboration in terms of associated financing of the following specific activities.

The Southeast Asia Program of the International Crane Foundation is engaged in the following activities in the Mekong River Basin, which are directly complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme.

A. Over the next three years, ICF will develop 3 major, long-term projects in wetlands that are important to sarus cranes and other large waterbird species in Cambodia. These projects will likely run a decade or more.

- Development of community-based conservation project at Ang Trapeang Thmaw Wildlife Protected Area (Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia).
- Developing an ecological foundation for applied management of Lomphat Wildlife Reserve and then acting upon those results (Stung Treng, Ratanakin, and Mondulkiri Provinces, Cambodia).
- Development of management strategies for Prek Lepou Wetland Conservation Area in Takeo Province, Cambodia (with Birdlife International).

B. In Vietnam, ICF will focus our research and management activities in four major regions over the next three years. All of these wetland areas are important to sarus cranes:

- At Tram Chim National Park we will focus upon Mimosa pigra control and eradication training as well as developing various research topics (Dong Thap Province).
- In the Ha Tien Plain we will work to establish two new conservation areas, one in Hon Chong and one in Phu My (Kien Giang Province).

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- 3. At Lo Go Sa Mat National Park (Tay Ninh Province) we will conduct additional research and develop a management plan in conjunction with provincial staff.
- In Yok Don National Park (Daklak Province) we will do the same activities as conducted at Lo Go Sa Mat so that we can compare results.

C. Regionally, ICF has collaborated with a team of eight universities to develop a wetland ecology training course that will ultimately evolve into a graduate training program in wetland ecology to be taught within the region. Participating universities are: Mahidol University (Thailand), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), The Royal University of Agriculture (Cambodia), The Royal University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia), National University (Lao P.D.R.), Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Can Tho University (Vietnam), and Nong Lam University (Vietnam). In the next three years, the wetland ecology class will be taught in Thailand (2004), Lao P.D.R. (2005), and Cambodia (2006).

These activities contribute directly to the programme outputs number 1.6. "Tools developed and used to integrate wetland biodiversity considerations into regional development planning". Specifically this includes the development of the Species Conservation Action Plans for the four flagship species, of which one is the Sarus Crane.

During the lifetime of the programme, we expect to collaborate through:

- a) direct involvement in specific activities and sub-projects,
- b) sharing of information and results from our own activities so that these feed into overall wetland programme information base and examples of sound wetland conservation and sustainable use,
- c) participation in the Regional Wetland Coordination Sub-Committee.

The value of our own activities and projects that can be considered as associated finance are estimated at US \$ 1,000,000 over the next three years. Of this amount, ICF has approximately \$400,000 in hand or committed and is raising the remaining \$600,000 through proposals to and collaboration with organizations like the International Finance Corporation, ASEAN, and NGO's.

We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the future.

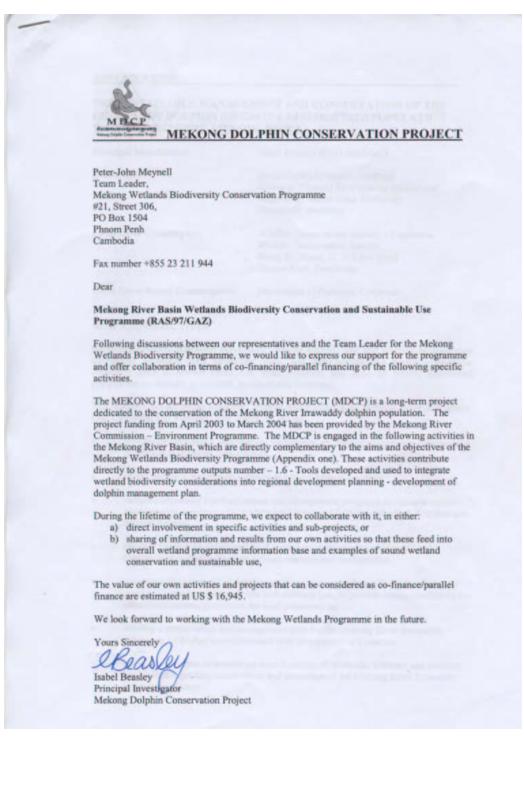
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Mr. Peter-John Meynell 17 October 2003 Page 2 of 2 These activities complement the programme outputs number - outputs 2.12, 2.3 and 3.3 of your Programme. During the lifetime of the programme, we expect to collaborate with it through a) sharing of information and results from our own activities so that these feed into overall wetland programme information base and examples of sound wetland conservation and sustainable use; and b) participation in the Regional Wetland Coordination Forum. We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the coming days. With best wishes. Yours sincerely 9. win my MERYL J. WILLIAMS Director General CC Mahfuzuddin Ahmed, Program Leader, WorldFish Center Paul Teng, Deputy Director General - Research, WorldFish Center



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20th June 2003

Peter-John Meynell Team Leader, Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation Programme #21, Street 306, PO Box 1504 Phnom Penh Cambodia

Dear Peter,

Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

Following discussions between our representatives and the Team Leader for the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme, we would like to express our support for the programme and offer collaboration in terms of parallel financing of the following specific activities.

Royal Holloway Institute for Environmental Research (RHIER) is engaged in the following activities in the Mekong River Basin, which are directly complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme.

- The training of scientists, farmers and other stakeholders in wetland restoration and management
- The development of a wide range of practical tools and information resources for Vietnamese scientists and communities, including restoration and management guidelines, together with wetland functional databases
- Improved awareness of the requirements of local communities, the biodiversity and functioning of various wetland types and the environmental variables determining their distribution
- 4. A strategic management and restoration plan for wetlands in the Mekong Delta, using the Ecosystem Approach including an analysis of threats, to permit the more effective management and protection of these habitats and assist in the use of this approach to deliver the Biodiversity Convention in Vietnam.

Further regional capacity building by the targeted dissemination of project outputs /contd

These activities contribute directly to the programme outputs number 5.7 which relates to protected area management in Tram Chim National Park and Lang Sen proposed provincial Nature Reserve.

During the lifetime of the programme, we expect to collaborate with it by sharing of information and results from our own activities so that these can contribute to an overall wetland programme information base and examples of sound wetland conservation and sustainable use. Participation in the Regional Wetland Coordination Sub-Committee might also be possible but this would require additional resources to be made available.

The value of our own activities and projects that can be considered as parallel finance are estimated at US \$ 300,000.

We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the future, and in particular how we might collaborate to develop our wetland DSS into an operational tool.

Yours sincerely

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Following discussions between our representatives and the Team Leader for the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme, we would like to express our support for the programme and offer collabor tion in terms of co-financing/parallel financing of the following specific activities.

TRAFFIC Southeast Asia is e gaged in various activities in the Mekong River Basin, which are directly complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme:

- Preparation of a Natic (al Action Plan Combating Illegal and Unsustainable Wildlife Trade in Viel Nam (2001-2004);
- Implementation of the NAP on Combating Illegal and Unsustainable Wildlife Trade in Viet Nam (2) 05-2010);
- Regional workshop (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam) on strengthening the role of science in CITES decision making and management of wildlife trade (Phnom Penh, November 2003);
- Development of CITE S-implementing legislation (sub-decree) for Cambodia (2003-2004) to allow nternational trade restrictions to be enforced;
- Salary support of gov mment staff at CITES Management Authority of Cambodia to assist with implementation of CITES (2003-2005);
- Provision of infrastru-tural and equipment support for the CITES office in Phnom Penh (2003-2004);



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- Developing a National Letion Plan on wildlife trade for Cambodia, in partnership with the Government of Cambodia, CI, IUCN, WWF and other relevant partners (2003-2004);
- Collaboration on the de "elopment of a Siamese Crocodile Conservation Action Plan (2004-2006);
- Provision of training on CITES and wildlife trade issues for IUCN programme staff (2004);
- Pilot studies on the scale and extent of the wildlife trade in wetland products, including plants, amphibians, fish, mammals in partnership with IUCN (2004-2006);
- Training of Cambodia': Customs inspectors on CITES and identification of wild species in trade (2004 - 2005)

These activities contribute directly to the programme outputs number 1.10. Wetland biodiversity conservation issues, including illegal trade in wetland species, integrated into existing regional training initi-tives.

During the lifetime of the programme, we expect to collaborate with it, in either:

- a) direct involvement in specific activities and sub-projects,
- b) sharing of information and results from our own activities so that these feed into overall wetland programme information base and examples of sound wetland conservation and sustainable use,
- c) participation in the Re gonal Wetland Coordination Forum.

The value of our own activities and projects that can be considered as co-finance/parallel finance are estimated at US \$ 400,000 (secured funds) and could grow to be of the magnitude of US \$ 600,000

We look forward to working vith the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the future.

Yours Sincerely

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October 14, 2003

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Dear Mr. Meynell;

Mekong River Basin Wetlands Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Programme (RAS/97/GAZ)

Following discussions between our representatives and the Team Leader for the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme (the "Programme"), we would like to express our support for the Programme and explain our financial commitment to our projects in the region. It is our understanding that such financial commitment is considered "associated finance" for GEF purposes.

The Wildlife Conservation Society ("WCS") is engaged in the following activities in the Mekong River Basin, which are directly complementary to the aims and objectives of the Mekong Wetlands Biodiversity Programme. WCS has worked in the Mekong Region since William Beebe began his studies of pheasants in the 1920's. WCS now has a diverse set of projects and activities in the Mekong Region, with representative offices in all the Mekong Countries. Project activities focus on all aspects of wildlife conservation including policy, training and capacity building, field research, and site-based conservation implementation. WCS has supported key studies on the Siamese crocodile, Irrawaddy Dolphin, Giant Mekong Cat Fish, and a variety of riverine birds wading birds. In addition, WCS has key site-based conservation programs in Cambodia and Laos that complement the goals and objectives of program RAS/97/GAZ These activities contribute directly to the programme outputs number.

During the lifetime of the Programme, we expect to collaborate with it, in either:

a) direct involvement in specific activities and sub-projects; and

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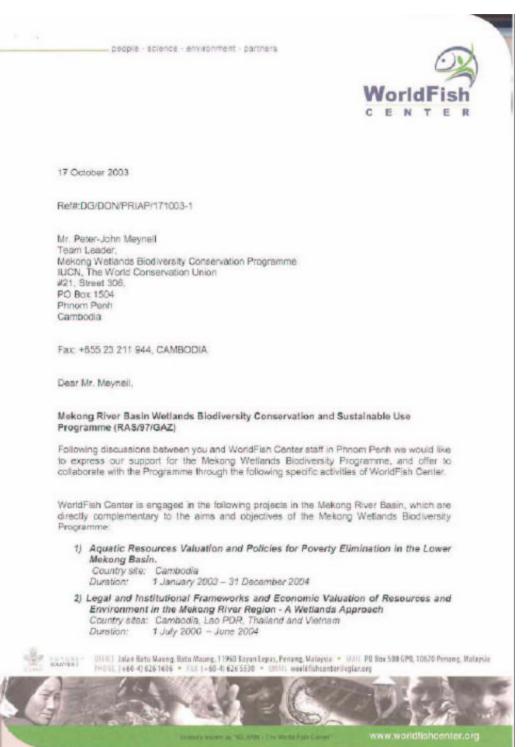
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The value of our own activities and projects which indirectly support the Programme is currently estimated at US \$125,000 per annum.

We look forward to working with the Mekong Wetlands Programme in the future.

Yours Sincerely

John Robinson Senior Vice President & Director, International Conservation



 Mr. Peter-John Meynell 17 October 2003 Page 2 of 2
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