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Dear Dr Azlan,

Letter of Offer to Become a Member of the Advisory Group for the UNDP GEF-SGP Project on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in Malaysia.

I am pleased to invite you to become a member of the Advisory Group for the Project entitled “Recognising and Reporting OECMs in Malaysia”. The two-year project (Oct 2019 to Sept 2021) is operated by the SE Asia Rainforest Research Partnership (SEARRP) with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP) in Malaysia which is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The project aims to strengthen the area-based in-situ conservation of biodiversity by facilitating the recognition and reporting of OECMs alongside Protected Areas against Target 6 of the National Policy on Biological Diversity (NPBD) and internationally to Aichi Target 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

In this regard, the project has established an Advisory Group comprised of experts in the fields of biodiversity conservation and protected area governance and management, in addition to representatives from the Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Sabah Biodiversity Centre and the Federal Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources. The role of the Advisory Group is to provide the project with independent expertise on key aspects related to the identification and assessment of OECMs, with the overall project outcomes aimed at shaping the future development of this approach for Malaysia. A summary of the project and information on the Advisory Group is attached for your reference.

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We are very excited to have you as a member of the OECM Advisory Group. Please be informed that while members contribute their time and expertise on a voluntary basis - for which we extend our sincere gratitude - the project will cover members' travel costs to attend project meetings or activities.

As a start, we will be convening a Project Inception Workshop on the 3rd of March 2020 in Kuala Lumpur and will soon be sending an invitation along with details of the workshop and travel arrangements.

Please contact me at agnesagama@searrp.org or SEARRP's Impacts Manager Melissa Payne at melissa@searrp.org should you need further information. Thank you kindly and we look forward to exploring the OECM approach for Malaysia with you.

Yours sincerely,



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