



**BELIZE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES**



PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE \* P.O. BOX 148 \* BELIZE CITY, BELIZE C.A.  
PHONE: (501) 224-4552/203-2623 \* FAX: (501) 203-2983  
Email: [fisheries\\_department@fisheries.gov.bz](mailto:fisheries_department@fisheries.gov.bz) or [Species@btl.net](mailto:Species@btl.net)  
Website: [www.caricom-fisheries.com/belize-fisheries](http://www.caricom-fisheries.com/belize-fisheries)

Ref: LORFIS42/01/2010(5)

Kristine Blokhuis  
Assistant Resident Representative  
United Nations Development Programme  
Belmopan City, Belize

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

*Re: Counterpart Funding for Project PIMS 4207, "Strengthening National Capacities for the Operationalization, Consolidation, and Sustainability of Belize's Protected Areas System"*

Dear Ms. Blokhuis,

This letter serves to confirm that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of Fisheries have reviewed and endorsed the proposed GEF MSP titled, "**Strengthening National Capacities for the Operationalization, Consolidation, and Sustainability of Belize's Protected Areas System**". The Department of Fisheries understands the project to be crucial in strengthening Belize's National Protected Areas System (NPAS) for financial sustainability.

The Department of Fisheries commits a total of seventy six thousand five hundred dollars (\$76,500 USD) as ***in-kind*** support to the proposed initiative. The Department of Fisheries' commitment will support project management and execution over the proposed three years of project implementation. These funds represents the cost associated with hosting the project management unit (PMU) as well as the services of the Department's administrative, financial and technical staff appointed to directly support the PMU and the National Protected Areas Advisory Committee (NPAC).

The Fisheries Department anticipates significant improvements to the NPAS legislative and management structure as a result of the proposed project and therefore looks forward to a favorable outcome of the GEF revision process.

Sincerely,

Ms. Beverly Wade  
Fisheries Administrator  
Department of Fisheries

c.c. Diane Wade-Moore, Environmental Programme Analyst, UNDP Belize

*The Mission of the Department is to provide the country and the people of Belize with the best possible management of aquatic and fisheries resources, with a view to optimize the present and future benefits through efficient and sustainable management*