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Dear Sir,

**Support Letter: Assessment of critical biodiversity hotspots and cocoa livelihoods systems in and around Suhuma Forest Reserve in the Western Region of Ghana for Green Development Initiative Certification.**

The Suhuma forest reserve is one of the most biodiverse forest reserves in Ghana with a wide range of both floral and faunal species. This is one of many reasons WWF program in Ghana is working with partners to save the Suhuma forest reserve through the implementation of responsible production methods.

This project which proposes innovative methods of stakeholder engagement is in recognition that, sustainable forest resources management in Ghana needs a paradigm shift from authoritative management to collaborative management. The proposed involvement of traditional authorities and forest fringing communities in the development and implementation of a common land-use management plan is an innovation with the potential to address the multi-faceted problems confronting this forest reserve.

It is in regard of these that WWF Program in Ghana supports this project by Solidaridad West Africa (SWA). Once approved, WWF Ghana will avail its expertise and knowledge of the Suhuma forest reserve to help ensure a successful project execution.

Any courtesies granted Solidaridad West Africa will therefore be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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