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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with pleasure that I write to give my full support to A Rocha Peru's application to register *Lomas de Asia* as a Green Development Initiative area.

As a Biologist and Botanist specialized in Peruvian flora who has worked with Peruvian and foreign research institutions for over 40 years, I am very familiar with the unique and endangered Lomas ecosystem. The Lomas desert plant communities are fast disappearing in Peru as a result of climate change, urbanization, deforestation, overgrazing and the introduction of exotic species, which highly threaten this ecosystem's endemic biodiversity.

In my current role as a Science Lecturer at the Peruvian University of Cayetano Heredia, I have become well acquainted with the work of A Rocha Peru and have welcomed the opportunity to support them on numerous occasions. Through this experience, I have found A Rocha Peru to be a highly reputable and competent organisation with a proven track record in delivering successful community-based conservation projects along the Peruvian coast.

In particular, I strongly recommend A Rocha Peru's application to register *Lomas de Asia* as a GDI area, as this initiative will help conserve and sustainably manage one of the best preserved and most extensive Lomas in greater Lima, whilst improving the wellbeing of local communities who are committed to supporting its long-term protection.

I hope that you will favorably consider A Rocha Peru's registration of *Lomas de Asia*, and am happy to be contacted at [camilo.diaz@upch.pe](mailto:camilo.diaz@upch.pe) should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

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