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Dear Ms. Steinke,

Response to comments by Germany on the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund 2

Thank you for your letter and the very helpful information about German projects in the proposed CEPF regions. We concur that the CEPF programme can benefit from cooperation and synergies with all donors involved in biodiversity conservation within the respective critical ecosystems. Indeed CEPF is already collaborating effectively with KfW, especially in the Caucasus region.

The participatory process for preparation of new ecosystem profiles in each selected investment region will provide a good opportunity to learn about all relevant donor activities and to develop synergies between programs. We are passing on your letter to Conservation International to ensure that they are aware of German support in the CEPF regions.

Sincerely,



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