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Dear Mr. Mariko Fukuoka,

Greetings from IUCN, with the hope that you and all your family and staff stay safe and well in these trying times.

I would like to share with you a copy of the letter sent by Dr. Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General of IUCN, highlighting the steps being taken by IUCN to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on project and program delivery, while at the same time taking measures to protect the health and well-being of our staff and partners.

Here in the Asia region, we are working closely with our country offices to make sure that we are in compliance with the directions of the respective governments and health authorities. The IUCN country heads, along with their project managers, are proactively engaged in assessing the impact of lockdowns on project implementation and delivery and are preparing alternate scenarios. Though we will continue to try to maintain the project implementation schedules, a number of field-based activities will necessarily need to be substituted with desk-based work, including holding virtual events, for meetings and workshops where feasible.

Under these circumstances, we would like to initiate a discussion with you on how best we can mitigate the impact of this global slowdown on project delivery. Accordingly, Ms. Supranee Kampongsun from IUCN Thailand country office will approach you to discuss the impact on their projects, and proposals for work-plan and budget revisions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support to IUCN over the years and I hope you will consider any requests for work-plan and budget revisions favorably, given the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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