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## **Comité de Gestion de la Pêche aux poulpes (CGP)**

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**Subject:** Commitment to contribute octopus catch landing data for annual stock assessments

Dear CGP scientific team,

I am writing on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Madagascar to express our commitment to support the annual stock assessment initiative within the framework of the Southwest Madagascar Octopus Fishery Improvement Project (FIP). We understand the significance of comprehensive and accurate data in ensuring the sustainable management of our marine resources.

In line with this, we hereby affirm that WWF Madagascar will join Blue Ventures and WCS in providing our available catch landing data for inclusion in the annual stock assessment efforts. We understand the broader implications of this data in shaping marine resource management policies and ensuring the long-term viability of our marine ecosystems.

However, we would like to point out that the data is specific to WWF, and we rely on you to guarantee that you will only use it for annual stock assessments purposes. You also guarantee that you will not divulge the data to any third party, with the sole exception of your advisers, provided that they are subject to an appropriate obligation of confidentiality and that you inform us of their identity and capacity in writing beforehand. Finally, you guarantee that WWF will be a co-author if the information from these data is published in the form of a scientific article.

Thank you for your collaboration and trust. We look forward to our continued partnership in strengthening marine resource management.

  
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