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Dr. Shirley McGreal, Chairwoman
International Primate Protection League

By email

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Dear Shirley,

I am writing to send WildAid's comments regarding the Project Description and Grant Proposal to Arcus to support the work of the Last Great Ape (LAGA) organization in Cameroon with specific regard to wildlife law enforcement.

I have discussed this project with colleagues within WildAid – experts in enforcement – and we all consider it to be an extremely valuable and urgently needed program of work. Furthermore, the fact that the program can build on existing successes, proven methodology of approach and substantial knowledge of what is actually happening in situ provides a high level of confidence to expect substantial conservation benefits and further successes. Equally, it is my considered opinion that without such initiatives we will see the near-term extirpation of the great apes.

In this regard, I am very happy to offer support to this project and to collaborate with LAGA. In particular, I believe the WildAid can provide direct assistance in complementary demand reduction / education and awareness materials along with additional enforcement expertise as required.

I look forward to talking to you in the near future and wish IPPL, LAGA and this project in particular, every success

Kind Regards,
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