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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to endorse the sea turtle and other natural resource conservation efforts of David Teichmann and the folks at Tigre Salvaje in Panama. I have met with David on several occasions to hear about his work, his commitment and the perseveration efforts of him and his co-workers. I have been involved in resource management, particularly coral reef ecosystem protection for over 25 years. Even when there is support of governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and advocacy groups, progress in this type of work comes very slowly and requires tremendous dedication. David and the people of Tigre Salvaje have been working alone; without the support of government, NGOs or advocacy groups. And despite having to fund all their own efforts, David and Tigre Salvaje have been making good progress in sea turtle preservation. For example, through their efforts and those of their volunteers, they have preserved thousands of endangered sea turtle eggs and incubated those eggs till hatching, then released those hatchlings to the sea safely.

David understands that prolonged conservation will need the support of this and younger generations. So in this way he conducts hands-on experiences in conservation with the sea turtles by inviting adults and youth to come on beach walks to detect turtle crawls, and then the incubation of those nests, along with the releasing of hatchlings. By involving the kids, David is trying to affect the future of the sea turtles as well as the youth. And while David and Tigre Salvaje operate within Panama but their efforts at conservation go beyond those borders.

They have done much on their own to save thousands of turtles, imagine what they could do with some help! David and Tigre Salvaje have demonstrated that they are committed to conservation in Panama. I highly endorse their efforts and encourage those who can to support them as well.

Sincerely,



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