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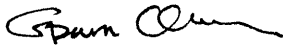
Mr. Yves Basset, PhD
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Dear Dr. Basset:

I've read with pleasure the Scientific Report ("The Last Biotic Frontier: Toward a Census of Canopy Life") provided in the July 2005 ESF LESC Exploratory Workshop proceedings. Added to my visit to the field site in Panama, and your earlier reports, I enthusiastically support your application for extended ESF funding. Your project is the leading such effort in the direct exploration of tropical forest canopy biodiversity; and of course the canopy is the biotically richest environment in the world. Consequently study, pursued as it has been in the past, cannot fail to continue providing results of general importance to science.

I wish you success, and will follow IBISCA's future research production with great interest.

With best wishes,



Edward O. Wilson
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