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Dear Dr. Basset,

**Subject : Investigating the Biodiversity of Soil and Canopy
Arthropods (IBISCA) Project**

Thank you for informing the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) regarding the international project IBISCA (Investigating the Biodiversity of Soil and Canopy Arthropods) and plans for its continuation and expansion.

By carrying out taxonomic studies and inventories in forest canopies, and aiming to disseminate this information widely, the project directly relates to the work of the CBD on forest biodiversity and the Global Taxonomy Initiative.

On that basis, I am pleased to express my support for the project and wish you much success with its implementation.

Sincerely yours,

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