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**Subject:** Letter of support to "Mediterranean Acidification under Global Climate Change Scenarios: Ecosystem Impacts and Socioeconomic Consequences - MEDACID" project proposal

**Ref.** FP7 Call: ENV.2010.1.1.5-1 Impact of ocean acidification in the Mediterranean in a changing climate

Dear dr Kralj,

The National Park Kornati supports your intention to participate in a consortium that is preparing a proposal for a collaborative research project "MEDACID - Mediterranean Acidification under Global Climate Change Scenarios: Ecosystem Impacts and Socioeconomic Consequences", within the European Commission's 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, with the goal of understanding how acidification is affecting the accessibility of ecosystems goods and services provided by marine systems.

The impact of acidification on marine ecosystems are still poorly known but one of the most likely consequences is the slower growth of calcifying organisms, and other main physiological processes such as reproduction and photosynthesis are susceptible to be impacted as well. This can result in an important loss of marine biodiversity and impacting the corals and mollusk species in Kornati archipelago, therefore the results of the project will be of special interest for us. Herewith we also express our willingness to participate at annual meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Neven Baus, director

