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To

All participants in the meeting with MacArthur Foundation representatives on Biodiversity Conservation in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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This is to confirm that the meeting of institutions and NGOs with Dr. Dan Martin, Director and Dr. Kuswata Kartawinata, Senior Programme Officer of the MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, USA will be held at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation from 1800 hrs. onwards on April 21, 1994. There is no formal structured agenda for the meeting. The idea is for concerned institutions and groups to be briefed on the work of the MacArthur Foundation and of its interest in supporting biodiversity conservation programmes for the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The MacArthur Foundation has already supported a number of groups for biodiversity conservation work in the Eastern Himalayas and the Western Ghats.

Participants would get an opportunity to make a brief (10 minutes maximum) presentation on the work of their own organisation and of their interest in the biodiversity of the Islands. The M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation will, for instance, make a presentation of their work on Mangrove eco system conservation in the region.

The MacArthur team will visit the Andamans from April 22 to 27 and will meet other institutions, Government agencies and NGOs in Port Blair besides undertaking field visits to selected locations. It is expected that interested groups will be able to submit project proposals to the MacArthur Foundation subsequent to the discussions and field visits. The Foundation

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normally takes around six months to make its assessment and sanction funding for projects approved by their Board of Trustees.

WWF INDIA is facilitating and coordinating the visit of the two officials.

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