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#### EDIBLE-NEST SWIFTTLETS REPORT

Dear Ravi

Thank you very much for your letter of 6 October, and the enclosed report on Edible-nest Swiftlets in the Nicobar islands. It is certainly alarming to read about the decline in population which has taken place there, as a result of excessive collecting of nests.

This species was discussed in detail at the recent South-East Asian Red Data Book workshop in Malaysia. Fortunately it seems that the situation in South-East Asia is not as serious as in India, so the species is unlikely to be globally threatened.

Nigel Collar sends his regards.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

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