



05 October 2018

Benjamin Miller
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Dear Benjamin Miller,

Thank you for your interest in studying the collection of fish tissues, associated photographic records, and metadata at the Inland Fisheries Research and Development Institute (IFReDI) of Cambodia. I have read your project description and data management plan, and I think that your specific objectives are feasible. **Your proposed research meets all policies and requirements of the collection.** I can provide you with full access to the biological collections at IFReDI, including fish tissue samples collected from the Sesan River prior to the construction of Lower Sesan II. Furthermore, I believe your project has potential to introduce areas of research new to our staff, such as stable isotope food web ecology and digitization of our biological collections, along with those of the Smithsonian Institution and Boston University. I have experience facilitating collaborative research. You are the latest in a series of foreign collaborators from Texas State University, the University of Toulouse, and the University of Washington. I look forward to more collaborative research between you, your scientific sponsor for the NSF Directorate of Biological Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship, and IFReDI.

Good luck with your application, and I look forward to meeting you this coming year.

Sincerely,

CHIENG Phen

Deputy Director General of Fisheries Administration, in charge of
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Smithsonian Institution

National Museum of Natural History

2 November 2018

Mr. Benjamin Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your interest in studying the collection of tissue samples, associated photographic records, and metadata of fishes from the Mekong assembled by Dr. Vittoria Elliott and colleagues and deposited in the National Collection of Fishes in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

I have read your project description and data management plan, and I agree that your specific objectives are feasible. Your proposed research meets all policies and requirements of the fish collection. I can provide you with access to these biological collections at the Smithsonian, including fish tissue samples collected from the Sesan River, a major tributary of the Mekong, prior to the construction of the Lower Sesan II Dam.

Sincerely,

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October 27, 2018

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your interest in studying the collection of fish tissues, associated photographic records, and metadata at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. I have read your project description and data management plan, and I think that your specific objectives are feasible. Your proposed research meets all policies and requirements of the collection. I can provide you with access to the biological collections at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, including fish tissue samples collected from the Sesan River prior to the construction of Lower Sesan II to allow you to study this material. If your proposal is funded we should have a specific discussion about what material you would need, when you would visit, and how much effort is required by our collection staff.

Sincerely,

George V. Lauder
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Henry Bryant Bigelow Professor
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