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LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia has been closely following recent efforts aimed at establishing the **China – Croatia Joint Lab on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services** under the umbrella of “One Belt and One Road” initiative. We wish to express our strong support to this valued initiative.

The China – Croatia Joint Lab strives to strengthen research cooperation in the fields of biodiversity and ecosystem. Since its establishment in May 2014, The Chinese-Croatian Joint research Centre has completed a lot of collaborative research activities successfully, especially in the sister protected areas of two countries, i.e. Jiuzhaigou Nature Reserve, China and Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia with the cooperation between Chinese scientists and the team from the University of Zagreb. Consequently, the Ministry of Science and Education strongly believe that launching the China – Croatia Joint Lab on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, based on our past collaboration, shall focus multidisciplinary collaborative research activities on the essential elements of key scientific questions and technologies relevant to the nature conservation and ecosystem management, especially in nature protected area and at the same time actively expand and deepen bilateral cooperation and exchanges in various fields of ecological and environmental protection studies between China and Croatia.

The Ministry of Science and Education once again reaffirm its support for this initiative and wishes it a lot of success.

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