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Reference Letter

Dear: _____

The applicant has applied to an EARTHQUEST FAT Program, project, program or Expedition. Since 1996 EARTHQUEST has offered Research/Conservation Expeditions to study endangered, threatened, vulnerable or significant species and/or their habitats. For example, from 1996-98 we conducted Expeditions to Panama to study the endangered Panamanian tamarin monkey (*Saguinus geoffroyi*). We have expanded our Expeditions, programs and projects to include other destinations in Latin America as well as on the homefront. We have also developed the uniquely designed Field Biology Training (FBT) Program. During Expeditions, projects, and programs participants may do a number of activities related to ongoing research efforts such as collecting data on primate, bird and plant populations, conducting census/survey work, or contributing in some way to existing scientific research.

Our Expeditions, programs and projects are considered noteworthy by many. Dr. Jane Goodall is quoted as saying "It's great! Congratulations on all you are doing" about our Panama Expeditions. Numerous publications of our work have been contributed to the internet, various journals, and popular magazines. Some of our projects have been aired on national television such as an 8 minute documentary on the Panama project, which was aired on Wild Things in January, 1999.

The applicant has chosen you as a referee for our FAT Program, project, course or Expedition. Please take a moment and fill out the attached form on behalf of the applicant. Kindly return this form to our office within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Dave Jolly, B.Sc.,

Senior Instructor & President,

EARTHQUEST Biological Field School

Senior Biologist/Consultant

EARTHQUEST Environmental Consultants

Reference Form (please type in your info)

Name of Applicant: Name of Referee:

Address:

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

Please comment on the following areas of the applicant's background and work:

1. Commitment to animal/bird/plant conservation and any previous specialization he/she may have with certain types of animals, birds or plants.
2. Reliability, maturity and willingness to do the "dirty work" and/or mundane work associated with animal care, research and field work.
3. Initiative, enthusiasm, and self-motivation:
4. Ability to work with others (at times in close quarters):
5. If you are the applicant's employer and/or are likely to be responsible for the applicant's future employment, please comment on what role you see the applicant playing in implementing any desirable change after completion of his/her program, project or Expedition.
6. Please comment on the areas of the applicant's strength or weakness that you think are appropriate to pursuing this rigorous scientific program, project or Expedition and/or the applicant's future work with animals, birds, plants and conservation.
7. Would you recommend this applicant for the EARTHQUEST program, project or Expedition? Yes or No Please comment, if not covered elsewhere:

Referee's signature :

Date: / /

Thank you for taking the time to provide your comments, Please email or mail this form to:

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