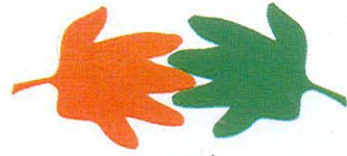


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Prof. Z. Dubinski,
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Dear Prof. Dubinski,

I have read with much interest the research proposal MEDACID on acidification processes in the Mediterranean Sea and their economic implications. Israel has been a strong supporter of activities to protect the Mediterranean marine environment, is a signatory to the Barcelona convention, and our office recently financed several research projects on impacts of climate change in the Mediterranean in the framework of the ERA-NET CIRCLE project of the EU 7th research program.

We therefore believe that the proposed research on acidification in the Mediterranean may provide an important contribution to understanding how global and local changes and industrial activities affect the marine environment.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y. Bar-Or'.

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