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Dear Mr Whitmee

Thank you for your letter of 11 August and for the copy of your report on Wild caught ornamental fish: the trade, the benefits, the facts.

The report does a very good job in raising the profile of the environmental and livelihoods benefits of the trade, and I have passed on to my officials for their consideration. I would also recommend that you engage with officials in Defra, as the lead department on biodiversity and the illegal wildlife trade for Her Majesty's Government, who will be best able to consider the links to international development programmes in this area.

Yours sincerely

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