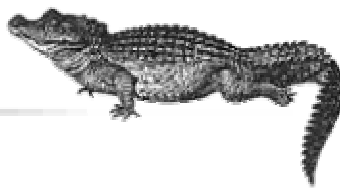


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Dear Mr. ZINATO

During the 20th Working Meeting of the IUCN SSC Crocodile Specialist Group, held in Manaus, Brazil, 12 - 17 September, attended by some 200 participants from 26 countries, the Brazilian plans to construct over 100 hydroelectric dams in the Pantanal, were discussed.

While understanding the need to address the problem of power generations in remote areas, serious concern was expressed about the proposed impacts of such dams would have on the Pantanal wetlands, which is a rich source of biodiversity, including species such as *Paleosuchus sp.* and *Caiman yacare*.

We implore the Government to ensure that the ongoing construction of these dams is associated with objective and thorough scientific assessments of the impacts on the wetland biodiversity. It is important to ensure to that they do not result in irreversible loss of species and habitats to the long term detrainment of all Brazilians.

Yours sincerely

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