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Dear all DLC Madagascar conservation donors,

I hope this email finds all of you well and enjoying a beautiful fall wherever you may live.

First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support of our conservation work in Madagascar through the years. I can't say often enough that we really could not do what we do without your kind and generous gifts. Collectively you all really do make it happen. A heartfelt thank you from all of us at DLC for your loyal support.

With no small amount of emotion, I would like to take this opportunity to announce to you our supporters my plans to retire next summer as DLC's conservation coordinator. It has always been difficult for me to imagine this moment, but as I approach 70 years of age and my hair just seems to continue getting whiter(!), it is time to pass the baton.

That said, I would like to assure you that our DLC conservation efforts, and in particular our signature project of DLC-SAVA Conservation will continue to move forward at full throttle. Director Greg Dye fully intends to continue DLC's commitment to conservation actions in Madagascar as one of the three pillars that compose our institution's mission. So, I sincerely hope that your thoughtful support of DLC conservation efforts will continue to enable DLC to play an important role in protecting Madagascar's precious and unique biodiversity by working hand in hand with the Malagasy people.

I greatly treasure the relationships that I am fortunate to have developed with many of you and assure you that I am not going to just disappear! I am honored and humbled to have been asked to continue in a DLC conservation advisory role, at least for the short term. Won't be rid of me just yet!

A very deeply felt gratitude for all you have enabled us to do in terms of Madagascar conservation.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Welch".

Charlie Welch

Conservation Coordinator