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Support for the Balhaf VCA Proposal

Having visited the proposed Balhaf Conservation Area several times in the last few years and been able to compare it with a large number of other reef areas in the Indian Ocean region. I fully support the nomination of this site as a particularly valuable area for conservation of its biodiversity. The Balhaf site is unique in the Indian Ocean in terms of its healthy and diverse coral and fish communities. The fact that Yemen LNG wishes to register the Balhaf harbour as a verified conservation area has my fullest support.

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