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### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I am pleased to recommend that the Forest Management Plan about Sinyala Village Forest Area was written by Steven Makumba. Sinyala is a forest with a lot of biodiversity and it provides a practical illustration of leading example in forest management at local level. Despite this, Sinyala is affected by numerous anthropogenic activities which are currently threatening its existence. Getting the community involved and initiating the Forest Management Plan will enhance proper management of the forest to its sustainable use. I believe that Mr. Makumba's vast experience and skills in forest management will compliment to the role of managing the forest.

Mr. Makumba has been an Assistant Manager on Lilongwe Wildlife Centre's Forest area. During his time, he established a lot of initiatives which have sharpened our forest management skills. He also produced a forest management plan for Lilongwe Wildlife Centre's Forest area and trained our construction team in sustainable forest harvesting. The Forest Management Plan for Sinyala is perfect and well written, it is slightly different from the one he came up with for us. The Plan really presents hope for Sinyala forest amid its accelerating problems.

Sinyala Village Forest Area being a communal natural resource has numerous problems which are to be sorted out by people from the same area. I knew Sinyala Forest Area when we went for biodiversity assessment in the forest. I have volunteered to write this recommendation for Sinyala Forest Management Plan because I am very grateful for the contributions I am making to support the existence of Sinyala Forest Area and I am very confident that this information will be valued.

Contact me if you have any questions about Sinyala Forest Area

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nebart Mtika'.

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