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Mr.
Stewart Lozano

Dear Mr. Lozano,

Thank you for your postcard. I appreciate your concern regarding the protection of leatherback turtles. This has been a concern of this presidency along with many endemic species found in Cocos island. This government is highly committed to protecting the oceans. As co-founders of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People we have been working to protect 30% of our ocean.

Accordingly, we have also recently signed a joint declaration with Ecuador, Panama and Colombia to ensure adequate protection of Malpelo, Coiba and Galapagos islands during COP 26 in Glasgow. Costa Rica has started enhancing the protection of the swimways between these countries, a huge step towards protecting endemic and migratory species.

We are working hard on achieving this endeavour and therefore, we are grateful for your support and interest.

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