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Dear Masahito Yoshida and Japan Members of IUCN,

On behalf of IUCN, I offer my deepest sympathies to each of you, your families, organizations and the people of Japan who have been affected by the tragic earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan.

We understand that the full extent of this event and the response is still unfolding, and we are watching it closely. IUCN stands with you to offer any support or assistance that we can provide in the immediate aftermath of this event and in the longer term environmental rehabilitation.

Sadly, this tragedy echoes the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami and we feel greatly for the people of Japan as we recall that experience. In response to that event, IUCN built a strong programme called Mangroves for the Future (MFF) through which we gained a great deal of experience in post-tsunami rehabilitation and reconstruction. Today, we hope we can work with our Japan members to identify ways in which we can "build back better" with them, in Japan.

Please keep us informed of your welfare and do not hesitate to contact me directly if you feel my colleagues and I, from the Asia programme, can offer any assistance.

With sincere sympathies,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Aban Marker Kabraji'.

Aban Marker Kabraji
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