



## **Westcoast Community Resources Society**

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm our support for the continued designation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, established in 2000.

Our region has worked together for the past decade to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program. As a partner of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, our organization has been able to contribute to achieving the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research and collaboration such as:

- Developing alliances and partnerships to strengthen the development of citizens and communities
- Contributing data and knowledge to the Vital Signs program or Living Wage calculation;
- Participating in training and capacity building programs such as the Art of Hosting and Leadership Vancouver Island;
- Participating in networks to enhance communication and coordination;
- Contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Westcoast Community Resources Society offers services to all members of the west coast communities and we have valued the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust's many programs and events that develop cross-cultural understanding and advance reconciliation. We are a charitable non-profit organization that offers counselling and support programs to women and children, a transition house and outreach programs. We are committed to ending system power imbalances and abuse in all forms; in partnership with other services we promote equality, diversity and well being of all people in the west coast communities.

We have contributed data to the Vital Signs report and in turn have drawn on the report to provide rich context to our own grant proposals to funders. We have participated in capacity building opportunities hosted by CBT, such as workshops to support charities' board development.

We are proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in the next ten years of activities in our region.

Sincerely,

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