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Dear Friend of the Earth,

*In the midst of these hard times for our planet and for our economy,  
AITo is delighted to announce  
GOOD NEWS!*

*One of our dreams has come true:* AITo has just been awarded a grant to *purchase thousands of acres of precious, imperiled tropical forest habitat* in the foothills of sacred Mount Tompotika, Indonesia. These forests are home to myriad unusual and threatened species like the Sulawesi giant civet, the babirusa deer-pig, and the tiny primate tarsier, as well as the magnificent maleo bird whose nesting grounds AITo has protected on a nearby beach. Full of a complex and leafy tangle of shrubs, vines, and giant old-growth hardwood trees, *these forest lands will be purchased by AITo, managed in collaboration with local people, and protected as a permanent tropical forest preserve.* All we need to do is raise 20% matching funds to support training in organic gardening, ecotourism facilities, and a forest restoration project that will provide jobs and sustainable livelihoods for nearby villagers.

*You are invited to join us* as a co-founder of the new Tompotika Rainforest Preserve. *For a donation of \$100, you can become a preserve "shareholder."* For each \$100 donation we receive, *more than five acres of this pristine tropical rainforest will be protected in perpetuity.* Your name will be listed as a founding contributor, and you will receive a certificate suitable for gift-giving. You can also visit "your" forest by joining one of AITo's ecotours to Indonesia, to witness its unique wildlife and natural splendors for yourself.

*This is an extraordinary opportunity*—only once in a blue moon do we have the chance to *purchase tropical rainforest for permanent protection* here in the world's biodiversity epicenter, and right now *every dollar we put up will leverage four additional dollars for the land purchase.*

*One hundred dollars. Five acres of tropical forest. A legacy in perpetuity.* In these uncertain times, *invest in something that matters, that lasts. Be part of an international partnership that's working.* Offset your carbon. *Give a gift to a loved one that's also a gift to endangered wildlife, to our children, to the very future of our planet. Please see reverse for how to sign on.*

With gratitude and hope for our future,

  
Marcy Summers  
AITo Director

  
Ellen Kritzman  
for the U.S. Board

  
Tiene Gunawan  
for the Indonesian Board



**Count Me In!** I want to be a co-founder of Tompotika's first permanent forest preserve. For each \$100 share I donate, over 5 acres of pristine tropical rainforest will be protected in perpetuity.

Please sign me up for \_\_\_\_\_ shares at \$100 per share. Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This share is a gift. Please write the certificate in the name of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (for multiple gifts, please enclose a list with additional names)

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you ~ Terima kasih*