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Dear Dr. Meffe:

Enclosed please find four copies of the paper, "Estimating Extent of Occurrence: The Mikado Pheasant as an Example." I am submitting this research paper for review and publication in the *Journal of Conservation Biology*. I have not submitted it for review or publication to any other journal.

This paper goes beyond the Mikado pheasant to examine the distribution of habitat and protected areas within Taiwan. Understanding of the conservation patterns and laws within Taiwan, a relatively developed country in East Asia, may be useful to the conservation efforts of other countries. Furthermore, the habitat distributions identified here are applicable to many of Taiwan's endemic species.

This paper is a revised portion of my Ph.D. thesis, recently completed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (<http://etd.utk.edu/2002/BridgmanCaraLin.pdf>). My co-author, Dr. Fong-Long Feng, was my mentor and supervisor for geographic information systems analysis. Currently, he is a professor in the Department of Forestry at National Chung Hsing University. I am an assistant professor in the Department of Life Science, Tunghai University.

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Sincerely,



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