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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MARINE RESEARCH INCLUDING AQUACULTURE

between

L'INSTITUT FRANCAIS DE RECHERCHE POUR L'EXPLOITATION DE LA MER, a public institution of an industrial and commercial nature, hereinafter referred to as "IFREMER", whose headquarters are at 155, rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 92138 Issy-les-Moulineaux Cedex, France, represented by its President, Francois Jacq

and

CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM, an inter-governmental organization functioning as a Regional Fisheries Body, hereinafter referred to as "CRFM", whose headquarters are at Princess Margaret Drive, P.O. Box 642, Belize City, Belize, represented by its Executive Director, [Milton Haughton](#)

IFREMER and CRFM shall be hereinafter referred to individually as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

## WHEREAS :

IFREMER and CRFM, recognizing their mutual interest in promoting sustainable use and management of the marine living resources and accelerating sustainable development of aquaculture in the Caribbean, wish to foster closer cooperation to:

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- (i) promote sustainable aquaculture development;
- (ii) improve scientific understanding and assessment of fisheries and marine ecosystems as a basis for effective management and sustainable use of marine living resources;
- (iii) build capacity in these areas; and
- (iv) improve mutual understanding at the technical level of the role and usage of marine research in sustainable fisheries management.

**HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Article 1: Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as the "MoU", is to facilitate cooperation in research between the Parties and to promote and broaden mutual cooperation in the field of marine research including aquaculture, and mindful of the need for improving regionally coordinated sustainable fisheries management.

**Article 2: Scope of the MoU**

The areas of cooperation to be pursued under this MoU shall include, but are not limited to, subject matters of mutual interest such as:

- (i) Scientific research and survey including:
  - collection and exchange of data and information for fishery evaluation and assessment purposes;
  - conducting fish stock assessment studies;
  - analysis of fisheries' dynamics including bioeconomic analysis and assessment of governance systems;
  - research on implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries;
  - research on MPA design and performance; and
  - research on climate change impact on marine ecosystems and fisheries.

- (ii) Capacity building for the purpose of developing skills, expertise and experience in data collection and marine research for sustainable use, management and conservation of fisheries and marine ecosystems, and aquaculture development in the Caribbean region,
- (iii) Cooperative research to provide scientific information to support and accelerate sustainable aquaculture development in the Caribbean States.

### **Article 3: Forms of Cooperation**

- (1) Forms of cooperative activities under this MoU may include: exchanges of data and technical information, exchange visits of technical and scientific personnel, cooperative research projects between scientists of the Parties (engaged in research disciplines of mutual interest), access to opportunities for training, shared participation in workshops and working groups and other forms of cooperative activities as are mutually agreed, including collaboration on the development and implementation of projects of mutual interest to be conducted in the Caribbean region.
- (2) It is agreed that this MoU will not restrict or otherwise detract from the relationship which may already exist between the Parties and their clients / partners, or form a mutually exclusive arrangement that would prohibit or in anyway restrict IFREMER or CRFM from participating in another collaborative relationship with a third Party.

### **Article 4: Procedures for Individual Projects**

- (1) The activities to be undertaken by each Party will be based upon individual project or programme agreements, each through a specific agreement concluded between the Parties, including details of financial arrangements, the allocation and protection of intellectual property rights, the publication of research results and other general terms and conditions of each individual project or programme.



- (2) Each specific agreement will include the specific work plans involving staffing requirement, cost estimates, funding sources and other undertakings, obligations or conditions not included in this MoU.
- (3) In the event of any inconsistency between this MoU and a specific agreement hereto, the terms of the specific agreement will prevail.

#### **Article 5: Communication**

The Parties shall strive to make scientific results of cooperative activities publicly known to the scientific community primarily through publications, seminars, lectures and conferences.

#### **Article 6: Review of Activities**

- (1) With the exception of specific projects or programmes excluded by mutual agreement, each Party reserves the right to review activities carried out under this MoU or any specific agreement made under this MoU. Each Party agrees to inform the other of the outcome of any review of activities.
- (2) Any intention by one Party to substantially modify or discontinue a specific collaborative project or programme shall be the subject of reasonable notice to the other Party. If the Party receiving the notice does not inform the other Party within thirty (30) days regarding its intention to modify or discontinue the specific collaborative project or programme, the notice shall be considered as accepted.

#### **Article 7: Entry Into Force, Amendment and Termination**

- (1) This MoU shall enter into force when signed by the two Parties and remain in force for five (5) years.



- (2) This MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement between the Parties.
- (3) An intention by either Party to terminate the MoU prior to its agreed termination date must be notified to the other Party in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of proposed termination.
- (4) The termination of this MoU will not affect the validity, duration or other terms of any projects, programmes or activities that are implemented within the duration of the MoU.

#### **Article 8: Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

#### **Article 9: General**

Any notice which one Party gives to the other Party in this MoU shall be given in writing and shall be delivered, faxed or e-mailed to the other Party at their following official addresses:

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Signed on 20 January 2015, in two originals in English.

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