

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) at University of Wollongong (UOW), NSW, Australia, represented in this document by its Director,
Professor Martin Tsamenyi

and

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism, represented in this document by its Executive Director,
Mr Milton Haughton

Background

The Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) is Australia's only multidisciplinary university-based centre dedicated to research, education and training on ocean law, maritime security and natural marine resource management. Its research programs include Fisheries Governance, Marine Environment and Policy, Maritime Strategy and Security, and Ocean Law. Research is focused on outcomes to real problems and underpinned by strong partnerships. ANCORS delivers training programs for government officers with marine and maritime sector responsibilities, with an emphasis on capacity-building in regional areas. ANCORS is located at the University of Wollongong (UOW) which is a leading Australian university with an enviable international reputation for quality research and education. It has built its successful research reputation by focusing on Research Strengths. One of its Research Strengths is oceans and transnational security, led by ANCORS.

The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) is an inter-governmental organisation with its mission being to "To promote and facilitate the responsible utilization of the region's fisheries and other aquatic resources for the economic and social benefits of the current and future population of the region". The CRFM consists of three bodies – the Ministerial Council; the Caribbean Fisheries Forum; and the CRFM Secretariat. Its members are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands.



The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a common understanding of the objectives of the collaboration and to allow for easy mechanisms to achieve those objectives.

In consideration of the above premises the parties herein mutually agree as follows:

Section 1

- 1.1** The overarching objectives of this collaboration are to:
- (i) foster research collaboration; and
 - (ii) strengthen collaboration in capacity development in the Caribbean region.
- 1.2** Specific objectives are to:
- (i) identify and implement joint research opportunities; and
 - (ii) develop further capacity building training opportunities.

Section 2

- 2.1** This Memorandum of Understanding will be supplemented as needed by Memoranda of Agreement documenting specific terms and conditions agreed upon for each collaborative activity or project to the extent of each party's mandate and priorities as well as their resources.
- 2.2** Where appropriate, Memoranda of Agreement shall describe more specifically the activities to be carried out and the envisaged contributions of each party.
- 2.3** The Memoranda of Agreement shall require approval of both parties before implementation.
- 2.4** Submission of project proposals involving both parties to funding agencies will be made jointly after mutual consultations.
- 2.5** When required, by agreement and in order to facilitate close working relationships, ANCORS and CRFM will seek acceptable arrangements for hosting staff members and students in each other's institutions for varying periods of time as the research, research planning, review, or training activity demand.
- 2.6** Following the *Fisheries Law and Management Training Workshop (Caribbean)* (Wollongong, 10 September 2012 – 12 October 2012), the parties have agreed to the following list of joint activities which they will seek to undertake over the first 12 months from the date of execution of this Memorandum (Implications for resourcing and policy compliance will be agreed before initiation of any activity or program):



- In 2013 a senior ANCORS staff member (likely to be either Professor Martin Tsamenyi or Professor Warwick Gullett) will travel to CRFM, Belize, for a one day follow-up workshop and visit to 1-3 other priority Caribbean Community States, facilitated by CRFM, to:
 - provide further post-workshop monitoring and support for ALAF Fellows;
 - discuss arrangements for a second Fisheries Law and Management Training Workshop for senior staff from Caribbean States and fisheries organisations who were unable to participate in the first workshop (possibly held in the Caribbean); and
 - hold discussions with the University of the West Indies and other regional institutions.
- 2.7** ANCORS and CRFM will have discussions at no more than 6-12 monthly intervals to review progress with implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 3

- 3.1** This Memorandum of Understanding is effective immediately upon its signing by the appropriate officers of each of the signatory institutions.
- 3.2** This Memorandum of Understanding is signed for the period of five (5) years. It can be renewed, amended or modified by the parties only by mutual written consent.
- 3.3** This Memorandum of Understanding shall not prevent either party from entering into similar agreements with other agencies or organisations.
- 3.4** This Memorandum of Understanding does not require either institution to spend any currently held funds.
- 3.5** There is no obligation for either institution to undertake any activity until funding is obtained to do so.
- 3.6** Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by written notification, however, the Memorandum of Understanding will remain effective 180 days from the issuing date of the notification.



This agreement has been executed in two identical originals, of which each party has taken one.

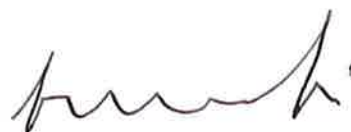
Signed by:



Mr Milton Haughton
Executive Director
Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

Date: 11th October 2012

Location: Wollongong, Australia



Professor Martin Tsamenyi
Director
Australian National Centre for Ocean
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