





Memorandum of Understanding
between
College of Marine Sciences, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan
and
Palau International Coral Reef Center, Palau

For the purpose of furthering cooperation in both education and academic research, College of Marine Sciences, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan, and Palau International Coral Reef Center, Palau, hope to develop and further a cooperative relationship, especially in the areas of environmental and oceanographic research and teaching. Both parties hereby agree that:

- I. Areas of collaboration will be selected and agreed upon by both parties. Candidate areas can be suggested by either party and will be selected if both parties agree that the items will enhance the cooperative relationship and are feasible for implementation.
- II. Both parties agree to cooperate and engage in one or more of the activities listed below when resources are available:
 1. Joint research program
 2. Hosting and attending conferences and giving presentations
 3. Exchange of scientists, researchers and students
 4. Other items approved by both sides
- III. Before any of the above activities commence, a written agreement must be secured after budgetary and other considerations and discussions are made. If no specific arrangement is made, each party will be responsible for the expenses incurred by its own participants.
- IV. Personnel decisions for all persons participating in the cooperative efforts from College of Marine Sciences, National Sun Yat-sen University will be made by the Head of Department or Dean while the decisions for persons participating from Palau International Coral Reef Center will be made by the Director of the Research Department or the Chief Researcher.
- V. Intellectual property rights resulting from joint effort under this agreement shall be shared by all researchers involved according to their contributions. Attribution of such rights can be stipulated in a separate agreement. If researchers of one party independently obtain the research result, the attribution shall be subject to the regulations of the party where the researchers belong.
- VI. This agreement will be effective when signed by both parties and be valid for five years. Either party may propose with a six-month notice to terminate it before the expiry date. Any change or modification of this agreement must have the written approval from both parties and will be effective immediately.



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