

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
between
The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
and
The Secretariat of the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific

Considering that the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific-CPPS, created in 1952, is the appropriate maritime organization of the South East Pacific region, and acts as a Regional Coordinating Unit of the Plan of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South East Pacific, approved in 1981 by the Governments of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panamá and Perú.

Taking into account that the VII Intergovernmental Meeting of the Plan of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South East Pacific, through Decision No. 12, recommended to the Regional Coordinating Unit, to develop a special cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to the marine and coastal biodiversity.

Recalling that decision III/21 of the Conference of the Parties (COP), emphasizing paragraph 4 to the decision II/3 of COP II- requests the Executive Secretary to continue to coordinate with the secretariats of relevant biological-related conventions, institutions and processes, with a view to facilitating exchange of information and experience; exploring the possibility of recommending procedures for harmonizing, to the extent desirable and practicable, the reporting requirements of Parties under those instruments and conventions; exploring the possibility of coordinating their respective programs of work; and consulting on how such conventions and other international legal instruments can contribute to the implementation of the provisions for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Recalling further that paragraph 13 of the decision II/10 invites international and regional bodies responsible for legal instruments, agreements and programs, which address activities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity to review their programs to improve the existing measures and to develop new actions to promote conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity.

Recalling further that decision III/21 of the COP also encourages the further development of cooperative arrangements at the scientific and technical level with appropriate biological diversity-related institutions.

Noting that the Plan of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South East Pacific as well as the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Zone of the South East Pacific (Convention of Lima) establish the basis for achieving a regional cooperation among Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú and Panamá in order to preserve the marine and coastal environments.

Noting further that the new orientations derived from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development have permitted the fast adaptation of the Plan of Action, prioritizing its activities in areas which include, inter alia: the Integrated Management of Coastal Zones, The Management and Conservation of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas, the Surveillance of the Marine Environment Pollution; Protection for the Marine Biological Diversity and effects of the climate change in the marine and coastal ecosystems.

Noting that the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the First Meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity considered important to carry out cooperative programmes to link the work programme of the Convention on Biological Diversity with the concerning component of the Regional Plan of Action and its Conventions and Associated Protocols.

Recalling that the Regional Conventions and Protocols in the framework of the Plan of Action to the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South East Pacific in force to the date are, inter alia: the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Zones of the South East Pacific; the Protocol for the Conservation and Management of Protected Marine and Coastal Areas of the South East Pacific; the Protocol for the Protection of the South East Pacific against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and the Protocol for the Protection of the South Pacific against Radioactive Contamination.

Recognizing that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Secretariat of the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific wish to promote cooperation in the South East Pacific region on marine and coastal biodiversity conservation, agree as follows.

I. Institutional Aspects of Cooperation

Aspects of institutional cooperation include:

- a. A mutual participation of the representatives of the Secretariats to their respective relevant meetings;*
- b. Joint notification of national level focal points, in each respective Member States and Contracting Parties, of the cooperative activity between the two Secretariats, seeking to promote the focal points' consultation and cooperation in general and in particular in those Member States and Contracting Parties where the focal points are different.*

II. Exchange of information

- a. The Secretariats will establish procedures on regular exchanges of information in their respective fields of action, exploring the possibility for the staff of both institutions to participate as observers at their relevant meetings;*

- b. *In particular, the Secretariats will focus on methods to exchange information on marine and coastal biodiversity, contained in their database and in the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity.*

III. Coordination of activities

- a. *To cooperate in the development of joint activities in the field of coastal and marine biodiversity which includes:*

- * *To promote and facilitate the implementation for the Jakarta Mandate on issues regarding, inter alia: marine and coastal protected areas, conservation of coastal and marine resources and ecosystems; integrated marine and coastal area management; effect of pollution on marine and coastal biodiversity and any other topic the Secretariats will jointly identify.*

IV. Consultations, reporting and further guidance

The Secretariats will arrange further consultations in order to implement this Memorandum of Cooperation. They will also report the measures taken on this issue to their respective governing bodies and seeking further guidance on new areas of cooperation.

V. Review, amendment and termination

The present Memorandum may be reviewed and amended following the request of either Part giving one-month of written notice.

The Parties sign the present Memorandum of Cooperation in four original, one in English and one in Spanish will be for each Secretariat.



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Convention on Biological Diversity*



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Date: 03 JUN 1993

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