



**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

UNIVERSIDADE ORIENTAL TIMOR LOROSA'E

And

THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL
REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

BACKGROUND

Universidade Oriental Timor Lorosa'e or **UNITAL** is one of the private universities in Timor-Leste (TL) established under Aswain Timor-Leste Foundation (FUNATIL) which is aimed to educate and train young Timorese generation for a better skilled. The principal aim is to addressing biodiversity issues, food security, improve nutritional status and address climate change impacts and related risks. UNITAL seeks knowledge-based ways to help the local communities to enhance their livelihoods and sustain their prosperities. UNITAL does this through shaping its teaching, research and engagement around three themes:

- a. Education and learning process
- b. Research
- c. People and societies engagement

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (hereinafter referred to as "CTI-CFF"), is a multilateral partnership formed by the governments of the six Coral Triangle Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste) in 2009. These countries were announced a joint declaration and devoted to working together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity. The CTI-CFF is focused on the marine science, environments and the communities of the region. The Regional Secretariat addressed at Jl. A.A. Maramis Kayuwatu, Kairagi II, Manado, North Sulawesi, 95254, Indonesia.

UNITAL and **CTI – CFF** hereinafter referred together as "the Parties"

The parties have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTIES

- 1) The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to provide a framework for collaboration between UNITAL and CTI-CFF in order to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation and exchanges in areas of mutual interest of marine science research between the parties.
- 2) The objective of the parties is to collaborate on research, capacity building and in the provision of the technical assistance in support of the sustainable management of the marine and coastal resources of the Coral Triangle.

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Article 2
PLAN AND ACTION

- 1) The Parties seek to advance their shared interests in the sustainable management of the marine and coastal resources of the Coral Triangle through joint initiatives, including but not limited to:
- a. Research**
Research collaboration is needed to underpin robust science-based management in Coral Triangle. Potential research topics include:
 1. Research on climate change impacts;
 2. Marine biogeography, biodiversity connectivity, and marine ecology; and
 3. Ecosystem Resilience.

 - b. Capacity Building**
Capacity Building is essential to the success of the CTI-CFF program of action both at Regional and National level, particularly to support senior governmental officers, local leaders, regional coordinators and program managers, and technical staff.

 - c. Technical assistance support for strengthening capacity of CTI-CFF National Secretariat**
To assist the National Secretariat meet its responsibilities, it is imperative that its capacity to effect regional cooperation in marine and coastal resources management among key government agencies and other partners at national level shall be supported through the delivery of research, technical advice and training.

Article 3
CO-ORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

- 1) There is opportunity for flexibility in the actual nature and direction of the relationship, which will be agreed during future regular meeting between relevant representatives of UNITAL and CTI-CFF at national level.

- 2) Each party hereby designates the following Project Liaison Officers:

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- 3) The project liaison officers shall meet from time to time during the term of this MOU, as and when required by the Parties. The purpose of such meetings shall be to discuss areas of opportunity, agree areas of interest to be taken forward, and formalize suitable mechanisms and term of agreements.

**Article 4
GENERAL PROVISION**

- 1) The parties do not intend that this MOU will be in any way binding. This MOU serves only as a record of the separate intentions of the Parties.
- 2) This MOU may form the basis for the preparations of formal contracts between the Parties, however the Parties do not intend to enter in to any legal relationship unless and until such formal contracts are executed.
- 3) For the avoidance of doubt, this MOU creates no financial obligation or commitment of staff or other resources on the part of either Party.

**Article 5
TERM AND TERMINATION**

- 1) This MOU shall commence on the date this document is executed by the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. The MOU may be extended by mutual agreement in writing signed by each Party.
- 2) Either Party may terminate the MOU by the giving of 30 (thirty) days written notice to the other Party.

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Article 6
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES

Nothing contained in this MOU shall be construed as constituting a joint venture, partnership or formal business arrangement of any kind between the parties or of appointing either party as an agent of the other.

Article 7
NOTICE


Any notices, or any form of communication between the parties shall be in writing and sent to the Project Liaison Officers identified in clause 4.2 and shall be considered to have been served:

- in the case of delivery by hand, on the day of delivery;
- in the case of delivery by post, on the 7th business days after posting;
- in the case of communication by email, at mid-day on day following the successful dispatch of the message.

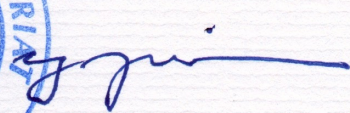
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective representatives, have signed this MoU in two original copies.

Date: 13 March 2017

For and on behalf of

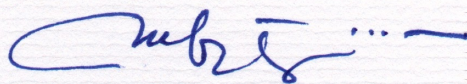


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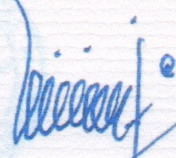
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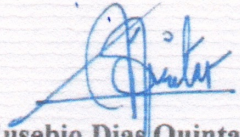
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