



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

UNIVERSIDADE NACIONAL TIMOR LOROSA 'E

and

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

BACKGROUND

The **Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e** (hereinafter referred to as "UNTL ") is a public university based in Dili, Timor-Leste, being the major higher education institution in the country. Although UNTL was established in 2000 by the union of Universitas Timor Timur and Politeknik Dili, merger organized by the professors of these institutions and supported by UNTAET, it was only in 2010 that it became an autonomous Institution, as established by its bylaws, approved by the Decree-Law 16/2010 of 20th of October. UNTL is the leading higher education institution in Timor-Leste, and it collaborates with other universities and research organizations, actively participating in a significant number of international education, training and research programs. UNTL has its official address at Rua Formosa, no. 10, Dili, Timor-Leste.

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 announced a joint declaration, 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 has its official address at Jl. A.A. Maramis Kayuwatu, Kairagi II, Manado, North Sulawesi, 95254, Indonesia.

UNTL 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 UNTL 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.



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 meetings between relevant representatives of UNTL 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 terms 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 into 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 giving 30 (thirty) days prior written notice to the other Party.

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 article 3 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 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: 8 / 8 / 2017

For and on behalf of

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



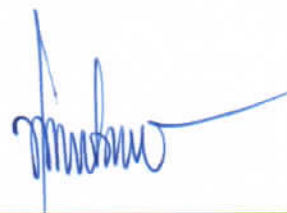
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Witness signature



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