

Annex I

**Memorandum of Cooperation
Between
The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
and
CAB International**

in support of

THE GLOBAL INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

This Memorandum of Cooperation is entered into by and between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) and CAB International (hereafter “CABI”);

Recalling Article 8 (h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which provides that “Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate, prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species”;

Recalling decisions relevant to the implementation of Article 8(h) in which Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations were *urged* to develop and make available technical tools and related information on invasive alien species, and the Executive Secretary was *requested* to support the development and dissemination of technical tools and related information;

Recalling Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 which states: “By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment”;

Recognizing the need to cooperate in order to promote access, collaboration, and timeliness towards the goal of providing scientifically valid information to Parties and their partners in order to achieve Target 9 and related decisions; and

Noting the key points made in the Joint Work Programme to Strengthen Information on Invasive Alien Species towards Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/14);

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Objective

The objective of the Memorandum is to promote collaborative activities among the participating organizations and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to facilitate access, exchange and analysis of information on invasive alien species with a view to supporting action by Parties to the CBD and other Governments, and by other organizations and stakeholders, to prevent, control and eradicate invasive alien species in line with Article 8(h) of the CBD, and other relevant agreements, and to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 of the Strategic Plan of Biodiversity 2011-2020. This objective will be pursued through the establishment and implementation of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership. The activities taken through this Memorandum of Cooperation will facilitate the provision of scientific and technical information related to invasive alien species and strengthen the capacity of the parties to this Memorandum and

their constituents to support Parties to the CBD, other Governments and biodiversity stakeholders to implement Article 8h and, in particular, to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Target 9.

Article 2
Cooperative activities

The parties to this Memorandum will work collaboratively with a view to:

- 2.1 Develop and implement plans for the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership to serve as a mechanism for collaboration on invasive alien species information access, exchange, and capacity building worldwide;
- 2.2 Develop a Partnership Gateway with a view to facilitating access to invasive alien species databases and analytical tools, as well as the timely exchange of information among biodiversity stakeholders;
- 2.3 Participate, as appropriate, in workshops, working groups, and other activities organized by the participating organizations to address capacity building, technical approaches, policy issues, and other concerns of mutual interest in the context of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership;
- 2.4 Facilitate, as appropriate, the participation of relevant experts from the participating organizations in consultations, side events, and other activities organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to further strengthen the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership.

Article 3
Access to information

As far as possible, through their collaborative activities that fall within the scope of this Memorandum, and without prejudice to their other activities, the parties to this Memorandum will:

- 3.1 Promote free and open access to information, data and knowledge relevant to address the threats from invasive alien species;
- 3.2 Provide relevant information, data, and knowledge, through the Partnership Gateway, and other channels that may be agreed, and to regularly update such information, data, and knowledge, as necessary;
- 3.3 Endeavour to provide data providers with full attribution for any uses of their data, information, or knowledge, and respect the original integrity of their contributions; and
- 3.4 Respect the intellectual property rights and/or licenses associated with documents, data, records, tools, software or materials that are used or made accessible to further the objectives of this Memorandum.

Article 4
Execution

- 4.1 The execution of this Memorandum will be effected through annexes relating to specific activities agreed upon by the parties under this Memorandum.
- 4.2 Such annexes will form an integral part of this Memorandum.

Article 5
Disclaimer

- 5.1 Information transmitted by one party to another party under this Memorandum shall be as

accurate as possible, but the transmitting party does not warrant the suitability or authenticity of the information for any use or application by the receiving party or by any third parties.

Article 6

Planning and Review of Activities

- 6.1 The parties to this Memorandum shall designate representatives who, at times mutually agreed upon by the parties, shall review the activities being carried out under this Memorandum.

Article 7

Settlement of Disputes

- 7.1 Any dispute between the Secretariat and CABI arising out of the interpretation or execution of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably by negotiation. If the parties to this Memorandum are unable to reach agreement, the dispute shall be settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules under the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as at present in force.

Article 8

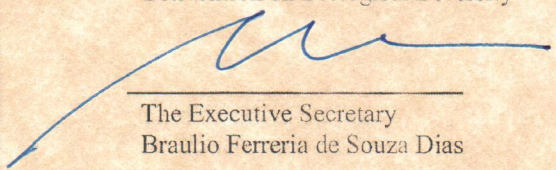
Entry into Effect, Amendment and Termination

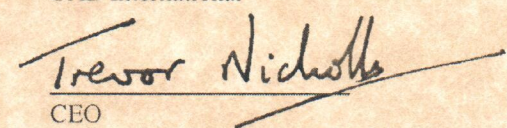
- 8.1 The Memorandum will enter into effect upon signature of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the CEO of CABI.
- 8.2 Any amendment to the Memorandum will be effected only on the basis of written consent of the Secretariat and CABI.
- 8.3 This Memorandum may be terminated by either Party giving six months written notice.
- 8.4 The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the validity or duration of the projects under this MOC that are initiated prior to such notification.

THE PARTIES HEREBY EXECUTE THIS MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION, EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE.

Convention on Biological Diversity

CAB International


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10 October 2012