

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Botanic Gardens Conservation International

And

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Whereas Botanic Gardens Conservation International (hereinafter "BGCI") is an international organization representing over 600 institutional members that exists to ensure the world-wide conservation of threatened plants, and therefore endorses and supports the development and implementation of global policy – specifically the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) - at a global, regional, national, and local level,

Whereas the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter "the CBD Secretariat") is the institution that services the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and implements decisions directed to the Executive Secretary,

BGCI and the CBD Secretariat,

Recalling that the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, through decision X/17, adopted a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 and decided to pursue the implementation of the Strategy as part of the broader framework of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

Recalling also that the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly declared the period 2011 – 2020 to be "the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for the period 2011-2020",

Recalling further that BGCI provides the secretariat of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and that a set of working practices which lay out *inter alia* the aims, working modalities, membership, functions, chairmanship and secretariat for the Partnership were agreed in the first General Meeting of the Partnership,

Recalling also that BGCI has until 2010 seconded a programme officer for the GSPC to the CBD Secretariat and provided other services in support of the implementation of the Strategy,

Recognizing that the successful partnership between the Secretariat of the CBD and BGCI has significantly enhanced the visibility of the GSPC and helped to forward its implementation,

Noting that the present Memorandum of Understanding supersedes a previous version which hence is no longer effective,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1 – Objective

The objective of the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter, “the Memorandum”) is to have an effective partnership on the implementation of the consolidated and updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 and related decisions by the Conference of the Parties to the CBD that will benefit Parties and stakeholders and thus contribute to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Article 2 – Activities and Funding

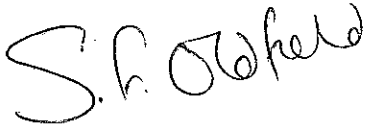
1. BGCI and the CBD Secretariat will work together, and collaborate in partnership with other members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and the flexible coordination mechanism for the GSPC, on the implementation of the consolidated and updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 as part of the broader framework of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and other relevant decisions by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the CBD as well as on the promotion of the the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.
2. BGCI will, subject to availability of funding, coordinate, in collaboration with relevant partners, implementation of key activities including the preparation of publications, outreach material, and technical documentation as well as capacity-building and training workshops, the preparation of the GSPC toolkit and other substantive COP requests in the context of the GSPC.
3. The CBD Secretariat will endeavour to raise funding to support the activities listed in paragraph 2 and commission BGCI under separate agreements to coordinate their implementation.
4. BGCI will promote awareness and help implement the GSPC through its own work programmes and publications, acknowledging support from the CBD Secretariat as appropriate, and will seek opportunities to raise funds for this work.
5. The CBD Secretariat will acknowledge the role and contribution of BGCI in its reports and documents.
6. Activities under this Memorandum that require funding are subject to the availability of funding for that purpose.

Article 3 – Application

7. This Memorandum, which is not legally binding, will apply from the date of its signature and will remain in effect until terminated by the signatories. It may be modified by mutual decision.

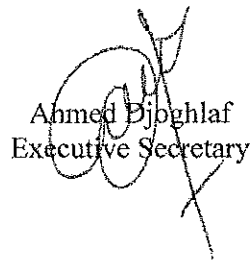
Signed this 18th day of April, 2011:

For and on behalf of BGCI:



Sara Oldfield
Secretary General

For and on behalf of the CBD
Secretariat:



Ahmed Bjoghla
Executive Secretary