

**Memorandum of Understanding**

Between the

**Bernice P. Bishop Museum  
Honolulu, HI, USA**

and the

**Indo-Pacific Conservation Alliance  
Washington, DC, USA**

**June, 2002**

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Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

And

The Indo-Pacific Conservation Alliance, Washington, DC, USA

Bishop Museum has engaged in biological and geological studies in Hawaii and the Pacific islands for 113 years. The Museum's collections of biological specimens, library of published and unpublished document, biodiversity databases, and staff expertise make it an unparalleled source of knowledge and information on the biology of the Indo-Pacific region. The Museum is strongly committed to the understanding, management, and conservation of biodiversity and in facilitating sustainable development in the Indo-Pacific.

The Indo-Pacific Conservation Alliance (IPCA) is dedicated to the study and conservation of the native ecosystems of the Indo-Pacific region and support for traditional peoples in their stewardship of these globally significant natural resources. IPCA's approach is to generate and mobilize scientific and economic data in order to provide baseline knowledge critical to carrying out sound conservation strategies; to empower local community organizations in the Indo-Pacific region to sustainably manage their natural resources, by providing tools, training and environmental education; and to activate this information to facilitate improved natural resource management and the conservation of biodiversity and to enhance the policy context in which decisions are made that affect development and conservation.

In order to promote collaboration between Bishop Museum and IPCA, the two organizations agree to develop joint programs to further understanding and conservation of biodiversity in the Indo-Pacific region and to encourage direct contact and cooperation in all areas.

Collaborative programs under this agreement may include but are not limited to the following:

- Implement joint programs of mutual interest;
- Undertake diversity and biogeographic analyses for specific taxa and regions;
- Plan and implement biological surveys and biodiversity monitoring activities;
- Conduct data analysis and database development focusing on Indo-Pacific biodiversity;
- Develop tools for conservation priority setting, including predictive models;
- Help to develop local capacity to conduct field inventories and implement conservation programs in threatened ecosystems in the Indo-Pacific region;
- Coordinate the implementation of expeditions and production of resulting reports and other activities of field programs;
- Develop education initiatives to promote understanding, management, and conservation of Indo-Pacific biodiversity; and
- Develop collaborative conservation outreach efforts in the Indo-Pacific.

Joint products from collaborative programs may include but are not limited to publications (e.g. needs assessments, field reports, maps, field guides, inventories, and checklists), electronic databases, interpretive nature centers and quick-reference collections and training manuals.

Collaborative projects will be developed by Bishop Museum and IPCA and presented to both organizations for review and approval.

This agreement becomes effective upon signing and is valid for five years and may be extended by mutual consent. However, if the agreement remains dormant for three consecutive years, it will be deemed to have lapsed. It may also be terminated at any time by mutual consent or by giving six months notice in writing by either party.

1. Obligations of the Parties

- a) Bishop Museum and IPCA will establish a clear leader/partner relationship for each specific activity.
- b) Under this MOU, Bishop Museum and IPCA will work together in good faith to develop and assign program activities and responsibilities for individual projects, and to budget costs equitably between the two organizations. A mutually acceptable Plan of Operation will be agreed upon prior to implementation of each project or activity.
- c) With regard to fund-raising, the two parties may seek funds individually or jointly, as deemed appropriate.

2. Costs

Each party shall bear its own cost in connection with implementation of activities or projects, unless otherwise agreed to in advance. Any transfer of funds shall be made under separate agreement.

3. Relationship between the Parties

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to create a relationship between the Parties of agency, partnership, or joint ventures, nor to render either party liable for any debts or obligations incurred by the other. Neither party is authorized to make representations on behalf of the other, or to bind the other in any manner whatsoever.

4. Indemnification

Each party shall hold harmless and defend, at its own expense, the other party, its officers, agents and/or employees, from and against all expense, claims, demands, damages, injuries, cause of actions, and/or liability of any kind, including reasonable attorneys fees, caused by that Party's acts or omissions arising out of this MOU.

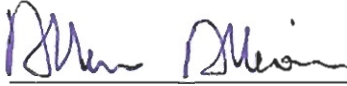
5. Modification

This MOU may be modified or amended only in writing, signed by both parties.

Signatures of the parties to this MOU below indicate their agreement to abide by the terms and the spirit of this agreement.

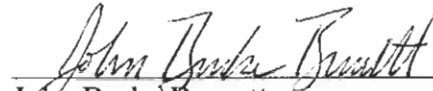
For Bishop Museum

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Allen Allison  
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Date 11 June 2002



Joan Burke Burnett  
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