

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**CENDERAWASIH UNIVERSITY (UNCEN)**  
**AND**  
**INDO-PACIFIC CONSERVATION ALLIANCE (IPCA)**

Cenderawasih University (hereinafter UNCEN) and the Indo-Pacific Conservation Alliance (hereinafter IPCA) extend to one another mutual respect and recognize their shared commitment to the study and conservation of the native ecosystems of Irian Jaya / Papua (hereinafter Irian Jaya) and support for traditional peoples in their stewardship of these globally significant natural resources.

IPCA's approach is to empower local community organizations in the Indo-Pacific region to sustainably manage their natural resources, by providing tools, training and environmental education; generate and mobilize scientific and economic data in order to provide baseline knowledge critical to carrying out sound conservation strategies; and to activate this information to facilitate improved land management and the conservation of Irian Jaya's biodiversity and to enhance the policy context in which decisions affecting development and conservation are made.

UNCEN and IPCA (hereinafter called The Parties) express their mutual intent to establish a non-exclusive joint relationship in order to promote and conduct scientific research and community-level environmental education to document and support the conservation of Irian Jaya's unique biodiversity, for which purposes the Parties agree to the following:

**Article 1**

To promote and conduct cooperation between the Parties and in areas of mutual interest, to include the fields of:

- a) Training in biodiversity surveys, biological monitoring, economic valuation studies, anthropological and ethnobotanical studies in support of adat-based conservation, and use of data gathered in these studies to support conservation and sustainable development objectives;
- b) Collaboration to conduct joint research and consultations;
- c) Participation in field expeditions to areas of mutual interest in Irian Jaya;
- d) Collaboration in carrying out community-level educational activities to enhance appreciation of the importance of the sustainable use of natural resources in Irian Jaya;

- e) Building institutional infrastructure (viz., zoological and botanical collections facilities) to facilitate biological training and research in Irian Jaya;
- f) Other scholarly and educational activities as may be agreed upon at any time.

## **Article 2**

Zoological specimens and botanical vouchers collected as part of joint research surveys, training, and monitoring activities will be shared among participating institutions as per standard international agreement. Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia (LIPI) will house all type specimens and holotypes in its facilities in Cibinong and Bogor, Java. UNCEN will receive a full set of paratypes and other vouchers and specimens. Universitas Negeri Papua (UNIPA) in Manokwari will also receive a full set of specimens and vouchers. Specimens and vouchers may need to be sent to institutions in the United States, Europe, or Australia for identification prior to return to Indonesia. Full sets of specimens or vouchers will also be housed in foreign museums and institutions as per standard international agreement.

UNCEN agrees to help facilitate export permits for zoological specimens and botanical vouchers collected on joint research, training, and monitoring activities, by issuing documentation and support letters needed for this purpose.

## **Article 3**

The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to seek a beneficial transfer of knowledge, skills, and information in all activities covered under this Agreement. IPCA's activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will seek to maximize the benefit to UNCEN's faculty and students in the areas of training, knowledge transfer, and repatriation of data.

IPCA will strive to ensure that information gathered from zoological and botanical specimens collected under this Agreement, but identified and/or stored in third-party institutions or museums, will be repatriated to UNCEN. UNCEN acknowledges that while IPCA will seek in good faith to facilitate this data repatriation, third-party institutions are ultimately responsible for transferring this information, as well as zoological specimens and botanical vouchers.

## **Article 4**

The Parties will cooperate in efforts to obtain, from external funding sources, financial resources to help facilitate the objectives of the Memorandum. IPCA agrees to take the lead role in identifying and seeking external funding for the above activities for the mutual benefit of both Parties. UNCEN agrees to support this endeavor by writing letters of invitation and letters of support. UNCEN agrees to sponsor IPCA personnel and contractors, on a case-by-case basis subject to approval by the Rector, in order to secure visas and permission for activities covered under this Agreement.


## Article 5

This Memorandum of Understanding is non-exclusive in nature, and both Parties may enter into similar agreements with other institutions.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the laws of the Republic of Indonesia and the United States of America.

This Memorandum of Understanding, signed on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2001, indicates our commitment to long-term collaboration, and will continue until any or all institutions wish to terminate the collaboration. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into force upon signing, and shall remain in force until terminated by either one of the Parties, with six months notice in writing to the other Party of intent to terminate. The termination of this Understanding shall have no effect upon the validity or duration of activities that have already been initiated under this Memorandum of Understanding prior to the date the termination notice is sent.


For Genderwasih University



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