BYLAWS
OF
INDO-PACIFIC CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this non-profit corporation is the INDO-PACIFIC CONSERVATION ALLIANCE. It is hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION

The primary purpose of this corporation is exclusively scientific and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or such other provisions of state or federal law as may from time to time be applicable.

The specific purpose of the corporation is to promote the conservation of biodiversity in the tropical Indo-Pacific and to facilitate sustainable economic development that is consistent with the conservation of species, ecosystems, and ecological processes.

The Mission Statement of the corporation is as follows: “The Indo-Pacific Conservation Alliance is dedicated to the study and conservation of the native ecosystems of the tropical Indo-Pacific region, and support for traditional peoples in their stewardship of these globally significant natural resources.”

ARTICLE III

OFFICES

The registered office of the Corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. The Corporation may have such other offices either within or without the District of Columbia as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Corporation may require from time to time.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. General Powers. The property, affairs, and business of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate to officers of the Corporation and to committees such powers as provided for in these Bylaws.
2. **Number.** The number of Directors shall be at least three (3) and no more than twelve (12), as determined by the Board of Directors.

3. **Meetings.** (a) The Board of Directors must meet at least once yearly and may provide by resolution the time and place, whether within or without the District of Columbia for the holding of the regular meetings of the Board.

   (b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman, executive director or any two board members who may fix any place, holding any special meeting.

4. **Notice; Quorum.** (a) Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least fifteen days previous thereto, and no more than thirty days before, by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each Director at his address as shown by the records of the Corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

   (b) The presence in person of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present in person at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

5. **Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws. Directors may attend a meeting by telephonic or similar equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

6. **Terms.** The Directors shall serve terms of three years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Successors to outgoing Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Directors may succeed themselves in office.

7. **Election.** Directors shall be elected yearly at a designated regular meeting by majority vote of Directors then in office.

8. **Compensation.** Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board of Directors expenses of attendance may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board; however, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation therefor.

9. **Informal Action.** Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.
10. **Action By Written Consent.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the board or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the board, or committee. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

11. **Removal.** The vote of a majority of the Directors shall be required to remove a Director from office prior to the expiration of the term for which that Director has been elected. The issue must arise at a meeting with the issue on the agenda.

12. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy among the Directors, whether caused by resignation, death, removal, or expiration of a term, may be filled by the organization which appointed the director whose seat is vacant.

**ARTICLE V**

**OFFICERS**

1. **Officers.** The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with other provisions of this Article. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers or agents, including an Executive Director, one or more Assistant Secretaries, and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, and such officers shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of Chairman and Secretary.

2. **Election.** The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board. If the election of these officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

3. **Removal.** Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed.

4. **Vacancy.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

5. **Chairman.** The Chairman shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Corporation, its officers, and personnel, consistent with policies established by the Board of Directors. The Chairman may sign any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Corporation; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the Chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Chairman may authorize and approve expenditures and take such other steps he or
she shall deem necessary to advance the purposes of the Corporation, provided such steps do not exceed the scope of authority determined by the Board. The Chairman must be a member of the Board.

6. **Vice Chairman.** The Vice Chairman shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chairman or the Board of Directors. The Vice Chairman must be a member of the Board.

7. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of these Bylaws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration and oversight of the Corporation's financial records, initiation of an annual audit, compliance with statutory reporting requirements, tax returns, and tax payments.

8. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall oversee the keeping, preparation, and filing of all other records required by law or by the policies of the Board; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; keep a register of the post office address of each Director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Director; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

9. **Assistant Treasurers and Secretaries.** If required by the Board of Directors, the Assistant Treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary or by the Chairman or the Board of Directors.

10. **Paid Officers.** The Board of Directors may appoint one or more paid officers, including an Executive Director. Upon appointment, the Executive Director shall be responsible for carrying out policy as set by the Board of Directors, for conducting the daily affairs of the Corporation, and for the employment of all paid Corporation personnel. The Executive Director, by virtue of his position, shall be an Assistant Secretary of the Corporation and, ex-officio, a member of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI**

**COMMITTEES**

1. **Authority.** (a) The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees of its members, each of which shall consist of two or more persons, which committees, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Corporation; provided, however, that no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering or repealing the Bylaws; electing, appointing or removing any member of any such committee or any Director or officer of the Corporation; amending the Articles of Incorporation; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another
corporation; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of the
property and assets of the Corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the Corporation or
revoking proceedings therefor; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Corporation;
or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms
provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by such committee. The designation and
appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to
relieve the Board of Directors or any individual Director of any responsibility imposed upon it or him
by law.

(b) Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors
in the management of the Corporation may be designated and appointed by resolution adopted by
a majority of the Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the Chairman as
authorized by a like resolution of the Board. Membership on such committees need not be limited
to Directors.

2. Term. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of
the Directors of the Corporation and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be
sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such
member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

3. Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or
persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

4. Vacancies. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments
made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

5. Manner of Acting. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors
designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of
a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the
committee. Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with these
Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents of
the Corporation in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract
or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and such
authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

2. Checks. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences
of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers,
agent, or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by
resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of
 Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and
countersigned by the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Corporation.
3. **Deposits.** All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

4. **Funds.** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX**

**FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June.

**ARTICLE X**

**SEAL**

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in a form selected by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XI**

**INDEMNIFICATION**

Any present or former Director, officer, or employee of the Corporation, or other such persons so designated in the discretion of the Board of Directors, or the legal representative of such person, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all reasonable costs, expenses, and counsel fees paid or incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding to which any such person or his legal representative may be made a party by reason of his being or having been such a Director, officer, or employee serving or having served the Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which he shall be found guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matters in which indemnity is sought and in relation to matters settled or otherwise terminated without a final determination on the merits where such settlement or termination is predicated on the existence of such negligence or misconduct.

**ARTICLE XII**

**PROCEDURE**
The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall provide the rules of procedure for the Corporation where they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if at least seven days' written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal, or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting.