

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY - FISHERIES TRAINING PROGRAMME - ICELAND

AND

NHA TRANG UNIVERSITY - VIETNAM

The United Nations University-Fisheries Training Programme (UNU-FTP) and Nha Trang University (NTU) enter into this agreement to foster international cooperation in training, research and development activities in the areas of fisheries and aquaculture.

The UNU-FTP is managed by the Marine Research Institute in Iceland in formal collaboration with Matis-Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D Company, University of Iceland, University of Akureyri and Holar University College. These institutes provide UNU-FTP with expertise in monitoring and assessment of living aquatic resources, fishing technology, food processing, biotechnology, quality management, fisheries economics, management of fisheries companies, and sustainable aquaculture.

NTU (formerly Nha Trang Fisheries University), established since 1959, is a leading university in the field of fisheries and aquaculture science at the national level, playing a significant role in driving the development of marine economy in Vietnam. The university now has 21 faculties, institutes, research centers, tech transfer centers and 4 managerial departments. Located in one of the most beautiful coastal areas of Vietnam, NTU is now serving more than 23,000 students (1200 graduate students) from all over the country and numerous international students.

The parties agree to encourage the following activities in particular to promote academic cooperation during a five year term, from 2013 to 2018:

- UNU-FTP provides fellowships for up to two NTU staff per year to participate in 6-month post-graduate training in Iceland during 2013 – 2018. The candidates will be identified based on the needs of NTU and screened through standard procedures by the UNU-FTP.
- UNU-FTP and NTU agree to develop and deliver short training courses on subjects, based on NTU's needs, with the aim of incorporating teaching materials into regular courses offered by NTU.
- UNU-FTP will facilitate the exchange of staff between NTU and UNU-FTP collaborating institutes in Iceland.
- UNU-FTP and NTU will cooperate in providing training for students at the MSc and PhD levels. All former fellows of UNU-FTP at NTU are eligible for UNU-FTP scholarships for MSc and PhD studies.

- UNU-FTP and NTU will explore possibilities to expand the cooperation in include regional and international partners.

Before specific activities can be implemented, the parties shall develop and enter into specific activity agreements based on the form of implementation mutually agreed upon subsequent to this MoU. Implementation of specific collaborative programs will depend upon the availability of funds and continued mutual interest of the partners.

Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunities and will not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

The MoU becomes effective on signing. It shall remain in force for five (5) years and may be renewed by the written agreement of the parties. The activities undertaken based on this MoU should be evaluated and lessons learnt used to improve the effectiveness of the cooperation. The MoU should be reviewed every five years. The MoU may be terminated by either party upon at least 90 days advance written notice. Such termination shall not affect activities in progress at the time the notice is received.

This MoU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements and understandings, whether verbal or written, are hereby merged into this MoU. This MoU is not considered a binding contract creating legal and financial relationship between the parties, but is designed as a means to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial process for collaboration.

For **UNU- Fisheries Training Programme**

For **Nha Trang University**

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