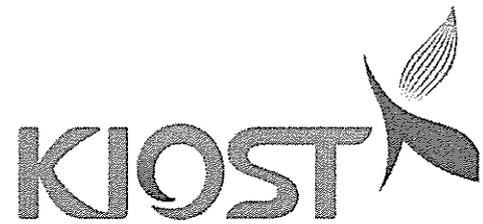


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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

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between

**The Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST)**

and

**The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**

(together, "the Parties")

**KIOST** is a comprehensive professional ocean research organization affiliated with the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea, is committed to preserve abundant and clean ocean for now and generations to come by promoting from fundamental oceanography to applied and practical ocean research and development that will contribute to bring better understanding of our ocean environment and hope to mankind.

**SPREP** is a regional, intergovernmental organisation comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and five developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

**Whereas**, SPREP and KIOST have mutual interests in relation to the protection of the ocean environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with environmental protection in the Pacific region;

**The Parties** have reached the following understandings:

#### 1. Objectives

1. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and KIOST.
2. Within this framework the Parties will consult in an effort to collaborate on the activities they identify as requiring implementation.

#### 2. Collaborative Activities

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, to:

1. Consult each other on policy matters of mutual concern.
2. Exchange information on developments and current activities in relation to the ocean environment.

3. Extend to each other standing invitations to be represented by observers at appropriate meetings, including the SPREP Meeting and to co-sponsor relevant meetings.
4. Collaborate and support awareness-raising efforts in relation to the environment.
5. Collaborate on the implementation of global and regional priorities in relation to the environment.
6. Collaborate and support capacity-building initiatives relation to the environment.
7. Keep respective memberships informed of co-operative activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

### 3. Operational Provisions

1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavour to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with environmental protection in the Pacific region.
2. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party to this MOU.
3. Each Party will name and keep updated focal points to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU.
4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

### 4. Annexes

1. Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU.
2. Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.

### 5. Duration, entry into force, amendments and termination

1. The duration of this MOU shall be five years, renewable for such further period and as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. This MOU shall enter into force on the date the last Party signs.
3. This MOU may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties.
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving three months' written notice to the other.



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Date:

23/3/2018



Mr. Young Je Park  
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Date:

Apr. 2, 2018