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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

between the

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

and the

Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT)

relating to

Providing technical and outreach support to finalise the amendment of the national shark sanctuary regulation to align with the state laws.



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This LETTER OF AGREEMENT is made between the **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)** and **Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT)** relating to provide technical guidance and outreach support to Federated State of Micronesia (FSM) national government to ensure shark conservation policies in national waters is consistent with state waters.

SPREP and MCT have agreed to collaborate on the abovementioned activity, and it is now further agreed that:

1. SPREP will cover the cost of travel of vehicle transportation and incidental costs for MCT personnel to undertake meetings and consultations to discuss the proposed shark protection amendments for adoption.
2. SPREP will cover the costs to convene meetings with national government personnel and stakeholders, including catering and cultural exchanges.
3. SPREP will cover the costs for Jo Lynn Gallen, Grants Officer and William Kostka, Executive Director, that will coordinate and provide logistical support for MCT to ensure the proposed shark amendments are adopted.
4. The sum of USD 10,000 will be provided by SPREP to cover the costs above in 1 – 3.
5. MCT will work according to the attached Terms of Reference.
6. MCT is not an employee of SPREP and will perform the work on a voluntary basis.
7. SPREP and MCT shall co-operate to carry out the obligations in this Agreement in good faith.
8. SPREP and MCT may request each other to make variations to this Agreement. Requests for variations shall not be unreasonably withheld.



Kosi Latu

Director-General

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme (SPREP)



William Kostka

Executive Director

Micronesia Conservation Trust

Date: 29.06.2020

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Providing technical and outreach support to harmonize the national shark sanctuary regulations with state shark protections

Background

The FSM states of Kosrae, Yap, Pohnpei, and Chuuk all passed individual state laws, starting in 2012 to 2014, banning the sale, trade, possession, and fishing of sharks in state waters. In 2015, the Federated States of Micronesia followed with a national shark sanctuary designation, which prohibits commercial shark fishing and possession, sale and trade of shark and shark fins throughout its exclusive economic zone. Sharks were protected within both state and national waters of FSM, but the regulations differed slightly between the national and state laws of Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Chuuk. After working with partners and the state governments to provide technical and outreach support between 2018-2019 to amend the state laws, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Chuuk are now in alignment. The national shark sanctuary regulation is the last to be amended.

Objective

The main objective of the consultant is to provide technical guidance and outreach support to FSM national government to ensure shark conservation policies in national waters is consistent with state waters.

Deliverables

1. To conduct meetings with the FSM National Government to submit a national amendment for adoption.
2. To attend the legislative hearings and sessions on the proposed shark amendment and coordinate participation by other organizations.
3. To provide bi-weekly updates to Juney Ward and Jen Sawada via phone or email on the progress made.
4. The sum of \$10,000USD will be advanced to the Micronesian Conservation Trust to support meetings and attendance to ensure the proposed national shark law amendment is adopted.

Timeframe

End date 30 June 2020 to complete the deliverables and submit a final report on activities. However, depending on the capabilities of the consultant, the work provided may be completed as soon as possible.

Budget

Personnel: William Kostka, Executive Director and Jo Lynne Gallen, Grants Officer	\$7,357
Meeting Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering: \$50 for 3 meetings with national government • Cultural offerings: \$500 for 3 meetings • Transportation/travel costs to attend meetings: \$84 	\$1,734
Indirect	\$909
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,000 USD

Payment Schedule

On signing (30%)	\$3,000 USD
On submission of final report that is to SPREP's satisfaction (End of agreement or when work is complete) (70%)	\$7,000 USD