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between

Wan SmolBag

and

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

(together, "the Parties")

Wan SmolBag (WSB) is a non-government organisation based in Vanuatu, but operating all over the South Pacific. Wan Smolbag Theatre is primarily a development theatre group aiming to create awareness and engagement with issues surrounding education, health, governance, the environment, youth and gender. WSB produces materials such as a television show, DVDs, booklets and posters for education and training in communities, NGOs, schools and government departments throughout the South Pacific and the world. WSB also has a network of over 400 volunteer turtle conservation monitors (Vanua-tai monitors) based on islands throughout Vanuatu and runs a successful food garden and nutrition programme in Port Vila.

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 WSB have mutual interests in relation to the protection of the 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 (M OU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and WSB.
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 environment.
3. Extend to each other standing invitations to be represented by observers at appropriate meetings, including the annual 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

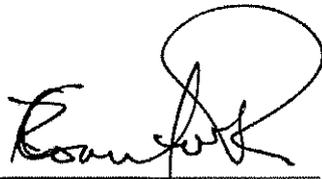
1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavour to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with environmental protection in Vanuatu.
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.

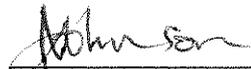
4. Annexes

1. Specific ToR highlighting areas of cooperation is 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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 Director General


 Mr. Nelson Johnson
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**MoU Terms of Reference between
The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and Wan Smolbag**

Area of Engagement 1

**Technical support for the establishment of demonstration community based urban food gardens,
Port Vila, Vanuatu**

1. Background

Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Environment's (BMUB) International Climate Change Initiative (IKI), the Pacific Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EbA) to Climate Change programme (PEBACC) operates across three Pacific Island countries: Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. The overall intended outcome of the project is to ensure that Ecosystem-based Adaptation is integrated into development, climate change adaptation and natural resource management policy and planning processes in three Pacific island countries providing replicable models for other countries in the region.

Recognising that healthy ecosystems contribute positively to the resilience of societies and biodiversity, the PEBACC project promotes the use of an EbA approach to reducing vulnerability and building resilience in the face of climate change and associated impacts in the Pacific island region. It is further recognized that the drivers of ecosystem degradation are often non-climate change related; rather they are the outcome of unsustainable human activities. Restoring ecosystem health requires an understanding of how human activities are impacting on ecosystems and ensuring that interventions are targeted at addressing the root causes while at the same time investing in restoration activities.

In order to demonstrate the value of the EbA approach, PEBACC has undertaken a comprehensive ecosystem and socio-economic resilience analysis and mapping (ESRAM) as a basis for adaptation planning at national, provincial and community levels in the project countries. EbA options for adaptation planning have been identified, analysed and prioritized and EbA implementation plans developed. Based on these plans, the project will support a number of demonstration EbA activities at project sites.

These activities include the establishment of community based urban food gardens and tree nurseries, the aims and outcomes of these activities include, but are not limited to:

- Intensify local food production, alternatives to firewood, medicinal plants, construction materials and mat and basket-making materials production in home gardens.
- The adoption of permaculture related practices to improve crop yield.
- Increase the preservation and storage of production in home gardens.
- Increase understanding of good nutrition through encouraging the growing and consuming of traditional root vegetables.
- Encourage the production of improved technologies that use firewood more efficiently or provide alternatives to firewood, such as brickettes.
- Increase understanding of the propagation of tree crops such as natangura and pandanus
- Establishment of tree nurseries and seed sources to support riparian, coastal and urban regeneration across the greater Port Vila region.
- Build capacity within WSB in order to provide for longevity of the project

1. Partnership

SPREP is seeking to work with Wan Smolbag to provide technical support with:

- Design, construction and maintenance of sustainable community gardens
- Design construction and maintenance of sustainable tree and bamboo nurseries

2. Deliverables

Wan Smolbag is expected to deliver the following:

- Technical advice in relevant areas including but not limited to:
 - Develop a demonstration food garden to demonstrate
 - permaculture
 - composting
 - mulching
 - nursery management
 - Support the capacity building of the Urban Agricultural Extension Officer from the Department of Agriculture (DoA)
 - Where appropriate, support DoA with the training of community members to develop local food gardens
 - Alignment with the Wan Smolbag nutrition programme
 - Strengthen capacity within WSB

3. SPREP is expected to Deliver

- Coordination between Wan Smolbag and demonstration sites
- Support funding for:
 - Equipment
 - Seed or propagules
 - Technical support
 - Support staff
 - Any other activity so agreed between the two parties.

4. Timescale

The SPREP PEBACC project runs through until mid-2020. It is expected that the SPREP / Wan Smolbag urban gardens agreement be in place for at least this period of time. SPREP will fund activities supporting the dissemination of knowledge and resources, through Wan Smolbag, to communities in the Port Vila Urban and peri-urban areas.

Area of Engagement 2

Marine Environmental Monitoring

1 Background

Wan Smolbag proposes to strengthen a vibrant, active Vanua Tai Resource Monitor Networks (VTRMN) with strong membership bases. The plan is to increase capability of monitors for operational excellence and to ensure credibility, as a frontline conservation organisation.

In order to achieve this Wan Smolbag needs to ensure the VTRMN is a sustainable organisation with a greater presence in conservation and education across Vanuatu.

SPREP has been working with the New Zealand Government to support Turtle monitoring and protection across the Pacific. SPREP's approach to Turtle protection and management is to:

- Utilise community-based approaches bring maximum and long term benefits to communities
- Involve all parties - culture, environment, tourism, agency, NGO, community in the scoping and project design stage, including site selection
- Utilise project leadership at local, regional, national and community levels
- Ensure any community benefits are shared equally
- Support local partners on the ground with technical capacity, training, provision of tagging supplies and access to the Turtle Research and Monitoring Database System (TREDS).

2 Partnership

Further build on the existing relationship between SPREP and Wan Smolbag by supporting the reinvigoration of the Wan Smolbag Turtle programme and broadening it to include a wider view of Marine Monitoring and Protection.

Together with the SPC funded RESCCUE programme, SPREP's PEBACC project and the Government of Vanuatu, the need for a standardised approach to the training and implementation of a network of community based rangers has been identified. These community rangers, called Ocean Champions will support the ever increasing network of Community Marine Conservation areas. The Vanua Tai Network is key to delivering a standardised approach to community conservation areas. Through Wan Smolbag's linkage to the VTRMN SPREP will work with Wan Smolbag to extend conservation efforts with the Vanua Tai including but not limited to the establishment of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and the training of ocean champions.

3. Deliverables

Wan Smolbag is expected to deliver the following:

- Turtle management plan
- Access to monitors to ensure safe and scientific turtle tagging
- Provide training to community members
- Accurate data input into the TREDS database
- Support with training of Marine Champions
- Developing and sharing of training resources

4. SPREP Vanuatu is expected to Deliver

- Coordination between Wan Smolbag and tagging and SPREP Turtle team
- Training material where available
- Regular supply of tags

- Support in the development of communications and training material
- Support in the development of MPA management plans
- Funding, where available, to support training, development of materials and transport.

5. Time Scale

Ongoing.

Area of Engagement 3

Any other area of engagement that is mutually beneficial to both organisations, including but not limited to:

- Communications activities through the Wan Smolbag Theatre.
- Development of other relevant environmental communications products, such as comic books.
- Youth and woman training in tree propagation and planting.