



**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between**



**National Chung Hsing University and Walailak University**

This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") is entered into January 13, 2025, by and between National Chung Hsing University, Aquatic Ecosystems Lab, with an address of 145 Xingda Rd., South Dist., Taichung City 402 ("NCHU Aquatic Ecosystems Lab") and Walailak University, with an address of 222 Thai Buri, Tha Sala District, Nakhon Si Thammarat 80161, Thailand ("Walailak University"), also individually referred to as "Party", and collectively "the Parties."

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an agreement to collaborate on mangrove restoration research and initiatives, particularly focusing on areas such as biodiversity conservation, coastal protection, and sustainable ecosystem management; and WHEREAS, the Parties desire to memorialize certain terms and conditions of their anticipated endeavor; NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

**1. Purpose and Scope.**

Purpose and Scope. The Parties intend for this MOU to provide the foundation and structure for any and all possibly anticipated binding agreement related to the restoration, conservation, and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems, as well as the exchange of knowledge, data, and expertise in this field. This MOU should not establish or create any type of formal agreement or obligation. Instead, it is an agreement between the Parties to work together in such a manner to encourage an atmosphere of collaboration and alliance in the support of an effective and efficient partnership to establish and maintain objectives and commitments with regards to all matters related to mangrove ecosystem restoration and the related scientific, educational, and outreach efforts. Additionally, NCHU Aquatic Ecosystems Lab is willing to serve as a think tank for Walailak University in the field of mangrove research.

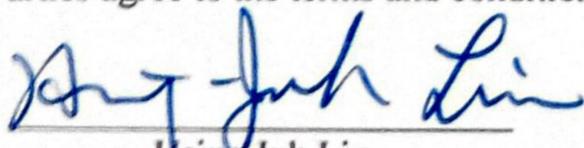
**2. Objectives.** The Parties agrees as follows:

- 2.1. The Parties shall work together in a cooperative and coordinated effort so as to bring about the achievement and fulfillment of the purpose of the MOU.
- 2.2. It is not the intent of this MOU to restrict the Parties to this Agreement from their involvement or participation with any other public or private individuals, agencies, or organizations.
- 2.3. The Parties shall mutually contribute and take part in any and all phases of the planning and development of mangrove restoration projects, joint research initiatives, capacity-building workshops, and public outreach programs to the fullest extent possible.
- 2.4. This MOU is not intended to create any rights, benefits, and/or trust responsibilities by or between the Parties.
- 2.5. The MOU shall in no way obligate either Party to supply funds to maintain and/or sustain the joint mangrove restoration and research activities, unless otherwise agreed upon in a separate and binding agreement.

**3. Term.** This Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date, as stated above, and will continue for a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date.

4. **Termination.** 4. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party upon 30 days' written notice to the other Party.
5. **Representations and Warranties.** Representations and Warranties. Both Parties represent that they are fully authorized to enter into this Agreement. The performance and obligations of either Party will not violate or infringe upon the rights of any third-party or violate any other agreement between the Parties, individually, and any other person, organization, or business or any law or governmental regulation.
6. **Indemnity.** The Parties each agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other Party, its respective affiliates, officers, agents, employees, and permitted successors and assigns against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, penalties, punitive damages, expenses, reasonable legal fees and costs of any kind or amount whatsoever, which result from the negligence of or breach of this Agreement by the indemnifying party, its respective successors and assigns that occurs in connection with this Agreement. This section remains in full force and effect even after termination of the Agreement by its natural termination or the early termination by either party.
7. **Limitation of Liability.** Under no circumstances shall either party be liable to the other party or any third party for any damages resulting from any part of this agreement such as, but not limited to, loss of revenue or anticipated profit or lost business, costs of delay or failure of delivery, which are not related to or the direct result of a party's negligence or breach.
8. **Severability.** In the event any provision of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, that part shall be severed from the remainder of the Agreement and all other provisions should continue in full force and effect as valid and enforceable.
9. **Waiver.** The failure by either Party to exercise any right, power, or privilege under the terms of this Agreement will not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent or future exercise of that right, power, or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power, or privilege.
10. **Legal Fees.** In the event of a dispute resulting in legal action, the successful party will be entitled to its legal fees, including, but not limited to its attorneys' fees.
11. **Legal and Binding Agreement.** This Agreement is legal and binding between the Parties as stated above. This Agreement may be entered into and is legal and binding both in Taiwan and Thailand. The Parties each represent that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement.
12. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by Taiwan and/or Country in which both Parties do business. In the event that the Parties do business in different States and/or Countries, this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Taiwan and Thailand.
13. **Entire Agreement.** The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties. In the event that the Parties desire to change, add, or otherwise modify any terms, they shall do so in writing to be signed by both parties.

The Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth above as demonstrated by their signatures as follows:

  
 Hsing-Juh Lin

Lifetime Distinguished Professor  
 National Chung Hsing University

Date:

  
 (Krisnadej Jaroensutasinee)

Head of Center of Excellence for Ecoinformatics  
 Walailak University

Date: