

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for
INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION¹**

between

**SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDY
AND RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE**

and

SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR TROPICAL BIOLOGY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into this 28th day of October 2025, by and between the:

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture, an international organization duly organized under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, with principal office in UPLB Campus, College, Los Baños 4031, Laguna, Philippines, represented herein by its Center Director, **DR. MERCEDITA A. SOMBILLA**, and hereinafter referred to as "**SEARCA**";

and

Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Tropical Biology, an international organization duly organized under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, with principal office in Jalan Raya Tajur Km. 6, Bogor, Indonesia, represented herein by its Deputy Director for Administration, **DR. ELIS ROSDIAWATI**, and hereinafter referred to as "**BIOTROP**".

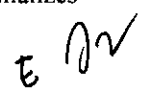
SEARCA and BIOTROP are hereinafter individually referred to as "**Party**" and collectively as "**Parties**".

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. SEARCA and BIOTROP have complementary objectives and a mutual desire to collaborate in a number of areas to pursue common interests such as education, training, and research objectives.
2. In order to implement these complementary objectives, SEARCA and BIOTROP shall:
 - 2.1. Collaborate in undertaking programs, projects, and other related activities whenever and wherever feasible opportunities present themselves.
 - 2.2. Exchange scientific materials, publications, and information.
 - 2.3. Execute separate agreements in writing for any particular undertaking jointly implemented,

¹ A previous MOU between the Parties was formally executed in 2004 and expired in 2009. This MOU formalizes the renewal and updates the official representatives of both Parties.



wherein a sharing of responsibilities shall be specified.

3. This MOU shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution of this MOU and may be modified and extended only with the written agreement of both Parties unless otherwise terminated by either Party, with six (6) months' prior notice.
4. All notices and other communications from either Party to the other shall be in English and shall be delivered or transmitted by electronic mail, postage, prepaid registered mail, or personal delivery, addressed to the other Party as follows:

To SEARCA:

Attention: Dr. Mercedita A. Sombilla
Center Director

Address: College, Los Banos 4031, Laguna, Philippines
Telephone: +63 49 554-9330 to 39
Email: director@searca.org

To BIOTROP:

Attention: Dr. Elis Rosdiawati
Deputy Director for Administration

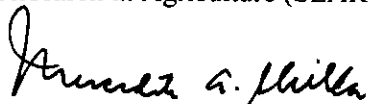
Address: Jalan Raya Tajur Km. 6, Bogor, Indonesia
Telephone: +62-251-8323848
Email: gau@biotrop.org

5. Each Party shall give written notice to the other Party of any change in its address, designated representative, or telephone number, or electronic mail address.
6. This MOU may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has duly executed and delivered this MOU as of the day and year first written above.

For the:

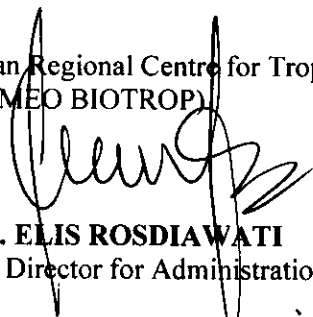
Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate
Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)



DR. MERCEDITA A. SOMBILLA
Center Director

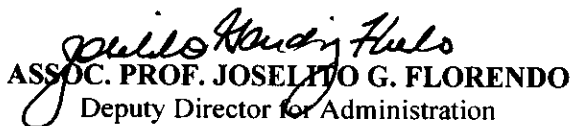
For the:

Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Tropical
Biology (SEAMEO BIOTROP)

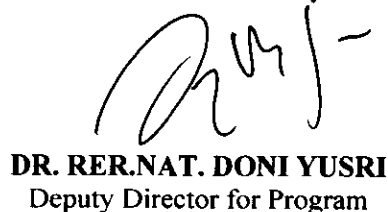


DR. ELIS ROSDIAWATI
Deputy Director for Administration

WITNESSES:



ASSOC. PROF. JOSE LITO G. FLORENDO
Deputy Director for Administration



DR. RER. NAT. DONI YUSRI
Deputy Director for Program