

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
MEDITERRANEAN SCIENCE COMMISSION (CIESM) AND THE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES)

between

The Mediterranean Science Commission,
16 bd de Suisse, Monte Carlo, Monaco,
represented by CIESM Director General, Dr. Frederic Briand
and

The International Council for The Exploration of the Sea,
H. C. Andersen Boulevard 44-46, Copenhagen, Denmark,
represented by ICES President, Dr. Michael M. Sinclair

I. BACKGROUND

The Mediterranean Science Commission, hereinafter referred to as CIESM, promotes and encourages research within the Mediterranean and Black Sea perimeter through a network of several thousand marine researchers, applying the latest scientific tools to better understand, monitor and protect a fast-changing, highly impacted Mediterranean Sea. Structured in six committees and various taskforces, CIESM runs expert workshops, cross-Basin programs and tri-annual congresses, delivering authoritative, independent advice to national and international agencies.

The International Council for The Exploration of the Sea, hereinafter referred to as ICES, is concerned with the North Atlantic Ocean, the Baltic and North Seas to (a) promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea particularly related to the living resources thereof; (b) draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organize, in agreement with its Contracting Parties, such research and investigations as may appear necessary; (c) publish or otherwise disseminate the results of this work; and (d) provide scientific information and advice to Member State governments and the regulatory commissions with whom cooperative relationships have been established.

Both organizations seek to establish and maintain working arrangements with other international organizations which have related objectives and cooperate, as far as possible, with them.

Now therefore, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

II. PRINCIPLES

The Parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding following principles founded in respect and mutual goodwill, and accord each other all reasonable cooperation and assistance as may be expected between institutions committed to the highest standards of scientific research, environmental protection and international cooperation.

III. OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum of Understanding aims to provide a favorable context to:

1. Intensify cooperation among both Parties, with a view to develop synergies in their research and surveys of marine waters in their respective regions;
2. Exchange relevant experience on key issues of mutual interest, including capacity building and training, knowledge transfer for third parties;
3. Organize when possible joint international workshops, symposia and conferences;
4. Cooperate on matters related with the provision of science-based advice to influence international policies in relevant bodies and conventions;

IV. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

Under this Memorandum of Understanding, and within available time and budgetary resources, CIESM and ICES intend to cooperate in the development of methodologies and approaches on the following science priorities:

- Introduced species, including the economic implications of introductions .
- Operational Oceanography.
- Jellyfish outbreaks and ecosystem regime shifts.
- Marine protected areas and biodiversity.
- Economic valuation of ecosystem services.

CIESM and ICES also intend to cooperate in the following common activities:

- Science communication, in particular at the interface fishers and fishery scientists, including the integration of local ecological knowledge and the use of social media.
- Data and information management, including development of marine information technologies.
- Access to non-restricted information and outputs of their respective activities, including working documents, newsletters, yearbooks, conference and workshop proceedings and reports, and other publications.
- Consult each other regularly to review progress of cooperation and identify the most appropriate ways and means of ensuring effective cooperation.

The Parties acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is non-binding and will cooperate with each other in good faith to resolve any disputes or conflicts that may arise in connection with this document.

V. DURATION AND TERMINATION

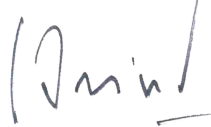
This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into operation upon signature by both parties and will have a duration of three years.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party before the expiry date by giving notice in writing to the other Party. The period of notice shall be fourteen days.

No change to or modification of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made except by prior written agreement between CIESM and ICES.

In witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties hereto sign two (2) originals of this Agreement, in English, considered identical in Monaco and Copenhagen.

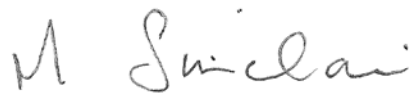
Signed on behalf of CIESM



Dr. Frederic Briand
CIESM Director General

Date: 30.08.2012

Signed on behalf of ICES



Dr. Michael M. Sinclair
ICES President

Date: 30 August 2012