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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into and executed on 27.07.2018 between **COMMUNITY AGRO BIODIVERSITY CENTRE OF M S SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, KALPETTA, WYANAD DISTRICT, KERALA STATE-INDIA. 673577.**

AND

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, KONGUNADU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, GN MILLS, COIMBETORE, TAMILNADU STATE-INDIA-641029

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, KONGUNADU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE

The Department was started in the academic year 1974-1975 with the undergraduate course, and the Department bears the badge of seniority. In 1977, for the first time, among all the colleges in Tamilnadu, Sericulture was introduced as an ancillary subject along with Botany, Biochemistry. The department offers M Sc., M Phil and PhD courses since 1982. The Department is specialized in the fields of Entomology, Environmental Toxicology, Vermitechnology, Aquaculture, Biotechnology and Biodiversity. The department has 13 teaching and 7 supporting staffs with well established research facilities.

COMMUNITY AGRO BIODIVERSITY CENTRE (CAbC)-MSSRF

Whereas Community Agrobiodiversity Centre (CAbC) established in 1997 at Wayanad district of Kerala state, as one of the regional centres of M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF). Chennai, India; the centre start promoting community conservation systems of rural and tribal people of Wayanad district in particular and Kerala in general

through research, extension and advocacy programmes. The centre works in partnership with rural, tribal and farming community families for sustainable agricultural and rural development. The activities of the centre have been designed in such a way that promote a pro-nature, pro-poor, pro-woman and pro-livelihood orientation toward socio-technology development and its dissemination. Operational area of the centre is confined to the Western Ghats region of Kerala. Over a period of more than two decades, MSSRF has evolved with a C4 framework for ensuring conservation, enhancement and sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity. MSSRF'S frameworks integrates both eco-centric and anthropocentric approaches in conservation by giving emphasis on conservation, cultivation, consumption and commerce (C4 continuum). Apart from giving thrust to conservation of Agro biodiversity for food and livelihood security, the centre is also engaged in conservation of rare, endemic and threatened plant species of Western Ghats. For the functional clarity the centre's activities related to biodiversity have divided into three thematic areas, i.e., (1) Conservation and Enhancement , (2) Education, Communication and Training and (3) Sustainable Livelihood and Food Security.

Both Department of Zoology, Kongunadu Arts and Science College and CAB-C-MSSRF realizes that in current context, working together is the essential need to make visible impacts in the area of scientifically credible knowledge generation. This will be useful for mainstreaming basic science research in many sphere of sustainable development. Therefore both institutions are desirous to enter into a research development agreement so that value can be added to existing research work. It also agreed the synergy between these two elite organizations will be most ideal for optimization of physical and intellectual progress in biological Science research through collaborative approaches. Therefore, this Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the following areas of mutual interest and includes the mode of implementation so that the synergy between two organizations can be promote rapid progress in scientific research.

- This MoU can be terminated at any time by either parties by giving one month prior notice.
- In witness were off both the parties here to have signed this MoU on this day, month and year as mentioned above.

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Witness:

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