

# MEMORANDUM OF



National Institute of Forest Science Republic of Korea

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## UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY UNDER THE STATE COMMITTEE OF FORESTRY OF THE REPUBLIC UZBEKISTAN

AND

### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOREST SCIENCE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is entered into by and between the Research Institute of Forestry under the State Committee of Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan (RIF) and the National Institute of Forest Science (NIFoS) (hereinafter referred to as each a "Party", and together the "Parties").

CONSIDERING the objective of RIF is to act as the main research center for the development of relevant research projects, innovative developments that will further serve the goals of preventing desertification, effective reforestation, improving the ecological situation, combating drought and desertification, adapting to changing climatic conditions, as well as promoting their accelerated implementation in order to advance the country's forestry to a new, higher level.

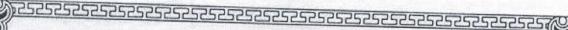
CONSIDERING FURTHER the objective of NIFoS, as a research institute for the people that innovates sustainable values of forest, is to improve its research performance as an exemplary institute in forest science, to consolidate its own role and identity to develop and disseminate forest science and technology, and to innovate the power to create virtuous cycle where an achievement in forest science leads to national development.

HAVING common principles and objectives, which include promotion of international cooperation and scientific excellence; and

CONSIDERING the complementary nature of the parties in the areas of common interest, based on mutual turst and interest, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

#### Article 1 Objective

The purpose of the MOU is to provide a general framework for cooperation between the Parties on promoting scientific research and expand mutually beneficial cooperation in the



#### Article 5 Communication

- The contact divisions of the Parties for the communication and coordination of joint activities are:
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- For Research institute of forestry: Tashkent province, Tashkent region, Chimkent way str 6; e-mail: markaz@urmon.uz, phone: +(99871) 225-71-85.

#### Article 6 Consultation

 Any differences arising from the interpretation or application of the MOU may be resolved through mutual consultations between the Parties.

#### Article 7 Miscellaneous

- The MOU may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Any amendments shall be made without prejudice to any rights or obligations accruing or incurred under the MOU or supplementary agreements thereto reached prior to the effective date of such amendments.
- Other matters not specified in the MOU will be mutually determined by the Parties.
- In witness whereof, the Parties have signed the MOU in duplicate in the English language, both texts being equally authentic, on the 2nd day of December 2020.

The Research Institute of Forestry under the State Committee of Forestry of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Deputy Chairman of the State Forestry Committee KhamzayevA.Kh. National Institute of Forest Science

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areas of science technology and innovation of the forest sector. The MOU is not intended to be a legally binding on either of them, and simply a statement of intent by each of them to strengthen cooperation and communication, as well as to develop recommendations for cooperation.

#### Article 2 Scope of Cooperation

- 1. The Parties will cooperate in the following areas:
- Development and implementation of joint research projects on the forest sector.
- Personnel exchange for the implementation of scientific research in the forest sector, including cooperation between researchers, research experience sharing, expert exchange, etc.
- Implementation of activities to strengthen and promote networks and partnerships in the forest sector, including organizing and hosting forums, seminars, symposiums,
- Sharing of knowledge and experience on forest science, such as distributing publications associated with forest science and presenting outcomes of any research on forest science.
- Other areas of cooperation as may be established by the Parties in writing.
- 2. The Parties may supplement the MOU with separate agreements or exchange of letters to detail the scope and financial arrangements if applicable, for specific programs, projects, and activities.

#### Article 3 Confidentiality and Disclosure

- The Parties agree to keep confidentiality and not to disclose to any third party any information received from the other Party regarding its business, research, intellectual property and technical activities.
  - Any information with respect to cooperative activities contemplated herein shall not be distributed without a prior written consent of the other Party.

#### Article 4 Effectiveness and Termination

- 1. The MOU will be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing.
- 2. The MOU will remain in force indefinitely unless terminated by either Party, giving at least thirty (30) days written notice of its intention to terminate the MOU.