



COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) AND THE PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC (CPPS)

Considering that the purpose of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) is to promote scientific marine research and relevant ocean services with a view to improving and increasing knowledge of the nature of the ocean and its resources through action geared to the organization of international scientific research and related activities in the fields of ocean science, ocean services and training,

Bearing in mind that IOC is planning, establishing and coordinating a global oceanographic observing system to gather the information needed for oceanic and atmospheric forecasts for oceans and seas worldwide,

Considering that IOC, in carrying out its functions, enjoys the support of other bodies working with a broad range of scientific programmes, administering and exchanging physical, chemical and biological information on the ocean, coasts, seas, rivers and lakes and monitoring, examining and observing programmes and systems at the regional level, the most important activity being the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS),

Taking into account that GOOS is a Global Ocean Observing System aimed at providing long-term information on a coordinated global strategic basis to be used in combination with predictive models, thereby extending the ocean services previously provided, that it is based on the principle of free access and open exchange of information, and that it furthermore facilitates effective and sustainable management and exploitation of the oceans and seas and the prediction of future changes,

Considering that IOC provides for activities to be carried out under its programmes and sub-programmes in close cooperation with programmes and institutions of the United Nations system and with regional and sub-regional international organizations such as the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS),

Considering that the areas of competence of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) include promoting research programmes on the maritime climate and climate change (Regional Study of the Phenomenon known as "El Niño" - ERFEN), annual regional oceanographic observation

cruise programmes in the southeast Pacific, and the Climate Alert Bulletin for this area,

Considering that CPPS promotes joint activities and helps secure technical and financial assistance for oceanic, climatic, biological and ecological research geared to the optimum development of the maritime zone and coastal areas of its States,

Taking into account that CPPS furthers the establishment of cooperation machinery with countries and competent international entities, United Nations specialized agencies and other international bodies and agencies for the development of policies, plans, projects and programmes,

Having regard to the fact that the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific signed a cooperation agreement on 2 April 1984, IOC and CPPS agree as follows:

Article I Purpose

The purpose of the Agreement between the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) is to strengthen cooperation between both institutions.

Article 2 Research Cooperation

IOC and CPPS will increase cooperation in oceanographic and meteorological research on the marine climate in the southeast Pacific, with emphasis on fluctuations such as the "El Niño" and "La Niña" phenomena.

It will also strengthen oceanographic research among the CPPS member states, standardizing analysis methods, interpreting results and disseminating them efficiently.

Article 3 Cooperation in global programmes

IOC and CPPS will increase their cooperation under the GOOS programme, aimed at establishing a regional observation system for the south-east Pacific based on the GOOS design and following its principles.

Steps will also be taken to increase cooperation in integrated coastal area management (ICAM) programmes, with the aim of strengthening the ICAM capabilities of IOC and the member states of the CPPS region.

Article 4

Information exchange and the establishment of international networks

IOC and CPPS will exchange information within their respective areas of responsibility, including information on the implementation and effectiveness of programmes carried out in the southeast Pacific region.

IOC and CPPS also undertake to increase their cooperation with regard to file exchange of data and information on oceans, placing special emphasis on the establishment of institutional networks of national, regional and global scope and on the introduction of services and securing of products and data and information that benefit multiple-user groups.

Article 5

Data compilation, analysis and evaluation

IOC and CIIPS will increase their cooperation centered on questions related to oceanography and monitoring studies in the countries of the southeast Pacific region, including data compilation, analysis and evaluation and the management of information to consolidate meteorological, climatic and coastal observations in the southeast Pacific region.

Article 6

Coordination of activities

IOC and CPPS will organize, as appropriate, in the framework of the Agreement joint activities on questions of mutual interest, such as training workshops and short courses on topics relating particularly to the evaluation of ocean weather and climate and climate change.

Article 7

Contributions from IOC

Under this Agreement, IOC undertakes to make the following contributions:

- a) Development, promotion and facilitation of international oceanographic research programmes with a view to improving our understanding of regional and global ocean processes and their relationship to the sustainable development of our oceans;
- b) Planning, establishment and coordination of a global oceanographic observing system to gather the information needed for oceanic and atmospheric forecasts for oceans and seas worldwide;
- c) International leadership in training, education and technical assistance programmes for Integrated Coastal Area Management (ICAM);
- d) Efficient use and broad availability of ocean and atmospheric data obtained through research, observation and monitoring;

- e) Relevant products and training opportunities from the Ocean Data and Information Network for the Caribbean and South America region (ODINCARSA)

Article 8 **Contributions from CPPS**

Under this Agreement, CPPS undertakes to make the following contributions:

- a) Research programmes on the marine climate and climate change: Regional Study of the Phenomenon known as "El Niño" (ERFEN);
- b) Programme of annual regional oceanographic observation cruises in the southeast Pacific;
- c) Climate Alert Bulletin for the southeast Pacific.

In coordination with the member countries, the following services may be provided:

- a) Coastal stations for observation of oceanographic and meteorological conditions (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru), in agreement with member countries;
- b) Seasonal oceanographic cruises in agreement with member countries;
- c) Annual fishing statistics for the southeast Pacific (since 1990);
- d) Specialized library on marine subjects (4,000 volumes)

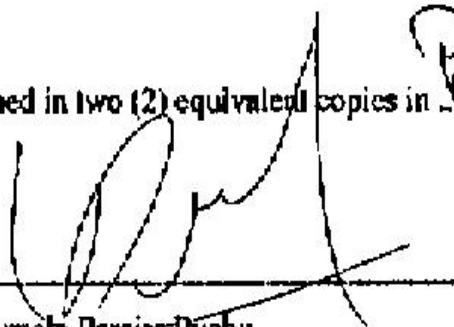
Article 9 **Revision and amendments**

This Agreement may be revised with the joint consent of IOC and CPPS at the request of either party.

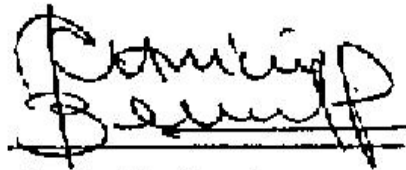
**Article 10
Duration**

This Cooperation Agreement shall remain in force for four years from the date of signature. Its renewal for an equal period of time must be expressly agreed by both parties before the expiry of its initial term.

Signed in two (2) equivalent copies in Paris and dated 30 Sept. 2003



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