

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (the "IATTC"), an intergovernmental organization established by a 1949 Convention and functioning under the 2003 Antigua Convention as the regional fisheries management organization (RFMO) responsible for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of tuna and tuna-like species and associated species belonging to the same ecosystems in the Convention area.

And

Ocean Conservancy, a non-governmental organization exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that was established in 1972 and is dedicated to the long term health of the world's oceans;

in the firm conviction that their collaboration towards the development of a proposal for application of the POSEIDON model to assist in the sustainable management of tunas and tuna-like species in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (the "POSEIDON project") will further their respective missions, hereby execute the following Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU").

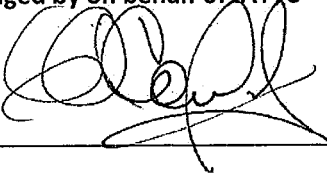
1. The objective of the MOU is to facilitate and enable an optimal level of collaboration between the two organizations in relation to the POSEIDON project through the appointment, on a temporary basis, of a Postdoctoral Research Assistant ("PDRA") in the headquarters offices of the IATTC in La Jolla, California. The parties will comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in the performance of the obligations of this MOU.
2. In addition to constituting an institutional bridge between the IATTC staff and the POSEIDON team, the terms of reference of the PDRA are described in Appendix A-1 of the MOU.
3. The position of the PDRA will be funded and supported by Ocean Conservancy via an existing sub-grant with Arizona State University (Appendix 1) for the duration of the project (18 months) which includes all expenses related to the PDRA activities within the framework of the project.
4. The IATTC will provide to the PDRA the material support consistent with the terms of reference (Appendix A-1) and with what it usually gives to visiting scientists and researchers, such as provision of the necessary office space, access to communications, etc.
5. Public statements and publications by either IATTC or Ocean Conservancy regarding activities undertaken jointly under this MOU shall expressly acknowledge this collaboration. Neither IATTC nor Ocean Conservancy will make any commitments or take any positions on behalf of the other Party without the other Party's specific written consent. Each Party preserves its right to independent expression on issues related to activities that may be undertaken under this MOU and each Party shall notify the other Party before publicly expressing a position on such issue.
6. Neither Party shall use the name of the other in any press materials, web-based or other publication without the prior written consent of the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing,

each Party may include the name of the other on any published and updated list of institutional collaborations, routinely maintained, during the term of this MOU.

7. Neither Party shall disclose or use any confidential information relating to the other Party to which it, its employees or agents may be or have become privy as a result of their collaboration in the project pursuant to this MOU, except to those individuals who are directly participating in the project and who need to know in order to carry out its terms or the terms of this MOU.
8. This MOU is valid for a period of August 1, 2018, to April 30, 2020 (the Term). The Term of the MOU may be extended in writing signed by both Parties. Either Party may terminate the MOU during its Term for any reason by giving six (6) months advance written notice to the other Party or the Parties agree to engage in a reasonable negotiation regarding the winding up of the project.
9. The liaison for IATTC will be Dr. Alexandre Aires-da-Silva, Coordinator of Scientific Research, and the liaison for Ocean Conservancy will be Chris Dorsett, Vice President, Conservation Policy and Programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed the MOU as of the date(s) set forth below.

Acknowledged by on behalf of IATTC

Signature: 

Name: Guillermo Compean
Title IATTC Director

Date: 07/09/18

**Acknowledged by on behalf of
Ocean Conservancy**

Signature: 

Name: Chris Dorsett
Title: Vice Present, Conservation Policy and Programs

Date: 7/10/2018