



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, NEW ALIPORE. KOLKATA - 700 053, INDIA**

**AND**

**BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY, BHANJA BIHAR, BERHAMPUR, ODISHA-760007, INDIA**

Berhampur University and the Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India agree that for encouragement and development of cooperation and exchange in areas of mutual academic interest, it is desirable to enhance research and educational processes at both the universities/institutes and to strengthen mutual understanding between their respective staff, scholars and students. The Zoological Survey of India represented by Dr. Kailash Chandra, Director, ZSI and Berhampur University, represented by Professor Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, hereby enter into an agreement for academic and educational cooperation and have set forth the following Articles of Mutual Agreement:

**Article 1**

*Berhampur University and the Zoological Survey of India agree on, but is not limited to, the following based on their academic and educational needs:*

1. Exchange of scholars and scientific staff.
2. Exchange of students.

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3. Exchange of academic information and materials subjected to provisions under the Biodiversity Act (2002) and or any other such legal bindings by the Govt. of India.
4. Zoological Survey of India, Estuarine Biology Regional Centre shall be a recognized Research Centre for undertaking Doctoral and Post Doctoral Programme by the Berhampur University.
5. The bonafide students and research scholars of both the Institutions will have access to research facilities and logistics at Berhampur University and Zoological Survey of India, Estuarine Biology Regional Centre, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Odisha during their course work and research period for conducting field based or laboratory based research.
6. The scientists of Zoological Survey of India conducting research shall be recognised as Guide/Co-Guide for supervising Master's and Doctoral Programmes on Zoology, Marine Sciences, Environmental Sciences and or any other Biological Sciences as the case deemed, by Berhampur University.
4. Joint research activities and publications could be undertaken on the following areas:
  - i. Wetland Ecological Studies including Chilika, Bhitarkanika and Mahanadi Riverine Ecosystem.
  - ii. Estuarine Ecological Studies with special reference to estuaries of Odisha
  - ii. Studies on the Northern Eastern Ghat range
  - iv. Studies in different Protected Areas of Odisha
5. Organisation and participation in conferences and academic meetings such as courses, seminars, symposia or lectures.
6. Other academic exchanges that both institutions agree to.

## Article 2

The implementation of each exchange programme or joint project based on this agreement shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis and agreed upon in writing by both institutions. Any such exchange programme or joint project entered into, as outlined above, will form an appendix to this basic agreement.

### **Article 3**

The exchange programmes and/or projects as mentioned in Article 2, are not intended to be legally binding documents. They are meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines of the programme or project. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either university/institution, nor will any constraint be imposed by either upon the other carrying out the agreement.

### **Article 4**

In order to carry out and fulfil the goals of this agreement both universities/institutes shall designate a programme coordinator to develop and co-ordinate the specific programmes and projects agreed upon. The appendix, as part of the general agreement, shall include such items as:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each university/institution for the agreed upon activity.
2. Schedule for the specific activity.
3. Budget and sources of financing for each activity.
4. Any other item deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.

The programme coordinators will be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this agreement according to the practices of the respective parties. Letters of agreement will be approved by both sides according to the normal procedures adopted by the signatory parties.

### **Article 5**

This agreement shall take effect on the day of which it is signed and shall continue until terminated by agreement between the parties. Any changes must be agreed to in writing by both parties. A minimum period of six months notice will be required from either party wishing to terminate the agreement.

As witness to their consent to this agreement, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.

For the Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata

India,



<Dr. Kailash Chandra>

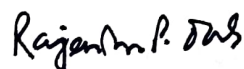
Director, ZSI

Date: 28/10/2016



For Berhampur University, Odisha

India,



<Professor Rajendra Prasad Das>

Vice Chancellor

Date: 28/10/16

