

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

between

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY (“CNR”)

Piazzale Aldo Moro 7 – 00185 Rome, Italy

and

THE NATIONAL MARINE BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF KOREA (“MABIK”)

101-75, Jangsan-ro, Janghang-eup, Seochun-gun, Chungchungnam-do, Korea

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Agreement between the National Research Council of Italy and the National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea (hereinafter referred to as CNR and MABIK respectively), both Parties have agreed on the following cooperative programme.

Article 1. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote the cooperation between Korean and Italian researchers and research centres through the following forms of cooperation:

- a) Joint research programs
- b) Visits and exchange of research staff
- c) Other cooperative activities mutually accepted

Article 2. Joint Research Projects

For the joint research projects the cooperation will be conducted as follows:

- 2.1 The Parties shall promote scientific collaboration on the following research areas:
 - Marine biology and taxonomy
 - Marine biodiversity and conservation
 - Marine biotechnologies
 - Marine ecology and restoration
- 2.2 Both parties will support up to two (2) joint research projects as stated in the Article 2, with the participation of scientists from each Party.
- 2.3 The call for proposals of joint research projects will be announced simultaneously by the Parties in April every two years. The first call for proposals will be announced

in April 29, 2024 with a deadline of July 1, 2024. The selected joint research projects will be in place for a duration of two years.

- 2.4 The joint research projects will be expected to start on January 1, 2025
- 2.5 Both parties, CNR and MABIK, will:
- a) gather all the applications from their respective sides,
 - b) review them separately, and
 - c) exchange prioritized lists by the beginning of November.
 - d) select the joint research projects to be funded on the basis of financial availability and the provisions of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.
 - e) finance its own team of researchers.
- 2.6 The list of joint research projects mutually approved will be made public once available.

Article 3. Financial Support

In accordance with the provision of Article 2 of the Scientific Cooperation Agreement, the approved joint research projects shall be financed as follows:

- 3.1 The Parties agree to contribute on an equal basis to the financing of the program, subject to the availability of the Parties' funds.
- 3.2 For each project, MABIK will provide annually up to 20.000,00 € to the Korean team, and CNR will provide up to 20.000,00 € to the Italian team.
- 3.3 The support given by the Parties to the research teams shall complement the proper resources of each team, and is intended to subsidize the general costs linked to the international nature of the projects, the costs of international travel, mainly transportation and per-diem expenses.

Article 4. Medical insurance

The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country.

The receiving Party will provide the visitor with all indispensable organisational assistance in situations requiring such steps.

Article 5. Protection of Personal Data

Concerning the protection of personal data deriving from this Cooperative Programme, refer to article 7 of the Agreement on Scientific Cooperation.

Article 6. Amendments

Amendments to this CNR-MABIK Cooperation Programme may be proposed by either CNR or MABIK. Such amendments will become effective when CNR and MABIK have mutually agreed upon them.

Article 7. Duration and Termination

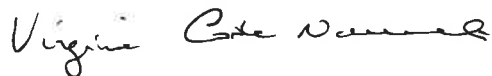
This Cooperative Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature from both Parties and remain valid during for a period of two years.

This Cooperative Programme is signed in two copies in English.

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