

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF IMPROVED MUD CRAB CULTURE SYSTEMS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIA**

**1. GENERAL**

1.1 This MEMORANDUM expresses the understandings of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Australia concerning the responsibilities and contributions respectively of the two Governments with regard to the implementation of the ACIAR Project No. 9217 "Development of Improved Mud Crab Culture Systems in the Philippines and Australia".

1.2 The project aims to produce technology which will allow significant advancement in the yield of mud crab juveniles from hatchery rearing as well as provide assistance in raising the profitability and productivity of pond culture. Such reliable hatchery techniques will lead to a greater degree of mud crab culture in Southeast Asia and will allow consideration of artificially enhancing wild populations to re-establish breeding populations or increase fishery yield. The project is further described in Attachment 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

In This Memorandum:

"Australian institutions, firms and organisations" means Australian institutions, firms or organisations engaged in the project;

"Australian personnel" means Australian nationals or permanent residents or other persons who are not nationals or permanent residents of the Philippines, who are working in the Philippines on the project and whose salaries or other costs are funded from the contribution of the Government of Australia to the project;

"dependant/dependent" means the spouse or unmarried minor children of a member of the Australian personnel or any other person recognised by the two Governments as a dependant/dependent of a member of the Australian personnel;

"professional and technical material" means equipment, motor vehicles, and other goods imported by members of the Australian personnel or Australian institutions, firms and organisations for their professional use in carrying out

their assigned duties under the project and paid for from funds provided by the Government of Australia;

"project supplies" means equipment/ material and other goods supplied for the execution of the project, the cost of which is funded from the

contribution of the Government of Australia to the project;

"services" means services performed by individuals or by general professional partnerships registered in the Philippines as detailed in Attachment 1; and

"personal and household effects" means equipment, motor vehicles and other goods imported by Australian personnel or Australian institutions, firms and organisations for the personal use of Australian personnel and their dependents while engaged in the project.

### **3. COORDINATING AUTHORITIES AND IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**

3.1 Each Government will implement the research project through respective Co-ordinating authorities.

3.2 The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, hereinafter referred to as ACIAR, will be the Australian Co-ordinating Authority. The Philippine Council for Aquatic and Marine Research and Development, hereinafter referred to as the PCAMRD, will be the Philippine Co-ordinating Authority.

3.3 Under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, ACIAR nominates Queensland Department of Primary Industries, hereinafter referred to as QDPI, to carry out the project on its behalf, and the PCAMRD nominates the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Aquaculture Department, hereinafter referred to as SEAFDSC/AQD, and the University of the Philippines in the Visayas, hereinafter referred to as UPV, to carry out the project on its behalf, as described and detailed in Attachment 1.

### **4. CONTRIBUTIONS**

4.1 The contributions of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Australia as described in Attachment I are estimated to value Five Hundred and Sixteen Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (AUD 516,400) and One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand and Five Hundred and Ninety Dollars (AUD 163,590), respectively. The financial contribution of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will be subject to its annual Congressional appropriations. The financial contribution of the Government of Australia will be subject to its annual Congressional appropriations. The financial contribution of the Government of Australia will be subject to the normal annual parliamentary approval of appropriations.

4.2 Further to the estimated contributions above, additional funds will be provided by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for payment of taxes incurred through implementation of the project.

### **5. PERSONNEL**

5.1 The Government of the Philippines and the Government of Australia as described will provide personnel possessing the competence required for the project, including Australian and Philippine project leaders. The project leaders will have responsibility for effective implementation in their respective countries.