MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between Institute A and Institute B
(hereinafter referred to as the “parties”)

WHEREAS, the parties desire to reach an understanding for joint participation in a Title XII Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) in Aquaculture funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and

WHEREAS, Institute B has entered into a subcontractual agreement with Oregon State University (OSU), the Management Entity for the CRSP, whereby Institute B will implement and operate a Collaborative Research Support Project with Institute A, and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize the mutual benefits to be derived from jointly participating in the CRSP as a means of expanding and improving the knowledge, understanding, opportunities and capabilities of fishery production through aquaculture,

Now, therefore, the parties do hereby record their understanding as follows:

Article I – Purpose:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to record that the parties agree to participate in a collaborative research program in aquaculture. Consummation of an administrative agreement between Institute A and Institute B is a requirement of the agreement between Institute B and OSU, and OSU cannot pay reimbursement to Institute B for work conducted at Institute A in the absence of such an agreement.

Article II – Elements of the Agreement:

A. Institute A will be the lead US institution for the period of this MOU, but other PD/A CRSP institutions may actively cooperate with Institute A and Institute B, both at the project site and in the region. Any necessary agreements between Institute B and other PD/A CRSP institutions will be defined in documents separate from this MOU.

B. The research areas to be addressed under this agreement, as determined jointly by scientists representing Institute A and the CRSP are in-depth studies of the physical, chemical and biological processes regulating the productivity of pond culture systems.
C. Experiments conducted under this program will be designed and evaluated by teams composed of selected scientists from participating U.S. universities, as well as scientists designated by Institute A and other participating non-U.S. institutions. U.S. and Institute A project scientists will have access to data, make joint efforts on reports and share authorship as appropriate for publications resulting from CRSP work.

D. Experiments conducted under this program will be jointly accomplished by qualified (Ph.D.) research scientists employed by the counterpart U.S. institutions in cooperation with Institute A personnel. Institute B project scientists will coordinate logistics, including personnel, equipment and supplies, in cooperation with Institute A scientists.

E. In the event of a need to change either U.S. or Institute A personnel, the project director from either the U.S. university or Institute A may initiate action and finalize it in consultation with the counterpart director.

F. The CRSP management may visit Institute A at any time to observe research activities funded under the CRSP.

G. Contingent only upon available funding from USAID, participating U.S. universities will provide:

1. USAID approved travel reimbursement to allow Institute A personnel to attend meetings with collaborators, subject to approval by the CRSP Program Manager and Institute B P.I., and to travel in country for project purposes.

2. Such laboratory equipment, computer facilities and supplies as may be required for successful completion of the experiments, which are not presently available for the project at Institute A.

3. Funds for renovation and maintenance of CRSP ponds and laboratory, project utility consumption, communication, publication and other support services.

4. Salary and allowance for biologists and technicians directly hired through Institute A for work on CRSP.

5. Release time, when possible, for U.S. scientists to participate in the Institute A aquaculture program.

H. In support of these research activities, the Institute A will provide:

1. Ponds, laboratory space and related infrastructure.

2. Release time of Institute A scientists for participating in CRSP research.
(3) Technician support to assist in CRSP research.

(4) Access to Institute A library and computer facilities.

(5) Duty-free status for importation of project supplies and equipment.

(6) Appropriate appointments for participating U.S. resident scientists, who will receive privileges offered to Institute A International staff. The primary responsibility of these scientists will be to conduct CRSP experiments.

(7) Management of project operational expenditures at Institute A through the Institute A accounting system.

Article III – Duration:

This MOU shall become effective upon date of final signature and shall continue until modified, amended or terminated. It may be modified, amended or terminated by unanimous agreement of the parties in writing. Any party may withdraw from this MOU by giving 90 days advance written notice to the other party.

Article IV – Proprietorship:

All project equipment, vehicles and facilities purchased with CRSP funds under this MOU and used exclusively at Institute A will be registered and recorded by Institute A administration, and will become Institute A property on termination of the experiments. Any exceptional arrangement should be agreed upon between Institute B and Institute A.

Article V – Communication:

Communication regarding this MOU shall be directed to the signatories with copies to the CRSP Program Manager.

AUTHORIZED INSTITUTIONAL SIGNATURES

For Institute A  For Institute B

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Date: Date: