

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IWOKRAMA AND THE GUYANA MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is hereby made and entered into between **IWOKRAMA**, an environmental NGO established under **the Companies Act** with its office situated at 49 High and Barrack Streets, hereinafter referred to as IWOKRAMA; and the **GUYANA MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY**, a non-governmental organization established under the Friendly Society's Act, its registered office situated at 23 Oleander Gardens, East Coast Demerara, hereinafter referred to as GMCS.

### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MoU is to formalize the relationship between IWOKRAMA and GMCS to collaborate on conservation and sustainable use of Guyana's coastal and marine ecosystems, action on climate change and support for low carbon development and the marine economy.

### **2. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS**

IWOKRAMA's benefits include a continued, active, long term relationship with GMCS to seek out opportunities in the areas identified and to promote the collaboration between IWOKRAMA and GMCS at the national, regional and international level. As part of the collaboration, IWOKRAMA is keen to develop and implement joint initiatives which can include collaboration on social and biological assessments, education and awareness, livelihoods initiatives, research, and environmental monitoring, particularly in Region 1.

GMCS's benefits include an active relationship with IWOKRAMA, which would facilitate access to knowledge and expertise across a range of disciplines, strategic networking, fundraising, and implementation capabilities.

The primary focus of the MoU is for IWOKRAMA and GMCS is to augment each other's capabilities and resources for initiatives to be undertaken by IWOKRAMA and GMCS.

### **3. IWOKRAMA AGREES TO**

1. Team and work collaboratively with GMCS for environmental, conservation and sustainable ecosystem management in the coastal and marine environment, climate change programs and other relevant initiatives.
2. Serve as a teaming partner with GMCS for agreed projects.
3. Work with GMCS to prepare and submit proposals for opportunities within the scope of this MoU.
4. Establish with GMCS an Annual Work Program to identify initiatives to be jointly pursued and the modalities of the collaboration on a project by project basis.
5. Assign IWOKRAMA personnel to work with GMCS team members on projects and initiatives.
6. Work together to promote the IWOKRAMA and GMCS collaboration to potential clients/donors and to seek out opportunities.

### **4. GMCS AGREES TO**

1. Team and work collaboratively with IWOKRAMA.
2. Serve as teaming partner with IWOKRAMA for agreed projects.
3. Work with IWOKRAMA to prepare and submit proposals for opportunities within the scope of this MoU.
4. Establish with IWOKRAMA an Annual Work Program to identify initiatives to be jointly pursued and the modalities of the collaboration on a project by project basis.
5. Assign GMCS personnel to work with IWOKRAMA team members on projects and initiatives.
6. Work collaboratively to promote the IWOKRAMA and GMCS collaboration to potential clients/donors and to seek out opportunities.

### **5. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT**

1. This MoU applies for collaboration on education and awareness, livelihood opportunities, research, training and capacity development, in the areas of conservation and sustainable use of the coastal and marine ecosystems, action on climate change and the advancement of initiatives to support low carbon development and the marine economy.
2. The purpose of this MoU is to develop and formalize the relationship between IWOKRAMA and GMCS and is not a legal document, but an understanding between the two entities that they will work together in their best interests to explore and implement mutually beneficial projects as appropriate.
3. Modifications within the scope of this MoU will be made by mutual consent of both parties through the issuance of a written modification signed and dated by all authorized representatives prior to such modifications.

4. Contracting agreements on individual projects will be agreed on a case-by-case basis between IWOKRAMA and GMCS.
5. Either party, in writing, may terminate the MoU in whole or in part at any time before the date of expiration.

6. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

IWOKRAMA Contact	GMCS Contact
Mr. Dane Gobin Executive Director IWOKRAMA 49 High and Barrack Streets Kingston Georgetown Guyana +592 600 8588 dgobin@iwokrama.org	Ms. Annette Arjoon Martins President Guyana Marine Conservation Society 23 Oleander Gardens East Coast Demerara, Guyana +592 600 7272 <a href="mailto:Annette.Arjoon@aslgy.com">Annette.Arjoon@aslgy.com</a>

7. DURATION

This MoU will be effective immediately upon signature by authorized representatives of IWOKRAMA and GMCS. The MoU will remain in effect for a period of 2 years and automatically renew for an additional 2 years on a continuous basis. It is an ongoing understanding to jointly pursue potential opportunities and this MoU is not tied to success on individual projects or initiatives. Automatic renewal will not occur if either party notifies the other party of its intent not to renew the MoU at least 30 days prior to the date of automatic renewal.

8. SIGNATURES OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

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Annette Arjoon Martins, President  
 Guyana Marine Conservation Society

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Dane Gobin, Executive Director  
 IWOKRAMA.

Date:

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Witnesses:

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