Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
SEAMEO Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture
and the LakeNet Secretariat

Whereas, the SEAMEO SEARCA is an inter-governmental organization established by the Ministers of Education of Southeast Asia based in the University of the Philippines at Los Banos, and the LakeNet Secretariat is an NGO based in the United States with a network of more than 1,000 organizations and individuals in more than 100 countries, working for the conservation and sustainable development of lakes;

Whereas, the SEAMEO SEARCA and the LakeNet Secretariat find many points of common interest, the Parties hereby express their intention to cooperate in this Memorandum with the aim of improving the conservation and sustainable development of lakes in the Southeast Asian region and its watershed.

Areas of Cooperation

1. To implement a Technical Cooperation Project through a small grant with funding from USAID under the auspices of the Lake Basin Management Initiative in 2003-2004.

2. To strengthen the capacity of watershed management and sustainable development activities as part of a longer term cooperation during 2004-2006.

3. To share information and experience regarding lake basin management through LakeNet's global network and other exchanges.

4. To strengthen the capacity of lake resource management institutions in Southeast Asia.

Time Period

This Memorandum of Cooperation shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years from the date of signature by both parties.

The Memorandum may be extended upon written agreement by both parties.

Amendments and Termination

This Memorandum may be amended any time with the agreement of both Parties and may be terminated one month after the written notice from either Party.
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Signed in two originals in the English language, which have the same legal basis.

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