

Subject: Memorandum of Agreement

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Dear Dr. Linton,

As an outgrowth of the NSF-IGERT and the GES Center activities, NCSU has been instrumental in pulling together a consortium of universities, government agencies, and a non-profit conservation organization to do work related to use of genetic engineering to safeguard biodiversity on islands. I won't go into a lot of detail here, but NCSU is about to become the organizational lead on a grant from DARPA for over \$6,000,000 to get this work started.

Please find attached an Memorandum of Understanding (as a PDF) for participating in a non-obligatory international partnership for the development and assessment of novel technology for potential use in the conservation setting. Besides NCSU, two other universities (Texas A&M and Univ. of Adelaide) are involved. The three government agencies include the US Department of Agriculture, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) of Australia, and Landcare Research of New Zealand. Island Conservation is the conservation non-profit partner.

As an international Memorandum of Understanding, this has been processed through the US Department of State. The document has already been signed off on by the Australian CSIRO, the USDA group, and Island Conservation. I am hoping that you will agree to sign off and then we will have Dean Ditto sign off because faculty from both colleges are involved.

If we can get your sign off before June 2nd, the forms can be hand delivered to the University of Adelaide within a few days. There are 10 copies to sign (sorry about that). Each signatory will receive a 'wet-ink' copy for their record after all have signed. The cover page explains the process further.

I know that summer schedules are hard to coordinate, but if there a time we can meet on May 31st or June 1st to arrange the signing process that would be great. If that is not possible, I can bring the hard copies to your office tomorrow (Friday May 26th) and pick them up once signed.

Thanks for your help,
Fred

—Attachments:—

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