



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

and

THE COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS



This Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) is entered into in February 2022 by and between the Republic of the Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority (“RMI EPA”) and the College of the Marshall Islands (“CMI”).

1. Purpose. This MOA is designed to foster mutual cooperation between CMI and RMI EPA to support the training and upskilling of marine and environment sector students and workers in the Marshall Islands. CMI and RMI EPA agree to the following subject to mutual consent and the availability of sufficient funding:

- a. RMI EPA will make their staff available for student and faculty visitation (e.g. Water Quality Lab);
- b. RMI EPA will make their staff available as guest lecturers for CMI courses;
- c. RMI EPA will offer opportunities for students and faculty in CMI's Marine Science Program to accompany assessors in the field;
- d. RMI EPA will offer internship opportunities, when possible for students in CMI's Marine Science and Science Programs, within each of RMI EPA's Divisions (Coastal, Water Quality, Waste & Pollutants, and Education & Awareness);
- e. CMI and RMI EPA will collaborate on the submission of grant proposals to donor partners that will advance programs and build the necessary capacity to provide students with careers pathways in Marine Science Vocational Education;
- f. CMI will provide access to snorkel and dive gear (except air tanks) when possible, to support RMI EPA's efforts to train RMI EPA staff to be certified divers and to conduct in-water environmental assessments. RMI EPA will take care the equipment and any damage will be covered by the RMI EPA;

g. The terms of such assistance and funding for any other specific programs and activities shall be mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of a particular program or activity;

h. The sole contact persons to coordinate these programs and activities are Dr. Irene Taafaki, President of CMI, or her designee, Box 1258, Majuro, MH 96960, and Ms. Moriana Phillip, RMI EPA General Manager, or her designee, Box 1322, Majuro, MH 96960.

2. Responsibilities. RMI EPA and CMI shall:

- a. initiate collaborations of mutual benefit to both institutions;
- b. support training requirements for CMI Marine Science Programs;
- c. assist with development concepts and proposals for joint projects;
- d. consider requests for teaching assistance where feasible and appropriate; and
- e. participate in national activities pertaining to Marine and Environment training.

3. Amendment. No amendment, consent, or waiver of terms of this MOA shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by all parties. Any such amendment, consent, or waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specified purpose given. The parties to this MO, by the signatures below of their authorized representatives, acknowledge having read and understood this MOA and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

4. Term. This MOA shall commence on May 10, 2022, and end on the last day of April 2027. Either party may terminate this MOA by at least 6 months written notice to the other party.

Date: May 10th, 2022



Moriana Phillip, RMI EPA General Manager

Date: May 18, 2022



Dr. Irene Tafaaki, CMI President