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## LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LOA)

between

### **RAM Legacy Stock Assessment Data Base Initiative**

School of Aquatic and Fisheries Science  
College of the Environment, University of Washington  
1122 NE Boat St, Box 355020 Seattle, WA 98195-5020

and

### **Instituto de Fomento Pesquero**

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Valparaíso, Chile

for

### **Furthering Scientific Cooperation and Capacity Building**

1. Preliminar:
  - i. Taking into account that the Instituto de Fomento Pesquero and the RAM Legacy Stock Assessment Data Base Initiative have been actively collaborating during past two years;
  - ii. Noting that the collaboration between both Sides was concreted in activities such as: internships, training courses, data and information exchange and join publication of scientific paper;
  - iii. Agreeing both Sides that such collaborations have been mutually beneficial; and both Sides are willing to further continue collaborating; and,
  - iv. Recognizing that further collaborations between both Sides should be formalized.
2. Both Sides agrees as follows,
3. The Instituto de Fomento Pesquero, Chile, (IFOP) and the RAM Legacy Stock Assessment Data Base Initiative, USA (RAM Legacy) (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides") enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to encourage collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both Sides. Based on the principles of equality and reciprocity, this LOA serves as a general framework for cooperation between the two Sides and is intended to facilitate discussions for more specific programs of collaboration. Any specific program of collaboration or sharing of confidential information will be subject to formal agreement. A key focus of this LOA will be to:
  - i. IFOP will contribute to the RAM Legacy Stock Assessment Database Initiative, by means of:
    - Providing information and data sets on the stock assessments made by IFOP scientists on a regular basis in a format agreed by both Sides.
    - Participating in meetings convened by the RAM Legacy team.
    - Participating in the elaboration of either technical documents or scientific papers.
  - ii. RAM Legacy will contribute to enhance the scientific capabilities of IFOP by means of:
    - Exchanges between IFOP's scientist and University of Washington.
    - Funding the internships of four IFOP's scientists in 2019-2021 at School of Aquatic and Fisheries Science, by a maximum of two months each. This funding is in place as of June 2019, but exchanges may be continued as funds are available in the future.
    - Providing facilities for the internships of other IFOP' scientists funded by IFOP.
    - Giving either talks, short training courses or workshops to IFOP' scientists in Chile (constrained to the availability of funds).
  - iii. In case to be requested by any Side, to support the other Side for the application for funding of projects in a way to be agreed.
  - iv. Identify other areas of possible interest and collaboration.



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4. A designated person at each Side will oversee and facilitate implementation of this LOA in cooperation with other appropriate administrators at the respective institutions. The expansion of cooperative areas and activities is to be further discussed based on the needs and interest of both Sides. The IFOP designates Mr Juan Carlos Quiroz. The RAM Legacy designates Dr Ray Hilborn. Each Side may change the designated person by informing the other Side.
5. The scope of activities under this LOA will be determined by funds regularly available at both Sides for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.
6. Notwithstanding anything contained in this LOA, each Side retains its autonomy to conduct research independently of this LOA.
7. Each Side's rights, title and interest in its intellectual property and confidential information remains unaffected by the existence of this LOA. For the avoidance of doubt, neither Side, is obliged to disclose any confidential information to the other Side, and any disclosure or exchange of confidential information must be covered by an appropriate confidentiality agreement.
8. Upon signature by each Side, this LOA will be in effect until terminated by either Side. An evaluation of this arrangement will take place four years after the date of signing. Either Side may terminate this LOA by giving the other Side at least one month in advance notice of intention to terminate. Termination will incur no liability on either Side, and will not affect any agreements or other legally-binding arrangements in place between the two Sides.
9. This LOA is not governed by international or domestic law and does not constitute, nor is it intended to be a legally binding arrangement or contract. It does not create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied. It serves only as a record of each Side's separate intention pending execution of specific agreements governing the undertaking of activities as contemplated by this document.
10. Nothing in this LOA is to be treated as creating a partnership, agency, trust, joint venture or otherwise.



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11. Any dispute, controversy or difference as to the interpretation of this LOA will be settled amicably by mutual consent between the Sides.

For: Instituto de Fomento Pesquero, Chile

Name: Mr. Luis Parot

Signature:

Title: Executive Director

Date: September 11st, 2019

For: RAM Legacy Stock Assessment Data Base Initiative

Name: Dr. Ray Hilborn

Signature:

Title: Professor

Date: September 11st, 2019