

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines
and
The Government of (BOLIVIA)

concerning collaboration on *in-situ* Conservation of *Ara rubrogenys* species

RECOGNIZING that The Republic of the Philippines through the Birds International, Inc. (BII) has successfully bred Appendix –I, such as *A. rubrogenys* and that BII is seeking the registration of its captive breeding operations with the CITES Secretariat and its legitimate trade of the above-mentioned species;

ACKNOWLEDGING with deep appreciation that The Republic of the Philippines and the BII as an experience and well-established breeding operator of *A. rubrogenys* species and many other birds, has expressed their goodwill and commitment to coordinate and actively assist Bolivia on her *in situ* conservation programmes;

TAKING account of the CITES Conference Resolution 13.9 that urges Parties to encourage *ex situ* operations that breed Appendix-I animal species to:

- a) seek cooperative measures that would support *in situ* conservation based on resources generated by those captive-breeding operations; and
- b) support *in situ* conservation programmes, *inter alia*, technical support, contribution of funds, capacity building and training, technology transfer, infrastructures and other measures.

RECOGNIZING that the (XXXXX) as the designated Bolivian Scientific Authority of CITES is responsible for providing technical and scientific advice to its Management Authority, in particular as to whether the export or introduction from the sea of specimen will be detrimental to the survival of the wild of the species involved;

NOTING that *A. rubrogenys* species are protected by Bolivian regulations, thus, there shall not be any form of trade on protected species within the country and from the country. The only possible trade of protected species is strictly limited to registered F2 from breeding in captivity;

REALIZING that the increased trend in illicit trafficking /smuggling of species included in the CITES Annexes necessitates that concerned Parties sharing common interest in (XXXX) *species* conservation could enhance and intensify their operation;

CONSIDERING that the close cooperation between the CITES Management Authorities and the bird breeding operators of the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Bolivia would be of mutual benefits and increase the effectiveness of *in situ* species conservation efforts as well as contribute to the implementation of the specific CITES provisions;

HENCEFORTH this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is prepared, agreed and entered into by and between:

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines, which represented herein by **The PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE BUREAU** with office address at Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, represented by its Director, **DR. THERESA MUNDITA S. LIM**, hereinafter referred to as “PAWB”;

-and-

The Government of Bolivia, which is represented herein by (XXXXX represented by its Director, (xxxxx), herein after referred to as (XXXXX)

WHEREAS, the PAWB as the Management Authority of the Philippines in the Conservation on International Trade in Endangered Species of the Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) for terrestrial wildlife species is committed to formulate and implement policies, plans and programs on the conservation, development, management and sustainable use of wildlife/ biological resources;

WHEREAS, the PAWB endeavors to closely cooperate and collaborate with the various local and foreign institutions/agencies/organizations in the implementation of the various conservation-oriented programs and/or conduct of scientific researches on biological diversity for social, economic and scientific benefits;

WHEREAS, the (XXX) as the CITES Management Authority of Bolivia is also committed to formulate and implement, policies, plans, and programs on the conservation, development, management and sustainable use of wildlife/biological resources;

WHEREAS, the (XXX) also endeavors to closely cooperate and collaborate with various local and foreign institutions/agencies/organizations in the implementation of the various conservation-oriented programs and conduct of scientific researches on biological diversity for social, economic and scientific benefits;

WHEREAS, the PARTIES to this MOU, in pursue of their common interest and objective of ensuring a healthy environment and sustainable use of each country's wildlife resources for the present and future generations, are willing to collaborate with each other in the implementation of this MOU;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in the consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants herein set forth, the **Parties** have agreed upon to take further steps to implement this MOU, as follows;

Article 1

Goal of Collaboration

1. To support and improved *in situ* conservation of the *Ara rubrogenys species* based on the resources generated from *ex situ* breeding operation; and
2. To strengthen the enforcement of CITES-listed species by enhancing the legality and sustainability of *A. rubrogenys species* in both *ex situ* breeding and *in situ* conservations programs/projects.

Article 2

Roles of the Parties

1. The PARTIES to this MOU shall agree upon the different institutional arrangements, as a protocol/procedures to implement this Understanding, such as the Parties' contact/focal person(s) and ways/means of communications/meetings needed to keep the collaboration running;
2. The PARTIES shall seek support/contribution from resources generated from *ex situ* breeding operations and accommodate measures to benefit in the *in situ* conservation under this MOU;
3. The parties of this MOU shall facilitate close coordination and collaboration with the other government agencies and concerned stakeholders, where appropriate and necessary in the implementation of this MOU;
4. The PARTIES shall be tasked to undertake the timely approval, monitoring and evaluation (M & E) of the implementation project(s) covered under this MOU;

5. The PARTIES shall be responsible to determine and provide solutions to any problems that might hamper the collaboration under this MOU and in mutual consent may revise/amend the contents of this MOU.

Article 3

Implementation of the MOU

1. The collaboration among parties are implemented through well-defined Programs/Projects proposed under the Understanding;
2. Both Parties may propose Implementation Programs/Projects related to *in situ* conservation of *A. rubrogenys species*, which shall include, among others, technical support, contribution of funds, capacity-building and training, technology transfer, combating illicit/illegal wildlife trade, infrastructure development and other conservation measures;
3. The Project Document(s) approved by the Parties are attached herewith as part of this MOU;
4. The Project Document(s) should clearly state/indicate the different collaborators, affiliates/partners, and parties involved (e.g. government agencies, NGO's, Breeders, Research Institutes, local people), objectives, operational plan, duration and places, budgeting and source of budget, and reporting system ;

Article 4

Codes of Research, Data Sharing and Ownership, and Publications

1. Acknowledge the PAWB and (XXX) and other stakeholders in all research-results and experimental data or materials produced from this MOU;
2. Accord co-authorship materials, reports, articles and/or publications to the PWAB and (XXX) personnel and other scientists/individuals involved substantially in the research activities;
3. Furnish the PAWB and (XXX), and other relevant agencies/individuals, copies of all published and unpublished reports and articles about the Program/Project or any Project-related undertakings;
4. Abide by the other provisions of CITES Rules and Regulations, and other pertinent laws and regulations, as may be applicable and appropriate;

Article 5

Termination and Renewal

This MOU shall remain valid and effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing hereof. The termination or renewal of this MOU is applicable upon consent of parties concerned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our signature this 8th day of the (month/date/year) at (place)

For The Protected Areas
And Wildlife Bureau

For the XXXXX

DR. THERESITA MUNDITA S. LIM
Director

Director

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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Mr. Antonio M. De Dios
President & General Manager
Birds International, Inc. (BII)