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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BILASPUR UNIVERSITY, BILASPUR AND CONSERVATION CORE SOCIETY, BILASPUR CONSERVATION RESEARCH AND WORKABLE CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Population growth, developmental activities, mining, industrial expansion, agriculture progression, encroachment in forests, habitat degradation and fragmentation are the major causes of unlimited pressure on wildlife habitat and environment. Wildlife conservation is the general preventive measure for many unforeseen problems as wildlife is the best and easiest indicator of healthy ecosystem. Biodiversity is critical to ending poverty and promoting shared prosperity for the tribal populations who directly depends on the forest for their livelihoods and day- to- day needs.

The intent of this document is to jointly work on issues related to conservation of wildlife, forests, and biodiversity. Areas of work mostly include ecological research, human-wildlife conflict, community- oriented conservation research work and projects, habitat conservation and restoration. The main idea is to achieve realistic solutions, with interdisciplinary approaches and collaboration to conservation problems through research to understand and address the problem, education to explain it, community involvement to ensure participation and acceptance, and implementation of long-term workable conservation solutions.

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## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS ASSOCIATION

The main purpose of this association is enhancing the research capability; making an inventory and maintaining biodiversity database of the State, publications, reports, and scientific papers; education and awareness; and outreach and community involvement through awareness campaigns and events.

## 3. OUTCOMES EXPECTED

The target is to

- Conduct the scientific studies and, research concerning the conservation and development scenario of the State and Country, i.e., environmental impact studies, flora and fauna distribution.
- Publish reports, scientific papers, research papers, books, etc.
- Capacity building of research scholars and field assistants in conducting field studies and sample collection.

## 4. COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

The University and the NGO, Conservation Core Society, agree to explore and assist in a collaborative way for research- based scientific studies concerning the conservation and development scenario which is crucial in the present scenario of climate change. The scope of collaboration includes but is not limited to the following:

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SE and Utilization certificate will be submitted for every financial year and after completion of the project from CCS to Bilaspur University.

The University shall provide all administrative and operational support for the projects and CCS will do the field-based work.

Both the parties mutually agreed to generate funds for the program and projects that are agreed upon.

All ownership of the propriety data/information collected or generated under this collaborative agreement will be shared equally and be acknowledged in all the reports, scientific papers, research papers, books, etc.

### 5. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

Each party to this agreement shall indemnify and release the other, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, loss, proceedings, damages, causes of action, liability, costs, or expense, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising from, or in connection with, or caused by, any act, failure to act, or negligence of such indemnifying party, to the extent limited in accordance with the law.

#### FINANCIAL AGREEMENT 5.

10% Institutional Charges will be given to the University and 90% project cost will be given to the Conservation Core Society for field work, report writing, printing, and other expenses. The University will be paid a total of not exceeding 10% towards institutional charges for facilitating project completion. University shall release the funds / advance within a month of receiving the funds from the agencies or getting a request letter from the CCS, whichever is earliest, for smooth running of the project.

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## 6. DURATION / TERM OF MOU

This MoU shall be valid for Five (5) years from the date of its entering into and may be mutually extended from time to time in writing by both the parties.

## CHANGE / AMENDMENT

No change can be made to this MoU without written consent and duly signed by all the parties. Additions, deletions, and/or alterations to this MoU may be effected with the written agreement of all the parties to this MoU concerning the changes. Documents containing such additions, deletions, and/or alterations and signed by both the parties shall form addenda to this MoU, and be deemed part of this MoU.

The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby confirm their agreement to its terms by the following signature and mutual sharing of Documentation:

