

**ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, NEW ZEALAND ON
COOPERATION IN MANAGEMENT, RESEARCH AND PROTECTION
OF NATURAL PROTECTED AREAS**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of the Philippines and the Department of Conservation, New Zealand (herein referred to as the Participants):

Being aware of the importance of working together to strengthen their cooperation for the protection and conservation of natural protected areas through relevant exchanges of information and expertise; and

Recognising the importance of cooperation for mutual benefit on the basis of mutual respect;

Have reached the following understandings;

PARAGRAPH 1: FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION

The present Arrangement establishes the basic framework for cooperation in the areas of mutual interest and benefit for the Participants in the management, research and protection of natural protected areas.

PARAGRAPH 2: COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

The activities for cooperation between the Participants under this Arrangement may include:

a. Exchanges of information

Expanding networks for electronic information exchange;

Exchanging technical and professional information, on the basis of mutual interest and concern, through designated contact points for each Participant;

b. Joint Seminars, Workshops, and Fora

Arranging joint seminars, workshops, or fora on issues of mutual interest and concern;

c. Joint Survey and Research

Establishing a research programme on the natural resources and ecosystems of protected wild areas in the territories of the Participants;

d. Cross secondment or Exchange of Staff

Initiating a short-term (1-2 months) or a longer-term (up to 12 months staff exchange programme by jointly selecting areas of exchange, subject to the availability of resources;