

**ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CURAÇAO AND THE WAITT INSTITUTE
TO UNDERTAKE THE BLUE HALO INITIATIVE PROCESS**

This document constitutes an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from 26 February 2015 between the Government of Curaçao and the Waitt Institute (the Parties).

1. Recognizing:

- a. The existing commitment and ongoing work between the Government of Curaçao and the Waitt Institute;
- b. The Besluit Raad van Ministers of 8 November 2017 adopting the “Recommendations for Curaçao Sustainable Ocean Policy”; and
- c. The shared goals of achieving a healthy, productive, and sustainable ocean and economic growth and human well-being through long-term sustainable management of ocean resources;

2. The Parties therefore agree to specifically focus on the following actions as described in the “Recommendations for Curaçao Sustainable Ocean Policy” within the proposed timeline for the period of September 2018 through December 2019:

- a. Designating Curaçao waters 30% as marine sanctuary zones by
 - i. Designation of marine park (September 2018)
 - ii. Designation of fish reproduction zones (September 2018)
 - iii. Adoption of offshore marine sanctuary under the Nature Ordinance (December 2019)
- b. Developing and adopting an enforceable marine spatial plan by
 - i. Passing regulatory framework needed for a ecological marine spatial plan for Curaçao’s waters, including stakeholder engagement with a final marine spatial plan and enacting a licensing process to enforce the plan (May 2019)
- c. Improving domestic fisheries management
 - i. Establish new fisheries law, including an updated spearfishing and gillnetting ban, (December 2019)

3. In undertaking this ambitious endeavor, the Parties will:

- a. Pass appropriate laws within 18 months of signing this Declaration; and
- b. Upon passage of such laws, the Waitt Institute will commit to an additional 24 months of technical support.

4. General Provisions

- a. This MOU Addendum will go into effect when signed by all parties;
- b. This MOU Addendum will remain in effect until either modified or cancelled by mutual consent of the signing parties. Any party may terminate this agreement by providing 60 days’ written notice

to the other parties. During this period, the parties shall make good-faith efforts to resolve any disagreement;

- c. Nothing in this MOU Addendum requires any party to take any action that is contrary to applicable law, or regulation; and
- d. Nothing in this MOU Addendum creates a financial obligation.

Signed for the Government of Curaçao by

Signed for the Waitt Institute by

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