



ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

AND

THE WAITT INSTITUTE

THIS ADDENDUM is made this 15 th day of February 2023.

BETWEEN: The Government of the Republic of Fiji ('Government of Fiji') of the one

part;

AND: The Waitt Institute ('Waitt Institute') of the other part.

(May be individually referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties")

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows:

- A. On 3 December 2021, the Parties executed a Memorandum of Understanding as a declaration of their mutual intent to support the Government of Fiji's commitment to management of its ocean resources and the Blue Prosperity Program in recognition that sustainable use of ocean resources is critical for long term economic well-being, improved livelihoods and ecosystem health.
- B. Recognizing the existing commitment and Program of Work between the Parties, the shared goals of achieving a healthy, productive and sustainable ocean and that the sustainable use of ocean resources is critical for long-term economic well-being, improved livelihoods and ecosystem health and that the people of Fiji have installed a new government and this has resulted in a realignment of ministerial portfolios.
- C. The Parties agree to implement the Memorandum of Understanding and execute the Blue Prosperity Fiji Program of Work submitted to the National Ocean Policy Steering Committee in August 2022 to result in the establishment of at least 30% fully protected marine protection, reinforce and advocate shared objectives under the Memorandum of Understanding and promote strong coordination between the parties and amongst key stakeholders towards the successful implementation of Blue Prosperity Fiji.
- D. Pursuant to Article X(1) of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Memorandum of Understanding may be amended in writing.
- E. Accordingly, the Parties have agreed to execute this Addendum to amend the Memorandum of Understanding.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 ADDENDUM

On and with effect from the date of this Addendum, the Memorandum of Understanding is amended by:

- (a) deleting the reference to "Ministry of Economy" and substituting "Office of the Prime Minister" in Article IX; and
- (b) inserting the following new article after Article X:

"XI. Termination

This MOU will remain in effect until either modified or cancelled by mutual consent of the signing parties. Any party may terminate this MOU by providing 60 days written notice to the other party. During this period, the Parties shall make good-faith efforts to resolve any disagreements."

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Nothing in this Addendum requires any party to take any action that is contrary to applicable laws or regulations.

Nothing in this Addendum creates a financial obligation.

EXECUTION

IN WITNESS THEREOF the Parties have hereunto executed this Addendum on the date aforementioned.

Executed for and on behalf the **Government of the Republic of Fiji** by the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs:

Hon. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka

Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Environment, Civil Service, Information, Public Enterprises and Veteran Affairs **Executed** for and on behalf the **Government of the Republic of Fiji** by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics:

Hon, Biman Chand Prasad

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics

Executed for and on behalf the **Government of the Republic of Fiji** by the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry:

Executed for and on behalf the **Waitt Institute** by the Founder and Chairman of the Waitt Foundation and the Waitt Institute:

Hon. Kalaveti Vodo Ravu

Minister for Fisheries and Forestry

Mr Ted Waitt

Founder and Chairman of the Waitt Foundation and the Waitt Institute