

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
Between
THE CANADIAN HIGH ARCTIC RESEARCH STATION
And
THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLAR AND OCEAN RESEARCH OF INDIA
concerning Polar research collaboration

The Canadian High Arctic Research Station and the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research of Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants";

CONSIDERING the global importance of advancing polar science and technology for sustainable economic and social development, and environmental stewardship;

RECOGNIZING the mutual benefits of working together on the basis of equality and reciprocity,

UNDERSTANDING that collaboration will include the additional appropriate entities from Canada and India, such as academic institutions, northern-based organizations, Indigenous communities, government agencies and the private sector;

Have come to the following understanding:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) is to establish a working relationship between the Participants in order to:

- (i) cooperate in Arctic and Antarctic research by facilitating access to research infrastructure, and sharing resources and data;
- (ii) coordinate and integrate research activities to enable efficient operations and advance knowledge creation in the polar regions.

2. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Participants will carry out the following activities:

- (i) identify mutual interests and strive to integrate research projects where possible;
- (ii) develop mechanisms to facilitate reciprocal access to polar research infrastructure and logistical services;
- (iii) facilitate the exchange of personnel, data and other resources in areas of mutual interest;

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(iv) engage and collaborate with the appropriate entities in Canada and India to ensure research projects are inclusive.

3.ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Each Participant will bear the cost originated by their respective activities.
- (b) Each Participant will determine the appropriate mechanism for their respective institutions to advance the purpose of this MOC;
- (c) The Participants will decide to report on and review their activities under this MOC on a regular basis to ensure they remain relevant.



4.WORK PLANS

- (a) To further the activities listed in this MOC, the Participants will jointly develop work plans relating to specific shared research initiatives, access to infrastructure and logistical cooperation.
- (b) The Participants will implement these work plans upon their mutual consent.

5. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

- (a) This MOC will take effect on the date of its last signature by the Participants.
- (b) The Participants may amend this MOC upon their mutual written consent.
- (c) Either Participant may terminate this MOC by giving 30days written notice to the other Participant.

Signed in duplicate at New Delhi, on 26th Feb 2020, in the English, French and Hindi languages, each version being equally valid. In case of divergence in the interpretation, the text in English language shall prevail.

On behalf of the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research of India	On behalf of the Canadian High Arctic Research Station
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