**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**“Evaluation of TURF-reserve effectiveness in Mexico” - TURFeffect**

**AND**

**Comunidad y Biodiversidad Asociación Civil – COBI**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while not a legally binding document, does indicate a voluntary agreement between Comunidad y Biodiversidad A.C. (COBI) and the project “Evaluation of TURF-reserve effectiveness in Mexico”, a group project at the Master’s Program of the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management.

**Overall Project Goals, Services and Outcomes:** The above-mentioned project aims to provide COBI with a framework, containing biophysical, socioeconomic and governance indicators, to aid in the co-management of government-owned and fishermen-owned no-take marine reserves. The framework will be provided in the form of a guidebook, written in Spanish and English, geared towards a non-academic audience to ensure that it is easily understandable and usable by the reserves’ stakeholders.

**Term one:** This MOU shall begin upon the receipt of raw data from COBI.

**Term two:** COBI commits to the following in support of the project:

1. Provide all available data related to our selected biophysical, socioeconomic and governance indicators for both no-take reserves and control sites in Mexico.
2. Help conduct the socioeconomic survey designed by TURFeffect, providing contact information for the target communities.
3. Allow unrestricted release of results and processed data for the purpose of publications and presentations.

**Term three:** The TURFeffect group commits to the following in the support of the project:

1. Determine a set of biophysical, socioeconomic and governance indicators that can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of no-take reserves in Mexico.
2. Use the selected indicators to propose a framework for evaluating the effectiveness of no-take marine reserves in Mexico.
3. Develop an English/Spanish guidebook with the selected indicators that provides the user instructions on how to implement our framework.
4. Not publishing or distributing any form of raw data from COBI. In addition, the group will give COBI the opportunity to review results before any publication, upon request.

**Term four:** This MOU may be terminated only by agreement of both parties.

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