



Government of Nepal
Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation
Department of Plant Resources



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Korea National Arboretum

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE KOREA NATIONAL ARBORETUM
OF KOREA FOREST SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANT RESOURCES
OF GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL**

The Korea National Arboretum of the Korea Forest Service (hereinafter referred to as "KNA") and the Department of Plant Resources (hereinafter referred to as "DPR") (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides");

Recognizing the benefits to be derived from closer cooperation in the field of forestry and plant resources; and

Considering their common interest in developing closer forestry and plant resources and cooperation on the basis of

equality;

Have come to the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1
General Provision**

1. DPR's mission is to conduct research in plant sciences, including conservation development and utilization of plant resources through comprehensive research to promote the public understanding of plant resources in Nepal.

2. KNA's mission is to conserve and develop plant resources through comprehensive research to promote the public understanding of forests and plant resources in the Republic of Korea.
3. The Sides will implement the letter and the spirit of the 1973 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the national laws and regulations of the Sides concerning biodiversity, including laws on access to and the transfer of plant genetic resources.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines, in general terms, the guidelines for mutual cooperation and is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.
5. This MOU will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and subject to the availability of financial resources of the two Sides.

Paragraph 2

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to foster good relations for scientific cooperation between the Department of Plant Resources (DPR) and the Korea National Arboretum (KNA).

Paragraph 3

Cooperative Activities

Collaborative activities under this MOU will be implemented by mutual consent and on a reciprocal basis, and may include:

- (a) scientific collaboration and joint research projects on taxonomy, ecology, plant conservation and botanical garden
- (b) exchange of scientific researchers for research, training, workshops and seminars.
- (c) joint seed collection expeditions and seed exchange program; only for research purpose
- (d) joint expedition for herbarium collection and exchange of dry plant i.e. herbarium materials

- (e) KNA will provide technical support for the botanists of DPR in writing flora of Nepal, gardening and DNA bar coding;
- (f) KNA will provide technical support for strengthening the seed gene bank of DPR specially present at National Botanical Garden, Godavari, Lalitpur
- (g) exchange of publication and information;
- (h) any other program of mutual interest.

Paragraph 4 Intellectual Property

1. The Sides jointly decide that before either Side produces intellectual property that could be subject to this MOU, the Sides will be guided by the local and international laws. The collaborative research work will be guided by the Research Guidelines of Plant Resources - 2013, Govt. of Nepal.
2. Intellectual property rights will be protected in accordance with jointly decided provisions of the future arrangements keeping in harmony with the spirit and articles of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
3. It is the intention of the sides that any results arising from research undertaken under this MOU will be published in accordance with standard scientific practice, and any results arising from joint research must be published with the participation of both sides. Before undertaking any research project that might give rise to publishable research the sides will jointly decide a publication protocol.

Paragraph 5 Amendment, Duration and Termination

1. This MOU will come into effect upon its signature and will remain in effect for an initial period of five (5) years and may be extended by mutual written consent for additional and successive five-year periods.

2. This MOU may be terminated by either Side with six months prior written notice of its intention to terminate it. In the event of termination, each Side will continue its cooperative activities which are underway prior to the termination of this MOU and will bear its own costs thereof.
3. This MOU may be modified by mutual written consent between the Sides. Such modifications will be subject to the written approval of the Director General of KNA and Director General of DPR or their designees.

Paragraph 6
Resolution of Disputes

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved through consultations between the Sides.

Signed in duplicate at each place, on the day of 17th March, 2015, in the English language.

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