Memorandum of Understanding
Establishing A Strategic Alliance Between
The Conservation Management Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
and
Legacy International
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Legacy International (known here as LI) and Conservation Management Institute (known here as CMI) agree that the organizations share complimentary missions and that they can mutually benefit by collaboration.

CMI, as part of its broader mission, has been developing strategic partnerships with several organizations to enhance its International Division by participating with successful field programs that contribute to the global benefit of wildlife and habitats and the people they support, and to foster new opportunities for faculty and students both in the United States and abroad.

CMI and LI are experienced international contributors to conservation management and to professional development and citizen education, and are seeking financial support through grants, consultancies, and project contracts to enhance their programs around the world.

The Conservation Management Institute is a grant-funded research institute in the College of Natural Resources of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University consisting of a broad range of disciplines supported by Virginia Tech faculty, research staff, graduate students and undergraduate students.

Legacy International is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) Virginia corporation with offices in Bedford, VA. providing educational and professional development programs and consultations focused on helping people address personal, community, and global needs while developing skills and effective responses to change. Legacy International is recognized as an organization of experience, efficiency, and effectiveness that implements the organization’s principles of cross-cultural communication, cross-sectoral collaboration, and leadership development.

LI and CMI agree that there are many possibilities for collaboration that can benefit both organizations. LI and CMI agree that collaboration will enhance development possibilities through an expanded international network and the use of shared expertise.

Specifically, CMI and LI will seek joint funding for agreed upon projects, share information about funding and development opportunities, and use available resources of both organization to increase their effectiveness through joint ventures as appropriate and agree upon by both parties.

The organizations will discuss, as strategic partners, current and new projects that can benefit the organizations by working together. The organizations agree:

- to establish and maintain regular communication concerning development and progress of joint projects,
• to develop and maintain a mutual respect and appreciation for the independence of each organization's uniqueness and diverse capabilities;
• to prepare new program development proposals for joint project and networking assistance and Web site linking as appropriate.

By signing this document both parties agree to appropriate confidentiality.

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On Behalf of Legacy International
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