MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

INSTITUTE OF HYDROBIOLOGY, CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
(IHB, CAS)
WUHAN, HUBEI, CHINA

Institute of Hydrobiology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IHB, CAS) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this memorandum of understanding.

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational process at both the institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.
1. The institutions agree to encourage the development of the following programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

- Exchange of faculty
- Exchange of students
- Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
- Exchange of academic information and materials
- Exchange of periodicals and other publications
- Organization of joint research programs
- Organization of joint conferences
- Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both institutions

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both institutions.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both institutions affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of five years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

5. Brian R. Murphy, Professor of Fisheries and Director, Conservation Management Institute at Virginia Tech and Professor Songguang Xie Professor of Fisheries at the Institute of Hydrobiology (IHB) will serve as liaison officers for this agreement.
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