

Tomé-Açu Memorandum of Cooperation
Between
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil
on the Sustainable Use of the Biodiversity of the Amazon

On 8 January 2021, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to singularly as a “Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”),

Have reached the common recognitions as follows:

PARAGRAPH 1

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “this MoC”) is to further bilateral cooperation between the Participants for the promotion of agroforestry systems in the Amazon. It also aims at promoting science, technology and innovation for joint research and the exchange of experiences on the sustainable use and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the economic utilization of the biodiversity of the Amazon.

PARAGRAPH 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants seek opportunities to cooperate in the areas of:

- A) Agroforestry Systems in the Amazon
 - a. Productive chains of social and environmental value;
 - b. Adding value to agroforestry products and environment services;
 - c. Environmental restoration for economic purposes; and
 - d. Promotion of REDD+.
- B) Promotion of science, technology and innovation in the Amazon
 - a. Joint researches on genetic resources and the sustainable use of biodiversity;
 - b. Technical training for companies; and
 - c. Transfer of environmentally sustainable technologies.

C) Any other area to be decided upon subsequently in writing by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 3

FORMS OF COOPERATION

1. Cooperation between the Participants in the areas identified in Paragraph 2 may take the following forms:
 - a. Development of programs to stimulate the creation and expansion of agroforestry systems in the Amazon and the sustainable use of biodiversity;
 - b. Implementation and/or support for technical and scientific training programs focused on the sustainable use of the biodiversity of the Amazon;
 - c. Exchange of experiences, information, best practices and modern technologies in areas related to agroforestry systems and sustainable use of biodiversity in the Amazon;
 - d. Exchange of visits by specialists and delegations;
 - e. Organization of joint seminars, workshops and meetings with the participation of scientists, experts and other stakeholders;
 - f. Promotion of aquaculture production systems; fisheries management systems for Amazonian species; sport fishing tourism; and studies on the dynamics of fish resource populations; and
 - g. Any other form of cooperation to be decided upon in writing by the Participants.
2. A Joint Working Committee, composed of representatives from both Participants, is to be formed to uphold the objective of this MoC and to review regularly on the progress of the work.
3. The Participants expect that the Joint Working Committee will develop a Plan of Action (POA) setting out the initial cooperation projects. This POA may be updated and modified at each meeting of the Joint Working Committee, as appropriate.

PARAGRAPH 4

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Participants will make their best efforts to promote the joint implementation of projects and activities in the areas of cooperation stated in Paragraph 2.
2. The Participants will endeavor to involve and collaborate with relevant authorities and stakeholders as appropriate, including but not limited to government and non-government agencies, research institutions and private companies.
3. The implementation of this MoC will be jointly decided by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 5

INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALITY

Each Participant is to observe the confidentiality in respect of information received from or supplied by the other Participant at all times, in line with the national legislation of each Participant.

PARAGRAPH 6

OBLIGATIONS UNDER OTHER TREATIES OR CONVENTIONS

Nothing in this MoC is to affect the obligations of both countries in respect to any treaty, convention or bilateral, regional or multilateral international agreement, where applicable.

PARAGRAPH 7

COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. The cooperation under this MoC will be commenced on the date of its signature and continue for a period of five (5) years, and renewed for another period of five (5) years automatically unless either Participant requests its termination.

2. Each Participant may terminate this MoC upon providing a written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the intended termination.
3. The termination of this MoC will not affect any ongoing activity and/or work program undertaken in line with this MoC unless mutually determined by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 8

MODIFICATIONS

1. This MoC can be modified by mutual written consent of the Participants.
2. The Joint Working Committee is entitled to discuss any modification to the Paragraphs of this MoC and take the necessary actions.

PARAGRAPH 9

LEGAL ISSUES

1. This MoC does not entail any legal obligation that conflicts with domestic laws and regulations in each country. Both Participants retain their legal, regulatory and financial autonomy.
2. This MoC is not an international agreement and is not legally binding. The Participants recognize that collaboration under this MoC does not entail any commitment of funds, personnel and/or any other resources on a mandatory basis.

Signed in Brasília, on 8 January 2021, in two originals, each in the Japanese, Portuguese and English languages, all texts having equal value. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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