

Memorandum of Understanding 2015-2020

between

Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS)

and

Taijiang National Park (TNP)

For a Regional Strategic Program of Action

at

National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan (NCKU)

RECOGNIZING the importance of Taiwan's aquatic and wetland ecosystems, spanning from headwaters to oceans, as significant components of the Taiwan's environment;

NOTING that the health of these freshwater, estuarine, and marine ecosystems is threatened by a wide variety of anthropogenic activities;

NOTING that these ecosystems are critical for Taiwan's sustainability, and are an important economic resource in sectors such as aquaculture, fisheries, and ecotourism;

AWARE OF shared economic, environmental, and social objectives, by the leadership of TNP, NCKU, NUTN, SWS and other organizations promoting, coordinating, and sharing scientific expertise and knowledge of these ecosystems; and

FURTHER NOTING the common interests of the TNP, NCKU, NUTN, SWS, and other organizations in expanding the international scope, membership, and influence of their respective organizations;

TNP and SWS AGREE to promote Taiwan wetland ecosystem scientific study, restoration, education, and outreach via cooperation and action between the parties to this MOU. The parties specifically agree to the following:

To promote the visibility and sustainability of Taijiang National Park (TNP) by:

- supporting a Visiting Professional Officers Exchange Program, conferences, courses, and/or lectures, between SWS, , and Taijiang National Park;
- organizing environmental education programs, seminars, workshops, educational field trips, and formal university, high-school, middle-school, and primary-school classes that will be held yearly at a local education center adjacent to nearby wetlands, or local interested universities;
- providing linkages among scientists, policy managers and decision support personnel from national, regional and local levels of government by providing classrooms,

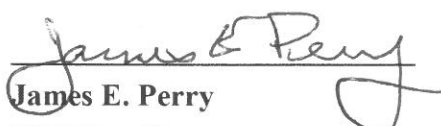
accommodation, and travel expenses to and while in Taiwan. It is understood that the Taijiang National Park Service will take care of this portion of the program's expenses;

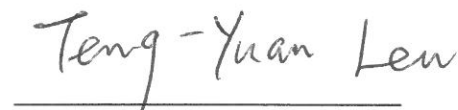
- providing financial, organizational, technical and, if possible, legal support for the forthcoming 2016 Regional Asia-Pacific Wetland Convention to be held by SWS, SWS Asia Chapter, CPA, NCKU, Taijiang National Park, Ramsar Japan, Taiwan Wetland Society, and related authorities. A separate and more detailed MOU for this purpose will be drafted by all major parties involved; and
- supporting participation of Taiwan wetland professionals in the SWS annual meetings or other SWS-sponsored events including symposia, workshops, or similar activities as appropriate.

In the long-term, the undersigned parties agreeing to the RSPA will develop an international presence for Regional Asian wetlands by:


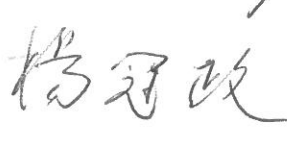
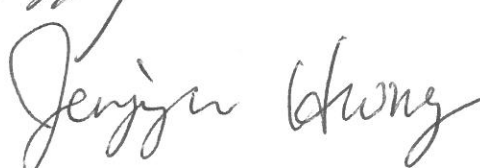
- developing a MOU to be signed by SWS, Taijiang National Park for a Regional Strategic Action Plan for Regional Asian wetlands from 2015 to 2020;
- establishing an office in Taiwan that will provide work space and housing for an Institute for Wetland Studies in Asia;
- providing financial, organizational, technical and, if possible, legal support for future cooperation of the aforementioned institute; Visiting scientific expertise needed to augment expertise in wetland science for a comprehensive curriculum will be determined in consultation with the SWS; and
- Providing access to international study programs that will enhance the scientific vigor and trans-boundary platforms for future research opportunities for Taiwan students, faculty, and other interested parties.

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James E. Perry
SWS President


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Witnesses

國際濕地科學家學會暨台江國家公園

2015-2020 年區域行動計畫 (RSPA) 備忘錄

2014 年 11 月 8 日在國立成功大學簽署

我們**體認**臺灣水生暨濕地生態系統之重要性，從源頭跨越海洋，為臺灣環境顯著之組成部分；

我們**注意**淡水、河口和海洋生態系統之健康，正受到各種人為活動威脅；

我們**注意**上述生態系統對臺灣各行各業之永續性至為重要，例如養殖業、漁業，和生態旅遊之重要的經濟資源；

我們**覺知**共同之經濟、環境和社會目標，通過台江國家公園、國立成功大學、國立臺南大學、國際濕地科學家學會及相關組織之領導，促進、協調和分享生態系統之科學知識；

我們還**注意到**台江國家公園、國立成功大學、國立臺南大學、國際濕地科學家學會，以及其他組織在擴大國際範圍之共同利益，以及其各自組織成員之國際影響力；

台江國家公園和國際濕地科學家學會同意促進臺灣濕地生態系統科學研究、復育、教育和宣傳，通過雙方之間的合作和行動簽署本備忘錄。雙方明確同意以下之條款：

促進台江國家公園濕地能見度及永續發展：

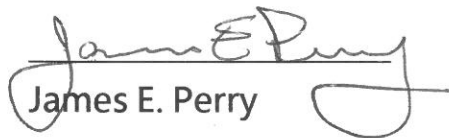
- 持續支持台江國家公園、國際濕地科學家學會人員之互訪、研討會、課程、演講計畫。
- 組織辦理環境教育計畫、研討會、工作坊、考察，以及在大學、中學及小學講授正式課程，上開活動藉由鄰近濕地之環境中心或是地方對濕地有興趣之大學辦理。
- 通過提供教室、住宿和旅行費用之方式，在臺灣提供來自不同國家之科

學家、政策管理者和決策者之支援，強化國家、區域和地方之間聯繫。台江國家公園管理處協助該項計畫的經費支援，依年度預算勻支。

- 雙方以經費、技術及立法支援，推動 2016 年亞洲濕地會議(參與單位略)，相關議約另行簽議。
- 協助台灣濕地專業人士參與國際濕地科學家學會年會或其他該會贊助活動，包括各項研討會、工作坊或相關活動。

長期: 透過區域策略行動計畫，強化亞洲濕地國際重要地位

- 依據 2015-2020 年中長程計畫，推動亞洲區域濕地行動策略方案，強化亞洲濕地國際重要地位。
- 透過國際濕地科學家學會指定辦公室或機構，提供亞洲濕地專業人士溝通交流平台。國際濕地科學家學會及台江國家公園提供雙方相關團體或人員之研究合作機會。
- 透過國際性研究計畫經費，藉以加強跨領域之科學合作長期平台，為今後之濕地教學、濕地研究、社會服務及地方濕地輔導奠定多邊合作基礎。


James E. Perry

SWS President



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台江國家公園管理處處長

見證人

