

LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE BALTIC MARINE BIOLOGISTS  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

Recognizing that the Baltic Marine Biologists (BMB) exists as an international non-governmental scientific organization to promote studies on the biological diversity, structure, function and sustainable management of the ecosystems of the Baltic Sea Area (the Baltic Sea, Belt Seas, Öresund and Kattegat) including facilitation of: (a) contacts between marine biologists working in the Baltic Sea Area, (b) incorporation of young scientists into the scientific society, (c) encouraging joint international investigations, (d) develop and disseminate scientific knowledge on the biology of the Baltic Sea Area through: (1) establishing scientific networking in the field of marine biology, (2) arranging the Baltic marine biological symposia, (3) maintaining and disseminating a list of Baltic marine biologists with their field of expertise, (4) establishing working groups on important issues of marine biology, (5) arranging advanced courses, workshops or other activities in marine biology, (6) co-operating with other international bodies working in the Baltic Sea Area.

Recognizing that the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), exists as a international governmental scientific organization to: (a) promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea, particularly related to the living resources thereof, (b) draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organize, in agreement with its Contracting Parties, such research and investigations as may appear necessary, (c) publish or otherwise disseminate the results of this work, (d) provide scientific information and advice to Member Country governments, and the regulatory commissions with which cooperative relationships have been established. In order to carry out these tasks appropriately and efficiently, the Council seeks, *inter alia*, to establish and maintain mutually agreed working arrangements with other international organisations which have related objectives.

BMB and ICES, hereafter called “the Parties”, have, therefore agreed to the following:

1. There shall be reciprocal consultations between the Parties on matters of common interest in the field of marine scientific research.
2. There shall be exchange between the Parties of information, documents and publications agreed to be of mutual interest, joint or otherwise.
3. The Parties shall invite each other to be represented in an observer capacity, at meetings of mutual interest, to the extent that this is possible within their respective working procedures.
4. The Parties shall, as appropriate, undertake joint activities and establish joint subsidiary bodies or other suitable arrangements to study and report on matters of common interest.
5. The Parties shall consult regularly on ways in which cooperation between them can be further improved. Specific joint programmes and activities may be defined through addenda to this framework agreement on a biannual basis.

6. The terms of this Agreement may be revised by the Parties if they both agree. If they fail to agree upon new terms, the Agreement shall continue on the basis of the existing terms until new terms have been agreed. Either Party may withdraw from the Understanding at any time subject to giving one year's written notice.
7. Recognizing and fully respecting their various mandates, policies and priorities, the signatories agree that this Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force unless either Party withdraws pursuant to Paragraph 6 above.
8. Any Agreement, arrangement or joint activity entered into in consequence of this Letter of Agreement which involves a financial commitment will be covered by an annex to this Agreement governing the provision of funds.

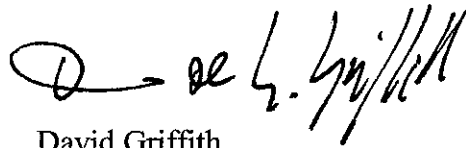
For BMB



Pauli Snoeijns  
General Secretary

Date.....15 April 2005

For ICES



David Griffith  
General Secretary

Date.....06 April 2005