

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
ON CO-OPERATION IN MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

This Memorandum of Understanding between the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Programme (PERSGA) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of Unesco defines areas where the PERSGA and the IOC have common interests and objectives in marine scientific problems and, in relation to these areas, identifies a framework for activities which they could jointly undertake to implement the programmes approved by the Interim Council of PERSGA and those approved by the Executive Council or Assembly of the IOC. It thus provides a framework for continuing co-operation, and a basis for further joint programming between PERSGA and IOC.

I. GENERAL

The objective of PERSGA is to promote environmental protection and natural resources management in the marine and coastal areas of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden on a regional basis. This is done through the implementation of the elements of the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment, the conduct of scientific and planning studies, and the promotion of co-operative efforts in pollution control.

The purpose of IOC is to promote scientific investigation and related marine services with a view to learning more about the nature and resources of the oceans, through the concerted action of its Member States. It also acts within the United Nations system as a specialized co-ordinating body in the field of the marine sciences and associated activities.

There are, thus, objectives of mutual interest to both organizations in working together. In order to achieve these objectives they hereby undertake joint programming on specific activities in order to attain results of a practical and tangible nature of direct benefit to their respective Member States.

II. AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CO-OPERATION

1. PERSGA and IOC will co-operate on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden by the various ways and means which both organizations see most appropriate for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Action Plan.

2. IOC will collaborate with PERSGA and other appropriate institutions in organizing scientific seminars and training of scientific personnel participating in the PERSGA Programme and in joint projects as well as in the publication of reports and studies related to these projects.
3. IOC in consultation with PERSGA will assist national institutions participating in PERSGA programme in developing their capabilities for monitoring and assessment of marine pollution and related studies on the basis of acceptable project proposals.
4. IOC in co-operation with other agencies will assist PERSGA in other activities related to the Action Plan such as assessment of factors relevant to the ecology of the region and to the exploitation of its living resources, tidal observations and the development of a regional data base and environmental analysis programme.
5. Co-operative efforts will be maintained between PERSGA and IOC in order to ensure compatibility and comparability of data collected by various institutions in PERSGA Member States within their monitoring programmes and to enable the quality control of these data and their adequate analysis and interpretation.
6. In relation to paragraph 5 above IOC will provide the national institutions participating in the marine pollution monitoring programmes in the region with the necessary technical support including the provision of relevant Reference Methods, Reference Materials and training of qualified staff, to the extent possible within available means.

III. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CO-OPERATION

The PERSGA and IOC will maintain a close working relationship in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding and through such arrangements as may be agreed between the Executive Director of PERSGA and the Executive Director of IOC and the Director of IOC and the Director of PERSGA. This will be achieved through regular consultations, participation in relevant meetings, visits and correspondence.

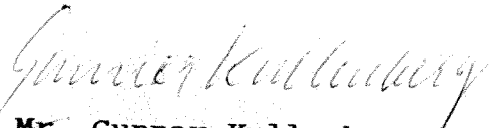
The formulation of joint programmes between PERSGA and IOC will be a continuous process. Agreed activities could be financed from sources at their disposal with their encouragement, either individually or jointly, including through appropriate financial assistance from external sources.

VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

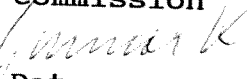
This Memorandum of Understanding is without prejudice to agreements concluded by PERSGA or IOC with other organizations or programmes within the United Nations system.

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect upon its signature by both parties. It may be terminated by either party by giving to the other written notice six months prior to the proposed date of termination.

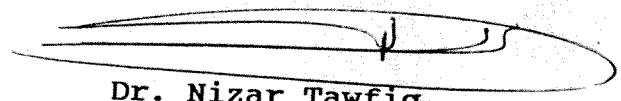
signed by



Dr. **Mr. Gunnar Kullenberg**
Secretary
Intergovernmental Oceanographic
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