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Memorandum of Understanding For Co-operation between Sam Ratulangi University and Aquamarine Fukushima, Marine Science Museum

This Memorandum of Understanding is made by between Dr. Donald A. Rumokoy, the Rector of Sam Ratulangi University (hereinafter referred to as UNSRAT) and Yoshitaka Abe, the Executive Director of the Aquamarine Fukushima, Fukushima Marine Science Museum (hereinafter referred to as AMF). UNSRAT and AMF would have collaborated on long-term project for the biological survey on the Indonesian coelacanth, *Latimeria menadoensis*. Our researches since 2005 were conducted in the north area of Sulawesi Island and succeed to find out the coelacanth habitat around Buol, Central Sulawesi Province, Talise Island and Manado Bay, North Sulawesi Province. However detailed information like the range of distribution, population, life history and other behaviours are still unknown.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm that UNSRAT and AMF continue the collaboration and conduct the biological survey to clear the coelacanth biology and habitat in Indonesia. UNSRAT and AMF aim is not only to contribute to biological science, but also to utilize these results of the studies for the education and public awareness of the coelacanth conservations.

The duration of this memorandum will be initiated for a period of five years. In the fifth year, it may be extended, amended or terminated.

This memorandum shall become effective on the day when representative of both Institution affix their signatures and official stamps.

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