Memorandum of Understanding













to promote cooperation in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

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In particular the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, which falls under the Ministry of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Elderly Affairs

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Public Entity Bonaire

In particular the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, which falls under the Directorate for Space and Development.

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Curação

In particular the Executive Organization of Agriculture & Fisheries, which falls under the Ministry of Health, Environment and Nature

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Public Entity Saba

In particular the Department of Agriculture, Hygiene and Vector Control

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Public Entity Sint Eustatius

In particular the Directorate of Economy, Nature, and Infrastructure &

Sint Maarten

In particular the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Service, which falls under the Ministery of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transportation, and Telecommunications

hereinafter jointly referred to as: the parties

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Considering:

- Aruba, Curação and country Sint Maarten are autonomous countries and form part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- Bonaire, Saba, and Sint Eustatius have the status of public entity of the Netherlands;
- the responsibilities of the Aruban Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the general care for agriculture, horticulture, livestock and fisheries in accordance with its national decree of establishment;
- the powers of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Bonaire regarding the general care for agriculture, livestock and fisheries in accordance with its organizational ordinances;
- the powers of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Curação regarding the general care for agriculture, livestock, and fisheries in accordance with its national decree of establishment;
- the powers of the Department of Agriculture, Hygiene and Vector Control and the Project Bureau Saba regarding the general care for agriculture, livestock and fisheries in accordance with its organizational ordinances;
- the powers of the Unit Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Sint Eustatius within the Directorate of Economy, Nature and Infrastructure with the mandate to development the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors in accordance with its organizational decree;
- the powers of the Department of Economy, Transportation and Telecommunications along with the Inspection Department, both, of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Tourism, Transportation and Telecommunications Sint Maarten regarding the general care for agriculture, livestock, and fisheries in accordance with its organizational decree;
- the importance of strengthening and ensuring food security and food safety (*Good Agricultural Practices*) through the development of sustainable food systems and the establishment of standards and certifications that will lead to food sovereignty for each party;
- the goal is to have studies carried out on how effective cooperation between the parties can be for the primary sector and if the cooperation can stimulate and strengthen the financial resilience of the economy;
- the importance of effective collaboration within the primary sector, and the intention of the parties to concretize this for the benefit of the development of a sustainable primary sector;

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- that parties have an interest in effective mutual communication by setting up a well-functioning communication and consultation structure;
- that parties have an interest in an effective exchange of relevant information, best practices, knowledge, and expertise aimed at developing sustainable business practices within the primary sector;
- that the parties intend to investigate and support research for the purpose of developing a sustainable primary sector.

Parties declare:

- **I.** To enter a cooperative partnership in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, within the framework of and in compliance with the intentions and objectives set out in this Memorandum of Understanding, as of June 2nd, 2023, for a period of three (3) years.
- **II.** For Execution and concrete implementation for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, to the extent necessary, to agree on:
 - a. the cooperation as referred to above;
 - b. careful, secure, and strictly confidential handling of confidential information of all parties;
 - c. the provision of data from parties which must only take place with written consent;
 - d. secrecy of information obtained in the context of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- **III.** That this Memorandum of Understanding may only be amended with the written consent of the parties.
- IV. That this Memorandum of Understanding will remain valid if one of the parties gives written notice of its desire not to form part of this Memorandum and any further developments regarding the cooperation between the parties.

Aruba, June 2nd, 2023

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Bonaire

Mr. Hennyson Thielman

Commissioner of Infrastructure, Housing, and Agriculture

Curação

The Minister of General Affairs

Interim Minister of Health, Environment, and Nature

Mr. Gilmar Simon Pisas

Mandated by the Island Governor of the Public Entity Saba

Mr. Randall Johnson

Head of the Department of Agriculture, Hygiene, and Vector Control

Sint Eustatius

Mandated by the Executive Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius

Mr. Anthony Reid

Directorate of Economy, Nature, and Infrastructure

Sint Maarten

The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transportation, and Telecommunications Mr. Arthur L. Lambriex

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