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Terms of Participation for Members

The Global Mangrove Alliance

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Introduction

Since 2018, the Global Mangrove Alliance has brought together technical experts, civil society organizations, governments, local communities, funding agencies and foundations to accelerate a comprehensive, coordinated, global approach to mangrove conservation and restoration at a scale that matters. Together, the Alliance endeavors to achieve global priorities and actions by providing a foundation for members to work together in achieving the global goals of halting loss, restoring half, and doubling protection of mangrove ecosystems worldwide.¹

We firmly believe that through collaboration we can achieve more and go beyond the capacity of any individual organization.

As a voluntary membership, the Global Mangrove Alliance depends on its members to set ambitious but achievable contributions to the goal of the Global Mangrove Alliance. The Terms of Participation is meant to outline both the vision of the Global Mangrove Alliance and how members can contribute to that vision in a meaningful and productive way.

Achieving Our Global Goals

The Global Mangrove Alliance strategy is built from lessons learned through our collective portfolio of work protecting, restoring, and valuing mangroves for the array of ecosystem services they provide to coastal communities and society at large. This strategy leverages our expertise across Alliance members, connect and coordinate isolated initiatives into a global portfolio that leverages and amplifies best practices, and pursue development opportunities to support our work in mangrove conservation and restoration at scale. Our strategy is guided by a compelling vision,

¹ More details on the global goals of the Global Mangrove Alliance in Appendix 1.

supported through a set of strategic priorities, and driven by an expert team and implementation workplan. The GMA will concentrate our strengths of on the ground presence and coordination on three main areas of focus: Halting mangrove loss, implementing science-based restoration and building awareness.

To achieve our global goals, the organization of the GMA is important to the success of our actions, with Working Groups dedicated to specific topics, National Chapters to drive local priorities, and task forces to tackle urgent issues.

GMA Core Functions

Below are the identified areas of core collaboration that will be considered activities under the Global Mangrove Alliance and facilitated by the Coordinating Members with input and collaboration among all members of the Alliance. These are activities in addition to the individual commitments made by entities towards the global goals of the Global Mangrove Alliance.

- **Communication:** Raise global awareness and promote action from a range of stakeholders towards global targets and outcomes.
- **Policy:** Develop and maintain an international policy agenda to support the efforts of existing regional and national initiatives.
- **Capacity Building and Proof of Concept:** Work collectively to implement science-based solutions, test theories, and create replicable and scalable models for mangrove conservation and restoration including sharing lessons learnt in the field and disseminating those lessons to key actors and practitioners.
- **Science:** Defining a priority scientific research agenda, act as a global knowledge platform and create regionally adapted methodologies and tools for the wise use of mangroves to benefit local communities and contribute to global goals.
- **Financing:** Developing and pursuing new financing mechanisms for mangrove conservation while facilitating resource mobilization for mangrove conservation in existing initiatives and, as appropriate, to expand mangrove activities to other areas that may currently lack the capacity, resourcing, or policy support.
- **Tracking:** Support the monitoring and tracking of progress against the global targets and facilitate regional and local actors to establish their complementary targets that could be reflected in national or regional policy.
- **Collaboration:** Intentional and open collaboration in key geographies to create holistic programs that are bigger than the sum of its parts.

GMA Members Terms of Participation

Activities conducted by Alliance members can vary depending on their individual priorities, but activities to be conducted as part of the Alliance (and thus carry the support of the Global Mangrove Alliance and logo) must align in some way with the Global Mangrove Alliance's Areas of Core Collaboration. Members may pledge on-going work that they are doing alone or with other partners.

The coordinating members will strive to identify opportunities for collaboration and joint fund raising, however, the Alliance is not a grant-making facility.

To be considered a member of the Global Mangrove Alliance, it is expected the Member will participate in the following actions.

- Provide input into the Global Mangrove Alliance's goals and strategy and commit to helping achieve targets.
- Demonstrate current work and/or capacity to work or support mangrove conservation or restoration.
- Contribute to initiatives that can be counted toward the Global Mangrove Alliance global goals.
- At least one member of each member organization must be active in at least one working group of the Global Mangrove Alliance.
- Pledge to work in collaboration with other Alliance Members on mangrove activities to ensure collaboration and communication, increase cost-effectiveness, and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Fundraising is encouraged for all Members to achieve success in Members mangrove related work. Fundraising activities that use the Global Mangrove Alliance logo or refer to activities within the core functions of the Global Mangrove Alliance must be approved by the Steering Committee Members.
- Agree to the Guiding Principles of the Global Mangrove Alliance as stated in Appendix 2.
- Members agree to abide by OECD Guidelines, national and international laws and conventions, and the Anti-Trust laws of the EU and USA. In addition to practicing Free, Prior and Informed Consent and upholding gender equality.

Settlement of Disputes

Members may approach the Steering Committee Members in confidence where they believe there has been in a breach in the Terms of Participation. The Steering Committee Members will reply within 1 week to such a complaint. In the event of any dispute among the Members, The Steering Committee Members shall first seek to resolve the dispute through informal discussions. In the event a dispute cannot be resolved informally within sixty (60) calendar and consecutive days, the dispute will be negotiated among the Parties through mediation.

Removal of Membership

If a member of the Global Mangrove Alliance is found to be in breach of these Terms of Participation, the Guiding Principles, or found conducting themselves in a way that hurts the reputation of the GMA, the member in question will be at risk of having its membership revoked.

Revisions to the Terms of Participation

The Terms of Participation will be reviewed annually by the Steering Committee Members and updated as needed.

Appendix 1: Global Goals

Halt Loss

Reduce net mangrove losses driven by direct human actions to zero.

Rates of mangrove loss appear to have slowed in recent decades, and it is an opportune moment to set the challenge to halt further losses. While we can aspire to halt all losses, this target refers to direct, and therefore manageable, human driven loss. However, recognizing that mangroves are dynamic ecosystems, we acknowledge the possibility of making further gains as mangroves naturally colonize new locations. Any such gains should be seen to offer additionality to the gains made by halting losses of remaining cover.

Between 2010-2011 over, ~ 60,000 ha were lost, and we can estimate that 37,300 ha of this was due to direct human impacts. To bring such losses to zero by 2030 we need to start to reduce loss rates from now. Assuming a linear rate of reduction in human driven losses this would save approximately 16,800 ha by the end of 2030 compared to business as usual.

Restore Half

Restore mangroves to cover at least half of all recent loss.

Over 1,100,000 ha of mangroves have been lost since 1996, the year that sets the baseline for our definition of “recent” loss; however, not all of these are restorable due to erosion or urbanization. It is estimated that 818,300 ha of mangroves are considered “restorable” and the goal seeks to restore half of this area by 2030. This is a deeply ambitious goal. Although the target does not include areas which would be near-impossible to restore, the “restorability” even of the remaining areas is likely to be highly variable. Assuming science-based restoration practices are employed and result in long-lasting restoration restoring half of recent loss would be 409,150 ha by 2030 (~51k ha a year).

Double Protection

Ensure long-term protection is increased from 40% to 80% of remaining mangroves.

With 41% of the world’s mangroves currently in protected areas, mangroves are already well covered compared to many other ecosystems. However, fundamental to lasting reduction of loss and restoration efforts is ensuring that those efforts are not reversed, through the incorporation of mangroves into permanent forms of protection. These include traditional protected areas, but also Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), which could encompass indigenous lands and areas of sustainable use where mangroves are protected from clear-felling and conversion. Given the current global mangrove area and what is already protected, the Mangrove Breakthrough aims to secure a further 6,100,000 ha under conservation measures.

Appendix 2: Guiding Principles

Guiding Principle 1: Equitable access to ecosystem services

As a foundation for our all our work, the Global Mangrove Alliance recognizes that mangroves provide essential services to protect and sustain coastal communities, including: water filtration, food provision, livelihoods, climate mitigation, and climate adaptation. The Alliance also recognizes the significant historic loss of mangrove extent and continued decline. To stop this high level of loss, the Alliance's main aim will be to stop mangrove deforestation and invest in restoration activities, while also supporting coastal communities and taking into account landscape approaches to mangrove management and restoration where possible. The Alliance recognizes the need to address the human elements of mangrove conservation. Specifically, the Alliance commits to mainstreaming the participation of the marginalized and vulnerable poor. The Alliance commits to engaging women and men in local and indigenous communities as equal partners and placing their rights and needs at the center of Alliance discussions, frameworks, strategies and projects, with a particular focus on ensuring the equitable distribution of benefits among women and men.

The Alliance understands that as the vulnerability of a landscape increases, so does that of the poor who inhabit that landscape. Working at the intersection of environmental, social, and economic sustainability and meaningful benefit for vulnerable people, we seek those tools, programs, and policies that stimulate the development of both better environments and better livelihoods. Wealth acquisition has to be aligned with nature's capacity, and it needs to take into consideration the aspirations of equitable societies, including those of the poor to escape poverty. Power relationships must be transformed to enable to the poor's access to resources through political systems characterized by good governance, high levels of participation, transparency, and lack of corruption.

Guiding Principle 2: Work at multiple scales

The Alliance recognizes that effective work will transcend traditional geographic, political, scientific, and organizational frameworks. Alliance issues are non-linear and should be considered simultaneously at local-to-global-to-local levels. Problems and opportunities will be tackled and pursued at all levels, based on the recognition that local resource concerns are impacted by decisions and trends emanating from local, national, and international levels.

Guiding Principle 3: Mutual trust and equity

As the foundation for all work, we relate to each other in a spirit of equity that reflects our absolute commitment to the Alliance, knowing that each of us needs each other to be successful in pursuing our core missions. All Members have the best intentions and are committed to success—of the projects and for each other. In times of conflict, successful Alliance members remember that each Member has good intent, and they try to understand the needs and position of the Members. Each Member also maintains a commitment to consensus and consultation before pursuing actions under or using the Alliance's name.

Guiding Principle 4: Science-based

Large-scale restoration with local engagement and participation needs a basis in sound science. Members agree to practice and encourage the global mangrove community to work together to compile recommendations on best practices of mangrove restoration, lower restoration costs, and take efforts to scale to achieve our goals