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Memorandum of Understanding – Maasai Mara University, Kenya

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany
and
Maasai Mara University, Kenya***Version information:*

	President	Promulgation
Memorandum of Understanding	10.12.2015	15.05.2019

In pursuit of mutual interests in the fields of research, higher education and development, and as a contribution to the general goal of increased international cooperation, the parties have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding:

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1. Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

Based on principles of equity and reciprocity this memorandum will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the two institutions. Specific and concrete cooperation activities will be subject to more detailed bilateral agreements, specified in Article 3.

2. Scope and General Areas of Cooperation

The parties agree to collaborate in the following areas of mutual interest:

1. Establish and promote joint research, development projects and academic cooperation with focus on the Maasai Mara (ecosystem, living conditions, economic growth and biodiversity);
2. Establish and develop an Action to save and develop the Maasai Mara;
3. Engage in knowledge exchange and cooperation with stakeholders;
4. Identify opportunities for exchange of students;
5. Explore possibilities for exchange of faculty and research staff;
6. Exchange of academic information and materials;
7. Organise and participate in joint academic activities such as publications, seminars and conferences.

The cooperation will be administered by:

Prof. Michael Lierz, Klinik für Vögel, Reptilien, Amphibien und Fische, Justus-Liebig- Universität Giessen and Prof. Tabitha Sewe, Director, Gender, Equity and Culture, Maasai Mara University

3. Terms of Cooperation

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding, including the financial aspects and obligations, shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing prior to the initiation. Any such agreements entered into, as outlined above, shall bear reference to this Memorandum. Each university shall designate a coordination unit and a coordinator to be responsible for the development and coordination of the cooperation activities agreed upon.

4. Intellectual Property Rights

In all joint activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, both institutions will be appropriately acknowledged. In the event of any patentable material arising therefrom the parties shall share all rights equally or as agreed depending on each party's contribution. Such sharing shall be set out within each specific activity.

5. Renewal, Termination and Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature with the understanding that it may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party giving six (6) months' notice to the other party in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon. The agreement may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.

SIGNED for and on behalf of Justus-Liebig-University Giessen:

Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee

President, Justus Liebig University, Giessen

10.12.2015

SIGNED for and on behalf of Maasai Mara University, Kenya:

Prof. Dr. Mary K. Walingo

Vice-Chancellor, Maasai Mara University