

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on the ____ day of ____ month and the year **2017** at Bangalore

BETWEEN

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AND

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<p>Objective 3.</p> <p>To assess carbon storage in relation to size fractions of soil in all the different land use types taken for the study.</p>	<p>Fractionation of soil samples into aggregate sizes. The soil samples will be manually fractionated into three aggregate size classes (250 – 2000 µm, 53 – 250 µm, < 53 µm). The soil samples will be physically fractionated by wet sieving using disruptive forces of slaking and wet sieving through a series of two sieve sizes (250µ and 53µm) to obtain three fraction size classes: macro (250-2000 µm), 53- 250 µm and silt- and clay-sized fraction (<53 µm). This will be done in IWST lab</p> <p>Organic carbon estimation using CHN Analyzer in Plant and soil lab of TIG Div, IWST</p>	<p>Analysis and interpretation of data on Soil organic carbon (SOC), soil organic matter (SOM) and their correlation with bulk density (BD) to estimate carbon sinks in PPPs, degraded landscapes and agricultural landscapes</p>

Sharing of Budget in Project I

The total budget sanctioned by KFD for Project I is Rs. 11.53 lakhs which will be released in 3 installments during the two year duration of the project. Around 25 per cent is to released on initiation of project and the next 50 per cent to be released after presenting progress of the project after a year and the next 25 per cent after submission of project completion report at the end of two years as per KFD norms. The JRF has been recruited by IWST after specific consultation with ICAR-NBSS&LUP and the fellowship and emoluments of JRF will be paid as per norms of IWST. Based on the work programme and responsibilities identified for ICAR-NBSS&LUP, budget under specific heads within the operational framework has been identified.

The proposed apportioning of the grant released by KFD within the sanctioned budget for the identified work programme between IWST and ICAR-NBSS& LUP is outlined and the amount of Rs 2.45 lakhs will be released to ICAR-NBSS & LUP by IWST proportionately in installments as received from KFD.

Budget heads	Budget allotted (Rs. In Lakhs)	IWST (Rs. In Lakhs)	ICAR- NBSS&LUP (Rs. In Lakhs)
TE(Travel)	1.8	1.2	0.60
M&S (Materials and supplies) 1.Contingencies (Chemical, Glassware, Stationary etc) 2.Maintenance of CHN analyzer and Infra red gas analyzer in IWST	2.0	1.0	1.0
FRE (field research expenses)	1.5	1.0	0.75
Fellowship of JRF recruited for 2 years (@ Rs 12,000 + HRA)	3.43	3.43	
Capital Assets (equipment) (Establishment of wet sieving laboratory for soil carbon study in IWST)	1.0	1.0	
Others (extension and dissemination of research, PCR preparation)	0.30	0.20	0.10
Institutional Charges @15% to IWST	1.50	1.5	
TOTAL	11.53	9.08	2.45

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Work plan for NBSS&LUP for project-II:

“Management of Marihal bamboo (*Dendrocalamus stocksii* (Munro) M. Kumar, Remesh & Unnikrishnan) and *Dendrocalamus strictus* in agroforestry and block plantations”, funded by ICFRE and with a Project Budget of 10.63 lakhs over a period of 2 years (2016-2018). The project has been sanctioned by ICFRE, in March 2017 after approval of the project in Oct 2016 in Research Advisory group of IWST in Bangalore. After sanction of the project in March 2017 intercropping trials have been laid out as per action plan. As per ICFRE norms the budget is released in two equal annual installments after submission of satisfactory half yearly and annual reports and monitoring of Asst Director General (Monitoring and Evaluation), ICFRE as per standard procedures established. The JRF has been recruited by IWST after consultation with NBSS&LUP and the fellowship and emoluments of JRF is paid as per norms of IWST. Based on the work, programme and responsibilities identified for ICAR-NBSS & LUP, budget under specific heads within the operational framework has been identified. The involvement of ICAR-NBSS & LUP in minimal and only in Objective III and V.

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<p>OBJECTIVE I.</p> <p>To study the effects of organic amendments on biomass and productivity of <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> plantations</p>	<p>1) Application of organic amendment and fertilizers in different combinations to clumps</p> <p>2) Recording the clumps parameter data before and after application in first and second year</p>	
<p>OBJECTIVE II</p> <p>To study above and below</p>	<p>1) Establishment of intercropping trials with 3 intercrops (Red gram, Ragi and field bean) under 2</p>	

<p>ground resource sharing pattern in <i>D.stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> based cropping system</p>	<p>spacing for two consecutive years.</p> <p>2) Assess the growth and yield of intercrops and dry matter production.</p> <p>3) Study the belowground resource pattern (rooting behavior and spread) after the end of cropping session using spiral trenching method</p>	
<p>OBJECTIVE III</p> <p>To quantify annual litter fall and decomposition pattern in <i>D.stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> species in bamboo agroforestry models</p>	<p>1) Setting up litter traps.</p> <p>2) Collection and analysis of litter at monthly intervals.</p> <p>3) Study litter decomposition pattern through standard litter bag techniques.</p> <p>4) The samples of leaf litter will be drawn by pooling the monthly litter collections from different traps will be used to analyze total N (CHN analyzer)</p>	<p>The samples of leaf litter will be drawn by pooling the monthly litter collections from different litter traps will be used to analyze P (Vanado-molybdo phosphoric acid yellow colour method), K (Flame photometry), sulphur (calcium chloride extraction method), Ca and Mg (Versenate titration method), by following Jackson (1973) to characterize seasonal variations in litter nutrient concentrations. This work will be done in ICAR-NBSS&LUP lab</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE IV.</p>	<p>The effect of harvest on shoot</p>	

<p>To optimize clump management schedule for sustainable extraction of <i>D.stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> culms under cultivated conditions</p>	<p>production will be implemented for <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> (9 years old) at Nallal field station. 5 different treatments with 5 replicates and 1 clump per replicate will be taken. Data will be recorded the number of standing culms was recorded for each clump before harvesting. Shoot emergence will be recorded month wise after treatment. The data will be analyzed using appropriate statistical software.</p>	
<p>OBJECTIVE V. To estimate the soil organic carbon stocks in <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> plantations</p>	<p>1) Identification of <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> plantations of different age classes under same locality. 2) Collection of soil samples from different soil layers/horizon.</p>	<p>Analysis of soil samples for pH, EC, soil organic carbon N,P,K, Ca, Mg and S</p>

Sharing of Budget in Project II

As per norms of ICFRE, there is no provision for sharing of allotted budget after administrative and financial sanction of budget with any other organization at this stage since it is an internal project. However certain specific activities carried out in ICAR-NBSS&LUP lab may be paid for as per actual cost basis for which is indicated in budget split up. The JRF has been recruited by IWST after specific consultation with ICAR-NBSS&LUP and the fellowship and emoluments of JRF will be paid as per norms of IWST. Based on the work programme and responsibilities identified for ICAR-NBSS& LUP, a tentative budget of Rs 1.0 lakhs under specific head within the operational framework has been identified.

Sl. No.	Major Head*		Sub Head*	IWST	ICAR-NBSS & LUP	Total Budget
A		1.	Fellowship (JRF)	4.03		4.03

	O.E. (Research)	2.	M&S Lab Contingency chemical & glassware	1.0	1.0	2.0
		3.	Field Research Expenses	2.5		2.5
		4.	Consultancy			
		5.	Seminar / Conference / HRD			
		6.	Extension			
		7.	Stationary			
		8.	Contingent Expenses	0.5		0.5
		9.	Printing & Publication			
		10.	Maintenance of Equipment i). Scientific ii). Office			
B	O.E. (Technical)	11.	Maintenance of Vehicle i). Fuel/ POL ii). Repair /Maintenance			
C	T.E.	12.	Travelling-Expenses i). Domestic ii). International	1.6		1.6
D	Capital Assets / Equipment	13.	i). Scientific Equipments (ii). Office Equipment iii). IT Equipment			
			Total	9.63	1.0*	10.63

***The budget expenditure of 1.0 lakhs indicated is for the litter and soil analysis works envisaged in objective III and V of Project II and will be paid by IWST as and when actual bills are raised by ICAR-NBSS & LUP subject to a maximum expenditure ceiling of Rs 1.0 lakhs.**

Duration, Termination and Modification of MOU:

This MOU shall take effect when signed by both the parties and will remain in effect for an initial period of five years and may be extended by mutual agreement in writing for a

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Settlement of mutual differences:


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **Shri Surendra Kumar**, IFS, Director, IWST and **Dr.S.K. Singh**, Director, ICAR- NBSS& LUP, Nagpur mutually sign the agreement on the ___ day of _____ 2017.

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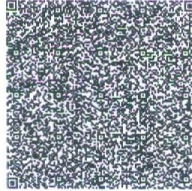
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<p>as adjoining degraded lands and agricultural landscapes to assess the extend of depletion of carbon stock due change in land use type.</p>	<p>adjoining degraded lands and agriculture landscape of each PPP</p> <p>(i) Digging upto 1meter in each location/preservation plot to obtain different layers of soil sample from soil profile which can be identified as Layer 1- from 0 to 15 cm, Layer 2- from 15 to 30 cm, Layer 3- from 30 to 60 cm and Layer 4- from 60 to 100 cm)</p> <p>(ii) A total of 60 soil profile trenches to be made which will include 4 in each preservation plots and 4 each in degraded landscapes and 4 in agricultural/agroforestry landscapes near each PPP</p> <p>(iii) The soils taken from the profile to be sampled separately for C sequestration studies in CHN analyser of IWST lab.</p>	<p>analysed for bulk density in ICAR-NBSS & LUP lab</p> <p>Organic carbon of soil samples of the collected soil samples will be quantified by the method described by Jackson (1972) in ICAR-NBSS & LUP laboratory</p>
<p>Objective 3.</p> <p>To assess carbon storage in relation to size fractions of soil in all the different land use types taken for the study.</p>	<p>Fractionation of soil samples into aggregate sizes. The soil samples will be manually fractionated into three aggregate size classes (250 – 2000 µm, 53 – 250 µm, < 53 µm). The soil samples will be physically fractionated by wet sieving using disruptive forces of slaking and wet sieving through a series of two sieve sizes (250 µ and 53 µm) to obtain three fraction size classes: macro (250-2000 µm), 53- 250 µm and silt- and clay-sized fraction (<53 µm). This will be done in IWST lab</p> <p>Organic carbon estimation using CHN Analyzer in Plant and soil lab of TIG Div, IWST</p>	<p>Analysis and interpretation of data on Soil organic carbon (SOC), soil organic matter (SOM) and their correlation with bulk density (BD) to estimate carbon sinks in PPPs, degraded landscapes and agricultural landscapes</p>

Sharing of Budget in Project I

The total budget sanctioned by KFD for Project I is Rs. 11.53 lakhs which will be released in 3 installments during the two year duration of the project. Around 25 per cent is to release on initiation of project and the next 50 per cent to be released after presenting progress of the project after a year and the next 25 per cent after submission of project completion report at the end of two years as per KFD norms. The JRF has been recruited by IWST after specific consultation with ICAR-NBSS & LUP and the fellowship and emoluments of JRF will be paid as per norms of IWST. Based on the work programme and responsibilities identified for ICAR-NBSS & LUP, budget under specific heads within the operational framework has been identified.

The proposed apportioning of the grant released by KFD within the sanctioned budget for the identified work programme between IWST and ICAR-NBSS & LUP is outlined and the amount of Rs 2.45 lakhs will be released to ICAR-NBSS & LUP by IWST proportionately in installments as received from KFD.

Budget heads	Budget allotted (Rs. In Lakhs)	IWST (Rs. In Lakhs)	ICAR-NBSS & LUP (Rs. In Lakhs)
TE (Travel)	1.8	1.2	0.60
M&S (Materials and supplies) 1.Contingencies (Chemical, Glassware, Stationary etc) 2.Maintenance of CHN analyzer and Infra-red gas analyzer in IWST	2.0	1.0	1.0
FRE (field research expenses)	1.5	1.0	0.75
Fellowship of JRF recruited for 2 years (@ Rs 12,000 + HRA)	3.43	3.43	
Capital Assets (equipment) (Establishment of wet sieving laboratory for soil carbon study in IWST)	1.0	1.0	
Others (extension and dissemination of research, PCR preparation)	0.30	0.20	0.10
Institutional Charges @15% to IWST	1.50	1.5	
TOTAL	11.53	9.08	2.45

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The second project is fully funded by ICFRE is an internal project of IWST (referred to henceforth as Project II) is on “Management of Marihal bamboo (*Dendrocalamus stocksii* (Munro) M. Kumar, Remesh & Unnikrishnan) and *Dendrocalamus strictus* in agroforestry and block plantations” has a project budget of Rs. 10.63 lakhs over a two year duration operationalized since April 2017. The field trials will be set up in IWST experimental station at Nallal, Hoskote, where already well-established *D. stocksii* and *D. strictus* plantations are existing. Additional data on productivity of these species will be taken from established Karnataka forest department bamboo plantations in Khanapur, Belgaum

Work plan for NBSS&LUP for project-II:

“Management of Marihal bamboo (*Dendrocalamus stocksii* (Munro) M. Kumar, Remesh & Unnikrishnan) and *Dendrocalamus strictus* in agroforestry and block plantations”, funded by ICFRE and with a Project Budget of 10.63 lakhs over a period of 2 years (2016-2018). The project has been sanctioned by ICFRE, in March 2017 after approval of the project in Oct 2016 in Research Advisory group of IWST in Bangalore. After sanction of the project in March 2017 intercropping trials have been laid out as per action plan. As per ICFRE norms the budget is released in two equal annual installments after submission of satisfactory half yearly and annual reports and monitoring of Asst Director General (Monitoring and Evaluation), ICFRE as per standard procedures established. The JRF has been recruited by IWST after consultation with NBSS&LUP and the fellowship and emoluments of JRF is paid as per norms of IWST. Based on the work, programme and responsibilities identified for ICAR-NBSS & LUP, budget under specific heads within the operational framework has been identified. The involvement of ICAR-NBSS & LUP is minimal and only in Objective III and V.

Activity	To be carried out by IWST	To be carried out by ICAR-NBSS & LUP
<p>OBJECTIVE I.</p> <p>To study the effects of organic amendments on biomass and productivity of <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D. strictus</i> plantations</p>	<p>1) Application of organic amendment and fertilizers in different combinations to clumps</p> <p>2) Recording the clumps parameter data before and after application in first and second year</p>	
<p>OBJECTIVE II</p> <p>To study above and below ground resource sharing</p>	<p>1) Establishment of intercropping trials with 3 intercrops (Red gram, Ragi and field bean) under 2 spacing</p>	

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<p><i>strictus</i> based cropping system</p>	<p>intercrops and dry matter production.</p> <p>3) Study the belowground resource pattern (rooting behavior and spread) after the end of cropping session using spiral trenching method</p>	
<p>OBJECTIVE III</p> <p>To quantify annual litter fall and decomposition pattern in <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D. strictus</i> species in bamboo agroforestry models</p>	<p>1) Setting up litter traps.</p> <p>2) Collection and analysis of litter at monthly intervals.</p> <p>3) Study litter decomposition pattern through standard litter bag techniques.</p> <p>4) The samples of leaf litter will be drawn by pooling the monthly litter collections from different traps will be used to analyze total N (CHN analyzer)</p>	<p>The samples of leaf litter will be drawn by pooling the monthly litter collections from different litter traps will be used to analyze P (Vanado-molybdo phosphoric acid yellow colour method), K (Flame photometry), sulphur (calcium chloride extraction method), Ca and Mg (Versenate titration method), by following Jackson (1973) to characterize seasonal variations in litter nutrient concentrations. This work will be done in ICAR-NBSS & LUP lab</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE IV.</p> <p>To optimize clump management schedule for</p>	<p>The effect of harvest on shoot production will be implemented for <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D. strictus</i> (9 years</p>	

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sustainable extraction of <i>D.stocksii</i> and <i>D.strictus</i> culms under cultivated conditions	old) at Nallal field station. 5 different treatments with 5 replicates and 1 clump per replicate will be taken. Data will be recorded the number of standing culms was recorded for each clump before harvesting. Shoot emergence will be recorded month wise after treatment. The data will be analyzed using appropriate statistical software.	
OBJECTIVE V. To estimate the soil organic carbon stocks in <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D. strictus</i> plantations	1) Identification of <i>D. stocksii</i> and <i>D. strictus</i> plantations of different age classes under same locality. 2) Collection of soil samples from different soil layers/horizon.	Analysis of soil samples for pH, EC, soil organic carbon N, P, K, Ca, Mg and S

Sharing of Budget in Project II

As per norms of ICFRE, there is no provision for sharing of allotted budget after administrative and financial sanction of budget with any other organization at this stage since it is an internal project. However certain specific activities carried out in ICAR-NBSS & LUP lab may be paid for as per actual cost basis for which is indicated in budget split up. The JRF has been recruited by IWST after specific consultation with ICAR-NBSS & LUP and the fellowship and emoluments of JRF will be paid as per norms of IWST. Based on the work programme and responsibilities identified for ICAR-NBSS & LUP, a tentative budget of Rs 1.0 lakhs under specific head within the operational framework has been identified.

Sl. No.	Major Head*		Sub Head*	IWST	ICAR-NBSS & LUP**	Total Budget
A		1.	Fellowship (JRF)	4.03		4.03
		2.	Materials & Supply (Lab Contingency chemical & glassware)	2.0		2.0

	O.E. (Research)	3.	Field Research Expenses	2.5		2.5
		4.	Consultancy			
		5.	Seminar / Conference / HRD			
		6.	Extension			
		7.	Stationary			
		8.	Contingent Expenses	0.5		0.5
		9.	Printing & Publication			
		10.	Maintenance of Equipment i). Scientific ii). Office			
B	O.E. (Technical)	11.	Maintenance of Vehicle i). Fuel/ POL ii). Repair /Maintenance			
C	T.E.	12.	Travelling-Expenses i). Domestic ii). International	1.6		1.6
D	Capital Assets / Equipment	13.	i). Scientific Equipments (ii). Office Equipment iii). IT Equipment			
			Total	10.63		10.63

A budget of 1.0 lakhs out of 2.0 lakhs under Major Head O.E. (Research) - Sub Head
Materials & Supply (M&S) (Lab Contingency chemical & glassware) is for litter and soil
analysis works envisaged in objective III and V of Project II which will be paid by IWST as and
when actual bills are raised by ICAR-NBSS & LUP subject to a maximum expenditure ceiling
around Rs 1.0 lakhs.

Duration, Termination and Modification of MOU:

This MOU shall take effect when signed by both the parties and will remain in effect for an
initial period of five years and may be extended by mutual agreement in writing for an additional
period. This MOU may be terminated by either party with a six months written notice of intent to
terminate. Any modification shall require a written approval of either the parties or their designees.

Protection of Intellectual Property:

- It is recognized by both the parties that the allocation of intellectual property rights will occur on the basis of a research and technology management plan developed for each project by the project proponent.
- Research outcome will be jointly patented and outcome of the patent if any will be jointly shared in mutually agreed proportions for each outcome.
- It is agreed by the parties to undertake not to disclose, divulge, part with, copy in any form for the period as specified in this MOU/agreement any scientific research document, planning, execution, and appropriate financial, legal documents involved in this MOU in various projects. All personnel involved in collaborative projects from IWST and ICAR- NBSS & LUP are subject to this non-disclosure clause for the period of this MOU.
- The only exception being research papers for publication, where both parties agree to publish the results of their findings in scientific journals.

Settlement of mutual differences:

That any difference or divergence derived from the interpretation or application of the present instrument shall be resolved by the parties amicably. However, in case the dispute remains unresolved, it shall be referred to Secretary MoEF & CC. and DG, ICAR

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **Shri Surendra Kumar**, IFS, Director, IWST and **Dr. S. K. Singh**, Director, ICAR- NBSS& LUP, Nagpur mutually sign the agreement on the day of 2017.

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